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To the  
Editors-in-Chief  
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Dear Editors-in-Chief,

we hereby would like to confirm that all patients involved in the study

**Levothyroxine therapy and impaired clearance are the strongest contributors to small intestinal overgrowth - results of a retrospective cohort study.**

gave their informed consent to each particular examination during clinical work-up. The retrospective analysis was performed on the basis of pseudonymised data; in accordance to ethical standards and the vote of the IRB informed consent for the data analysis was neither possible nor necessary.

On behalf of all authors,

Yours sincerely



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