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To the Editors of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*,

As verified and approved by the Institutional Review Board of Boston Children's Hospital this study presented no more than minimal risk to patient privacy and confidentiality. This waiver of informed consent/authorization is documented on the Institutional Review Board's approval letter, which has been provided for reference.

We hope this petition may meet the requirements of the Baishideng Publishing Group.

Thank you for your consideration,

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