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**Institutional review board statement:**

This study was approved by the Danish Data Protection Agency (approval # 2013-41-1596). Approval from the Ethics Committee was not needed since this is a registry study.

Sincerely

Morten L. Halling, MD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.L. Halling', with a stylized flourish at the end.