

## Informed consent statement

The manuscript entitled "A peptide-based enteral formula improves tolerance and clinical outcomes in abdominal surgery patients relative to a whole protein enteral formula." A retrospective study was deployed to investigate the effects of a dipeptide- and tripeptide-based enteral formula. Patients screened from the ICU database, therefore we did not seek informed consent. Acquisition of patient data and its subsequent use were approved by the ethics committee of the Tainan Sin-Lau Hospital (Grant no. SLH919-02). Patient information was anonymized and de-identified prior to analysis.

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