

**Statement on Inapplicability of Submission  
of Informed Consent Forms**

**Title:** Atrophic mucosal patterns change after *Helicobacter pylori* eradication: evaluation using blue laser imaging in patients with atrophic gastritis

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As mentioned in the manuscript, this study was conducted retrospectively from data obtained for clinical purposes. The study was approved by the institutional review board at the Ethics Committee of Ehime University Hospital. Prior to receiving an endoscopic examination, all patients agreed that the data obtained in this study might be published in academic papers.

Hence, we did not obtain informed consent forms from the patients prior to the study. I hereby affirm that the requirement of submitting written informed consent forms does not apply to our manuscript.

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