Informed Consent Statement

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) of ShengJing Hospital of China Medical University have approved to waive the requirement for informed consent based on the following regulations: 1) The research involves no more than minimal risk to the subjects; 2) The waiver or alteration will not adversely affect the rights and welfare of the subjects; 3) The research could not practicably be carried out without the waiver or alteration; and 4) Whenever appropriate, the subjects will be provided with additional pertinent information after participation.

The approved IRB image was shown below:

