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Dr. Andrzej S. Tarnawski

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Dear Dr. Tarnawski:

Our manuscript entitled "Operative Complications and Economic Outcomes in Cholecystectomy for Acute Cholecystitis" is a retrospective study; therefore, signed informed consent forms are not necessary.

Sincerely,



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