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The answer is in the method section of the manuscript, and the answer is: This retrospective study was approved by institutional review board (IRB). The doctors obtained signed informed consent forms from all selected patients prior to the routine clinical course of CT examinations.

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely yours

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