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Our co-author Kyle Greenberg received an IRB data exemption request from the Office of Institutional Research at the US Military Academy. The project control number is 20-016.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tayfun Sönmez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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