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### **ETHICS EXEMPTION STATEMENT**

The study entitled "Primary biliary cirrhosis-associated hepatocellular carcinoma in Chinese patients: incidence and risk factors" is reviewed and approved by the Beijing 302 Hospital Research Ethics Committee. The study is a retrospective study using anonymous secondary data, so it is exempted by the ethics committee.



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Beijing 302 Hospital Research Ethics Committee

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