

INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT

Name of Journal

World Journal of Hepatology

Manuscript number

36787

Manuscript title

Risk factors for hepatic steatosis in adults with cystic fibrosis: similarities to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

Informed consent statement

Patients were not required to give informed consent to the study because this was a retrospective analysis without direct patient intervention. Data were gathered and processed respecting institutional privacy protocols. The attached IRB provides for a waiver-of-informed-consent for our study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fares W. Ayoub', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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