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Regarding Manuscript: **While One in Five Hepatocellular Carcinoma Patients in the U.S. are Hispanic, Less Than 40% Were Eligible for Liver Transplantation**

Journal: World Journal of Hepatology

To Whom It May Concern:

The current study qualified for waiver of consent and thus no signed informed consents were obtained from patients. This is a large database of publicly available, de-identified data for which no protected health information (PHI) were obtained. For this reason, informed consent was not possible to obtain and furthermore, waiver of informed consent was granted through the Institutional Review Board exempt designation of this study.

Sincerely

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