Informed Consent Statement

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Statement

Patients were not required to f=give informed consent to the study because the analysis used anonymous data that were obtained after each patient agreed to treatment by written consent. The only known risk to patients is the possible loss of confidentiality, which has been guarded against by keeping data secured, encrypted, password protected, unidentifiable and available to only the investigators. This study is non-interventional and does not affect the subject's rights for patient care and does not interfere in their welfare. The research could not practicably be carried out without the consent waiver because it would be impractical to obtain consent for all subjects.

Sincerely

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Retrospective study used basic descriptive percentage population event rates to illustrate incidence. The Chi-squared test was used for overall and the Fisher exact test for pairwise comparisons of the proportions of patients experiencing predefined events. Odds ratios were used to compare the relative of the occurrence of the outcome given exposure to the risk factor. The 95% confidence interval was used to estimate the precision of the odd ratio. Results were determined to be 'statistically significant' when this value was less than or equal to 0.05. Members (coauthors) of the University of Arizona College of Medicine and Pharmacy reviewed the statistical methods.

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