



**Research with existing data/specimens (Exempt category 4, Expedited category 5)**

This study was deemed **EXEMPT** by the University of Pennsylvania's Institutional Review Board under **CATEGORY 4** designation. The data extracted represent publicly available information that is deidentified. Therefore, there is no protected health information referenced in this study. This is consistent with the IRB data use agreement and did not require informed consent.

This exemption status is similar to recent reports leveraging the LexisNexis legal database:

1. doi:10.1001/jamasurg.2017.2979
2. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.urology.2021.12.030>

Please contact me if you have any questions pertaining to IRB exemption.

Sincerely,

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