

Institutional Review Board Approval Form

June 26, 2023

Re: Association between alcohol-associated cirrhosis and inpatient complications among COVID-19 patients: A propensity-matched analysis from the United States

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Patients' data was not acquired by any specific institution rather open access United States National Inpatient Sample (NIS) and Nationwide Readmission Database (NRD) data. The NISNRD 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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