Letter to Ethics Committee

Therapeutic effects of laparotomy and laparoscopic surgery on patients with gastric cancer

3rd January 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing with regard to gaining ethical approval to participate in an international survey entitled ***"Therapeutic effects of laparotomy and laparoscopic surgery on patients with gastric cancer"***, to be conducted under the leadership of Prof. Heng Zheng.

In this study, we aimed to improve the survival and quality of life of patients with gastric cancer by comparing the therapeutic effects of laparotomy and laparoscopic surgery. We would like to select patients with gastric cancer who were treated in our hospital and to divide them into a control group and an observation group by the random number method. The control group will be treated by traditional laparotomy, and the observation group will be treated by laparoscopic surgery. CD4/CD8 ratios and IgG expressions in the patients will be detected. Intraoperative blood loss, surgical time, time of anal gas evacuation and time of postoperative independent ambulation of the two groups will also be observed.

We believe that this study has no major ethical concerns, and there is minimal risk associated with participation for both hospital staff and patients. This study does not involve an intervention.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Financial Disclosures
This is an unfunded study. The investigators have no conflicts of interest to declare.

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