Waiver of informed consent statement

This study is a multicenter cross-sectional study to evaluate the predictive value of alarm symptoms in suspected irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) patients based on the Rome IV criteria. Data are collected mainly through outpatient consultation and telephone follow-up at 3 tertiary care centers. The related information is used only to evaluate the predictive value of alarm symptoms in suspected IBS patients. The patient's personal information will be treated in a cryptic manner and given a code that distinguishes it from other individuals to mark the patient. No personal information will be disclosed in any report or publication related to the study, and therefore no harm will be caused to the patient mentally or physically.

In view of the above, we apply for exemption of subject's informed consent.

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