

Institutional Review Board (IRB) statement approval

Editors of World Journal of Gastroenterology,

The research entitled “**Up-regulation of Nemo-like kinase is an independent prognostic factor in colorectal cancer**” has been conducted by Prof. Wei Zhang in our hospital. The research follows strictly the principle of impartiality and justice, and pays considerate attention to the interest of every participant, such as the informed consent right, right of privacy, safety and welfare. There is no indication that the research processes will result in any harm or discomfort. This study is in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki and the current policies and laws concerning ethics of biomedicine research in China.

Hereby, the Faculty Research Committee gives ethical approval to this research.

Shanghai Changhai Hospital Ethics Committee

