

## Informed consent Statement

Patients were not required to give informed consent to the study entitled “**Predictive factors for the failure of endoscopic stent-in-stent self-expandable metallic stent placement to treat malignant hilar biliary obstruction**” because the analysis uses anonymous clinical data obtained after each patient agreed to treatment by written consent. For full disclosure, the details of the study are published on the home page of Fukushima Medical University.

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