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We understand that in order to obey the publication ethics and improve the protection of all patients' rights to privacy, the authors should provide the informed consent form on which the patient's name, address, birthday, address, ward, bed number, hospital number and other private information are obfuscated.

The above referenced privacy protections do not apply to our study as we have extracted information exclusively from a publicly available database composed of de-identified data.

Moreover, as the representative appointed by co-authors of this study, it my pleasure to serve as a proxy for signing on their behalf. Please contact me if you have any questions pertaining to informed consent. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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