

## **Informed Consent Statement**

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Patients were not required to provide informed consent to the study because the analysis was conducted retrospectively and anonymously. All data used was obtained after each patient agreed to treatment by written consent.

Sincerely,



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