

# Institutional Review Board Approval Form

October 03, 2022

**Re: Racial and gender-based disparities and trends in common psychiatric conditions in liver cirrhosis hospitalizations: A ten-year United States study**

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Patients' data was not acquired by any specific institution rather open access United States National Inpatient Sample (NIS) data. The NIS contains de-identified information, protecting the privacy of patients, physicians, and hospitals. Therefore, it was deemed exempt from the institutional review board (IRB). As each hospitalization is stripped of any patient identifiers, patient consent was waived.

Please contact for any queries.

Regards,

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