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- From December 2016, based on the update of Helsinki declaration in 2013, all retrospectively and prospectively designed study which began the study after 1 September 2014 must have the official approval from an appropriate ethical committee. The authors must state the approval number in the method section.
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