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Declare the waiver of signed informed consent form

I, along with my coauthors, declared the manuscript entitled “The influence of bile contamination on the infectious complications of patients who undergo pancreaticoduodenectomy after preoperative biliary drainage” (No 51625) was not require the signed informed consent form form each patietnt.

The guidelines of clinical study from Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare recommend to apply the opt-out system instead of signed informed consent for the retrospective non-interventional study.

Institutional review board of Kagawa University and the Japanese Society of Pancreatic Surgery approved to employ the opt-out system for this study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Keiichi Okano'.

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