

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD STATEMENT:

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Title: Real World Treatment Patterns of Gastrointestinal Neuroendocrine Tumors: A Claims Database Analysis

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We conducted a retrospective cohort study using the Truven Health Analytics MarketScan Database and the IMS Health Pharmedics Database, both commercial health insurance claims database for employer-insured beneficiaries in the United States. The databases are fully compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and meets the criteria for a limited-use dataset. Since the patient and provider data included in this analysis were fully de-identified, this study was exempt from the Institutional Review Board review.

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