

Dear Editor,

The waiver of consent for this study (“Prognostic Significance of Regional Lymphadenectomy in T1b Gallbladder Cancer: Results from 24 Hospitals in China”) was approved by Committee for Ethics of Xinhua Hospital, Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine (Ethical Approval SHEC-C-2019-085). Specifically, this research collected desensitized information of patients’ information. Identifiable private information was not collected or stored during the whole process. No biospecimen was collected in this study. The research involves no risk to subjects. The waiver or alteration will not adversely affect the rights and welfare of the subjects.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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