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RE: Manuscript 31278, Informed Consent Statement

Dear Editors,

As per the Institutional Review Board approval and protocol, no informed consent was needed (and therefore, none was obtained) in this study. The study was approved under the IRB "expedited" status, which requires no informed consent due to the minimal risk of the nature of the study with de-identified clinical data.

Sincerely,

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