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Dear Editorial Office, World Journal of Radiology

Although we obtained informed written consent from all subjects included in our study, due to our institutional circumstance, it is not possible to scan and submit all 252 patients' informed consent document. Please do note, however, all patients' data were handled in de-identified fashion at the time of analysis, and there is absolutely no possibility that any of individual patient's personal information nor confidentiality can be breached by publishing our study. This is NOT a case report of a single patient, in which case that particular patient can be potentially identified, thus informed consent specifically for publication for such a case report is required from the patient. We believe such issue and requirement does not apply to our study. Included figures in our manuscript are from de-identified, anonymized patient, and even we investigators ourselves cannot identify which patient these images came from (and thus it is impossible to obtain specific informed consent from those patients).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daichi Hayashi'.

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