

## Ethics Approval Waiver Statement

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To whom it may concern at *World Journal of Gastroenterology*:

We herein state that the following study is a retrospective study and the clinical data of all participants were de-identified, so it was reviewed by the ethics committees of Fudan University Affiliated Huashan Hospital and Beilun People's Hospital, and was waived the ethical approval documents.

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