

Waiver of informed consent and institutional review aboard

Title: Prognostic impact of tumor deposits on overall survival in colorectal cancer: a prognostic analysis based on SEER database

The current study relied on the SEER cancer registry. We required cases from 18 SEER registries with the anonymous data and obtained permission to download the research data file from the SEER database, which did not require further approval of institutional review aboard.

Our current study did not bring about risks toward the privacy and security of patients and their data. This study was based on the public data derived from SEER database in which the private information related to patients was not available and this research poses no more than minimal risks to participants or to the group to which the participant belongs. Besides, obtaining the informed consent was not practicable technically and economically. Therefore, this study was exempt from informed consent.