

Jan 6, 2015

1 Institutional review board statement

The study was reviewed and approved by the ethics committee of Kyushu University Hospital.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized Japanese characters, likely reading 'Furusyo Norihiro'.

Norihiro Furusyo, MD, PhD,

Associate Professor

Department of General Internal Medicine, Kyushu University Hospital,

3-1-1, Maidashi, Higashi-Ku, Fukuoka, 812-8582, Japan

Phone: +81-92-642-5909 Fax: +81-92-642-5916

E-mail: furusyo@gim.med.kyushu-u.ac.jp