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This includes research using unidentifiable publicly or commercially available databases, human cell lines, or material from human cadavers. In addition, data that has been previously collected for an IRB-approved research project may be re-analyzed to answer a new research question ONLY if the data have been completely de-identified prior to the new analysis.

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Cordially,

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