

Institutional Review Board and Relevant Documents Statement

October 11, 2021

Dear Ji-Hong Liu,

This statement is in response to your email regarding my query about the public dataset nature of our study. We used a publicly available, completely anonymized video dataset that is available for anyone in the world to use and thus does not fall under the jurisdiction of any IRB or medical facility. Thus, there is no IRB for us to use for this study and technically this would be IRB exempted. There were no animals or actual human subjects/patients used in this study and no patient information or medical center resources or data were used in this study. The basic statistics for this study were performed using Bland-Altman scripts available on in Python library scrips. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr Blaivas,

Thank you for your email. We are very glad that your manuscript can be sent to our magazine, please write a statement about IRB permission, explain the specific situation.

Best regards from California,

Ji-Hong Liu,

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