Dear Editors,

This retrospective observational cohort study was approved by the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Institutional Review Board which did not require individual patient consent for retrospective chart review.

Sincerely,

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