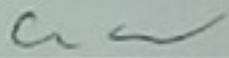


Patients were not required to give informed consent to the study because the analysis used anonymous clinical data that were obtained after each patient had been notified at the home page of National Hospital Organization, Kokura Medical Center that the data could be used for a clinical study.

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