

## *Institutional review board statement*

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Dear Editors,

Thank you so much for consideration of our manuscript. However, we are not able to get the IRB and consent currently. We have decided to request a waiver for IRB and consent for the following reasons.

First, we think our manuscript is a case report which mainly focuses on the literature review. There is no research involved.

Second, IRB approval at the University of Miami is very time consuming and may take a full year. Third, the patient is stable now and only requires long interval follow ups. Her next visit isn't scheduled for several months. I will try to get her consent when she comes in for a follow up, but I am not able to get consent before that.

We will really appreciate your consideration of our request. In the meantime, I will submit all other requested documents including the revised manuscript, answering reviewers, copyright transfer etc.

Sincerely yours,

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