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Dear Editor,

As head of the Research Directorate of the *Hospital General de México "Dr. Eduardo Liceaga"*, I may tell you that the research project with registration number DI/12/11/04/017 from which the article titled *Experimental model standardizing Polyvinyl Alcohol Hydrogel to simulate endoscopic Ultrasound and EUS-Elastography* was written did not require of the approval of the Ethics Committee of our institution because this investigation did not involves any specimen (living human or animal tissue). This project was designed to standardize the mechanical properties of Polyvinyl Alcohol phantoms, employing endoscopic ultrasound images for the simulation of organs and digestive lesions and elastography to evaluate the degree of tissue stiffness. For this reason, it was also not necessary to carry out and approve an informed consent.

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Best regards,

Sincerely,

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