

## INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT

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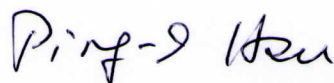
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Dear Editor,

This statement is to confirm that patients enrolled into the study entitled "Prevalence and Risk Factors for Barrett's Esophagus in Taiwan" were not required to give informed consent. The data acquired for analysis were anonymous and were obtained after completing written consent for endoscopic examination procedures. The study design was reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board of Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital (VGHS17-CT7-07).

Sincerely yours

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