

## Informed consent statement

All study participants, or their legal guardian of the study (**The Impact of Vascularizing Lymph Node Dissection on the Clinical Outcome of Patients with Advanced Gastric Cancer: A Single-institution Experience**), provided verbal informed consent prior to study enrollment, because all study participants were out of hospital and we contacted them by telephone, message, email and so on. No written consent was provided.

Each patient agreed to surgical treatment by written consent.