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To whom it may concern,

Ethics approval was obtained for the study, “*Surgical management of high-grade pancreatic injuries: Insights from a High-volume Pancreaticobiliary Specialty Unit*”, from the Northern Sydney Local Health District HREC, which includes a waiver of consent (Project Registration: **2021/STE04691**).

This study fulfils the requirements outlined in section 2.3.10 of the *National Statement of Ethical Conduct in Human Research*, under section 2.3 “Qualifying for waiving conditions for consent”[27].

Explicit consent from participants will not be sought by investigators for the following reasons:

- The data required for this study has been collected as part of the Upper GI unit audit process in the routine care of patients.
- Patient privacy and confidentiality are protected
 - The data custodian will provide only de-identified data to researchers.
- Negligible risk to subjects from retrospective review of clinical records
 - This study includes no intervention and will have no impact on future care
 - Analysis will be performed on data obtained as part of routine patient care. There will be no impact on patient welfare.
- Analyses will only be performed on quantitative data
 - There will be no requirement for access to personal or sensitive information in conducting this study.

Sincerely,



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