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Dear Editor,

The present study utilized a publicly available database (the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) database). This publicly available database is deidentified and consists of ambulatory visits in the US. Therefore, Informed consent statement were not required.

Thank you for considering our work for publication.

Sincerely,

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