Informed consent statement

The purpose of this study is securing the result about recurrence and overall survival following living donor liver transplantation in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma and HBV-DNA/HBeAg-positive.

With regard to this research, it is my conclusion that obtaining consent from the research subject is neither impracticable nor would significantly impact the validity of the research. In addition, there is no reason to presume the research subject's refusal to consent, and waiver of consent would be highly unlikely to expose the subject to any harm.

Given that, going forward, we may be able to seek consent from walk-in patients who might get in contact but that it is impossible to get consent from all of our patients, we obtained a waiver of informed consent with the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of our center and have attached a copy thereof for your confirmation.