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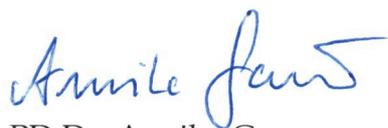
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To whom it may concern

As the corresponding author, I herewith confirm that the requirement for informed consent was waived by the institutional Ethics Committee (Alte Glockengießerei 11/1, 69115 Heidelberg, Germany; protocol number: S-006/2019) due to the retrospective nature of the study.

Yours sincerely,



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