# **2D Symbol Today** – Practical Use at Osaka University Hospital, JAPAN



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#### Practical Use up to now

- Laparotomy container for Obstetrics and Gynecology: 5
- Surgical instruments per container: 88
  - 5 Containers × 88 instruments = 440 instruments with serial number management
- Details engraved on container plates



Details of engraved symbols : [9 digits]

#### Details engraved on surgical instrument



Details of engraved symbols : [16 digits]

Engraving pattern



①2.5mm×2.5mm ②1.2mm×2.7mm ③1.0mm× 1.0mm

#### Feasible Study - Minimum Symbol Size



Symbols with size of  $5 \text{ mm} \sim 0.6 \text{ mm}$  (w/16Bytes) could be read without failure.



### Feasibility Study – Focus and Ambient Light

Intensity Focus



Various focus points does not affect reading performance.

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To confirm if ambient light intensity affects reading performance.
Ambient light intensity was set at 35 lx and 400 lx.



#### Feasible Study - Handy Reader for 2D Symbol on Container Plate and Generally Available Barcode Including QR Code



## Conclusion

- 1)Average reading time for 88 instruments/container set is 5 to 7 minutes, which is well accepted and used for routine practical use.
- 2)The 2D symbol has been used for more than 2 years and it is still used without any reading failure.
- 3)Current laser and reading technology enables to use smaller size of 2D symbol, 0.8 X 0.8mm with high reading performance.
- 4)On going development of the technology will be widely adapted to wider range of instrument, particularly for neurosurgery and eye surgery. (For high cost asset management and risk management.

