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To whom it may concern,

Our institutional review board waved the need for informed consent given that this study complies with the STROBE statement for retrospective studies. (Reference: on Elm E, Altman DG, Egger M, et al. The Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology (STROBE) Statement: guidelines for reporting observational studies. Int J Surg 2014;12:1495-9.)

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Sincerely

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