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Dear Editors

**RE: Biostatistics exemption statement - TRANSTHORACIC ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY ASSISTS APPROPRIATE PULMONARY ARTERY CATHETER PLACEMENT: AN OBSERVATIONAL STUDY**

We hereby regretfully decline to have the following data components of our study placed in the Dryad Repository as consent for data sharing was not obtained from participants as part of the original consent agreement.

Regards,

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