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Dear Editors of *World Journal of Dermatology*,

Thank you for your consideration of our manuscript. Please know that our study was given exempt status by the University of Utah Institutional Review Board (#76927), and per the requirements for a retrospective study that attempts that de-identify patient information as our study has, we were not required to obtain informed consent from patients. Our research would be considered secondary research for which consent does not need to be obtained. If needed, here is the URL to our IRB's explanation of exempt status research:

<https://irb.utah.edu/resources/documents/pdf/IGS%20-%20Exempt%20Research%20version%20012119.pdf>

We believe the presented information is sufficient so that patients will not be de-identified. We hope that this explanation is sufficient for the purposes of meeting ethical requirements, but please contact our corresponding author if you need further information:

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