

## **Informed Consent Statement**

**Title:** Significance and prognostic value of increased serum direct bilirubin level for Chinese rectal cancer patients with lymph node metastasis

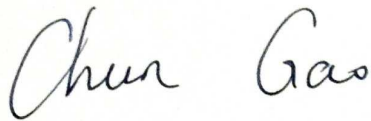
**Manuscript Type:** Case-Control Study

**Authors:** Chun Gao\*, Long Fang, Jing-Tao Li, Hong-Chuan Zhao\*

We declare that informed written consent was obtained from all patients. All procedures performed in our study involving human participants were in accordance with the ethical standards of The Human Research Ethics Committee of China-Japan Friendship hospital and with the 1964 Helsinki declaration.

**Dr. Hong-Chuan Zhao, and Dr. Chun Gao**

(**Chun Gao**, the member of the ESPS, an editorial board member of World Journal of Meta-Analysis, ID: 02451558)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chun Gao". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Department of Gastroenterology

China-Japan Friendship Hospital, Ministry of Health

No. 2 Yinghua East Road

Beijing 100029, China