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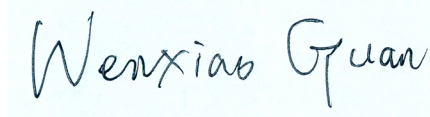
**Title:** Postoperative decrease of serum albumin predicts short-term complications in patients undergoing gastric cancer resection

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This study was approved by the Ethics Committee of Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital, the Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing University Medical School, Nanjing, China. The study protocol conformed to the ethical guidelines of the 1975 Declaration of Helsinki and the guidelines of the Ethics Committee of Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital, the Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing University Medical School, Nanjing, China.

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