



Dear Esteemed Editors and Reviewers of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*:

This study was reviewed by the California Health and Human Services Agency Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects and determined to be 'not research' and was approved by the Stanford University Human Subjects Research and Institutional Review Board. A waiver of consent was granted for this study; the presented data are anonymized and the risk of identification is low.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jennifer Burgis", written over a light gray rectangular background.

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