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Thank you for your constant and rapid response

1. Ethics Approval

Ethical approval was taken from Institutional review board (IRB, Institute of Medicine, TUTH, Nepal). Informed written consent was obtained from the patients themselves (or their guardians) in all cases and also stated that their data would be available for further research.

Well initially we have subjected the proposal of the research to IRB of our institute, and was granted verbal permission as its retrospective observational analysis. However, there used to be formal presentation and defence in case of prospective, randomized studies. Owing to this fact and your feedback, we applied for formal approval from IRB and got the permission.

IRB - Institutional Review Board, Institute of Medicine, TU Teaching Hospital, Nepal
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2. Consent

Informed consent was taken from all participants (or their guardians in case of minors (<16 years) or intoxicated) before getting participated in the study and publication of their data.

Well the consent process is that either informed consent taken from all participants (or their parents or guardian in cases of minor (<16), intoxicated or unconsciousness. However, all included patients in this study are above 16, with full consciousness and abstain from alcohol (in cases with alcoholic chronic pancreatitis).