

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to notify you that the data used in this study is obtained from a national database called Explorys (<https://popex.explorys.com/popex/>) that used de-identified patient information from 26 integrated healthcare systems in the United States. Explorys is approved by Case Western Reserve University for Cleveland Clinic, Metrohealth Medical Center and University Hospitals. The database is in compliance with The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) and Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) compliant.

As patient information is de-identified, this study is exempt from IRB approval.

Sincerely,

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