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**To Whom it May Concern**

Christian Röver is a medical statistician. As author of the meta-analysis “Predictability of IL-28B-Polymorphism on protease-inhibitor-based triple-therapy in chronic HCV-genotype-1 patients: a meta-analysis” conducted the statistical analysis of the data. He used logistic regression to model the chances and investigate potential influential factors. In a logistic regression, binary outcome data are modeled based on the *odds* of events. As is usual regression, the *odds* are then formulated as a function of (potential) explanatory variables. Random effects were included in order to accommodate heterogeneity between studies. As the available data allow fitting a multitude of plausible variations of regression models to the data, we approached the *model selection* problem via Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC), which allows comparing and selecting models based on a single adequacy measure. All analyses were performed using the *R* software (www.r-project.org) and the *lme4* package.

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