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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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