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1. Case Report or Case Series

Required Declarations

1. Conflicting interests
2. Funding
3. Ethical approval
4. Informed consent to publish*
5. Authorship
6. Acknowledgements

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EITHER

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OR

Written informed consent was obtained from a legally authorized representative(s) for anonymised patient information to be published in this article.

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EITHER

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OR

INSTITUTION NAME does not require ethical approval for reporting individual cases or case series.

2. Human Research and In Vitro Studies

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2. Funding
3. Ethical approval
4. Informed consent to participate
5. Informed consent to publish
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Or

Ethical approval for this study was waived by *NAME OF ETHICS COMMITTEE OR INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD* because *REASON FOR WAIVER*. This study was completed in accordance with the [Helsinki Declaration as revised in 2013](#) [include details of relevant legislation where applicable].

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Or

Verbal informed consent was obtained from all subjects before the study. Written informed consent was not obtained because *REASON*.

Or

Written informed consent was obtained from legally authorised representatives before the study.

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Verbal informed consent was obtained from legally authorised representatives before the study. Written informed consent was not obtained because *REASON*.

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NAME OF TRIAL REGISTRY: TRIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER

Or

This clinical trial was not registered because *REASON – INCLUDING ALL RELEVANT LEGISLATION*.

Or

Not applicable because *REASON*.

3. Reviews

We understand that it may appear obvious why ethical approval and informed consent are not applicable for certain review types, however in the interest of full transparency we do ask authors to provide full rationale where ethical approval and/or informed consent are not applicable.

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4. Clinical trial protocols

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