

Six Articles Cite a Single Ethical Approval Not Issued by the Institutions That Carried Out the Studies

A recent investigation reveals that six articles [1-6] cite the same ethical approval with the grant number of XYGW-2021-27. It is claimed that this approval was granted by the ethics committee of Xiangya School of Public Health, Central South University; however, these studies were carried out at different hospitals across Hunan province, China.

DOI	Title	Journal	Year	Participant	Ethics
10.1038/s41598-026-74022-4	Prevalence and associated factors of basic activities of daily living impairment in Chinese patients with comorbid T2DM and hypertension	Scientific Reports	2026	Participants were consecutively recruited from the endocrinology inpatient department of a secondary-level hospital in Yiyang City, Hunan Province of China between July 2022 and February 2023	Ethical approval for this study was conducted by the Ethics Committee of Xiangya School of Public Health, Central South University (XYGW-2021-27)
10.3389/fpsyt.2024.1445323	Prevalence of cognitive impairment and its associated factors in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients with hypertension in Hunan, China: a cross-sectional study	Frontiers in Psychiatry	2024	This cross-sectional study was performed at the Department of Endocrinology of the First People's Hospital of Yuanjiang City, Hunan Province, China, from July 2022 to February 2023.	The study protocol was approved by the Ethics Committee of Xiangya School of Public Health, Central South University (No: XYGW-2021-27)
10.7717/peerj.20325	Prevalence of poor sleep quality and its associated factors in patients with concurrent type 2 diabetes mellitus and hypertension	PeerJ	2025	This cross-sectional study was conducted from July 2022 to February 2023. Patients with concurrent T2DM and hypertension who visited the Department of Endocrinology at the First People's Hospital of Ruanjiang City, Hunan Province, China, during the study period were consecutively recruited.	The study protocol was approved by the Ethics Committee of Xiangya School of Public Health, Central South University (No: XYGW-2021-27)
10.1007/s11126-025-10136-8	Associations of Lifestyle Behaviors with Anxiety and Depression in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Patients with Hypertension: A Cross-Sectional Study	Psychiatric Quarterly	2025	This cross-sectional study was conducted between July 2022 and February 2023. Individuals with comorbidities of T2DM and hypertension [23, 24] who were admitted to the Department of Endocrinology of the First People's Hospital of Yuanjiang City, Hunan Province, China were invited	The study protocol was approved by the Ethics Committee of Xiangya School of Public Health, Central South University (No: XYGW-2021-27)
10.1111/1753-0407.13384	The use of nomogram for detecting mild cognitive impairment in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus	Journal of Diabetes	2023	Patients hospitalized because of T2DM in the endocrinology department of the Xiangya Hospital, Central South University between March and December 2021 were consecutively included in this study.	The study protocol was approved by the ethics committee of Xiangya School of Public Health, Central South University (No: XYGW-2021-27)
10.30773/pi.2024.0024	Social Support, Coping Strategies, Depression, Anxiety, and Cognitive Function Among People With Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: A Path Analysis	Psychiatry Investig	2024	People hospitalized due to T2DM [30] in the department of endocrinology of Xiangya Hospital of Central South University were invited to participate in this study between March 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.	This study was approved by the ethical committee of Xiangya School of Public Health of Central South University (No: XYGW-2021-27)

Specifically, study [1] was carried out at a secondary-level hospital in Yiyang City, studies [2] and [4] were carried out at the First People's Hospital of Yuanjiang City, study [3] was carried out at the First People's Hospital of Ruanjiang City, while studies [5] and [6] were carried out at the Xiangya Hospital of Central South University.

Because Chinese regulations require ethical approval to be granted by the institution that conducted the study, the above-mentioned approvals were not granted in compliance with Chinese regulations.

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[1] 10.1038/s41598-026-74022-4

[2] 10.3389/fpsy.2024.1445323

[3] 10.7717/peerj.20325

[4] 10.1007/s11126-025-10136-8

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