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**The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University: Clinical Research Ethics
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Attention: To: Editor in Chief
World Journal of Clinical Oncology

Dear Editor,

Original Research Article: “Identification of three mRNA gene signatures with prognostic value in radioresistant esophageal squamous cell carcinomas” by
Authors: Xiaoyan Wang, Narasimha M. Beeraka, Nannan Xue, Huiming Yu, Ya Yang, Maoxing Liu, Vladimir N. Nikolenko, Junqi Liu*, Di Zhao*

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Ethical considerations

I am co-chairman of Clinical Ethical committee of The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University. Authors accessed the TCGA and GEO public databases access for the files pertinent to this study and there was no personal identification information, hence, the informed consent is not required. The first affiliated hospital of Zhengzhou university waived the informed consent due to the data acquisition particularly from the TCGA and GEO public databases as mentioned in the methodology section. All the statistical analytical procedures were executed in accordance with the relevant guidelines and regulations (Declaration of Helsinki).

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding any documents.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ruitai Fan'.

Yours truly,
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