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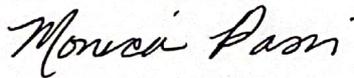
Manuscript Title: Identifying Who Best Tolerates Moderate Sedation: Results from a National Database of Endoscopic Outcomes (Manuscript NO: 62342)

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a retrospective analysis of a publicly available (<https://repository.niddk.nih.gov/>) de-identified data repository (Clinical Outcomes Research Initiative National Endoscopic Database (CORI-NED)) and therefore is IRB exempt. The CORI-NED repository does not upload patient-identifiable data. For this reason, individual patient consent is not required nor was an application for support under the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002. The Information Commissioner's Office, the Confidentiality Advisory Group and the National Research Ethics Service were consulted and supported this approach.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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