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To whom it may concern,

The Study Title: “Dermatomyositis and Polymyositis in Total Hip Arthroplasty”

This letter is to confirm that the current study being submitted for review was performed through a retrospective review of data that is un-identifiable and does not allow for patients to be sigled out or identified as all the data within the server has be de-identified and does not hold patient specific identification numbers. Therefore, informed consent was not required as this is an administrative claims database. For the same reasons, this study does not warrant IRB approval or review given its retrospective nature, lack of patient identification information and that it is in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Signed  
The co-authors