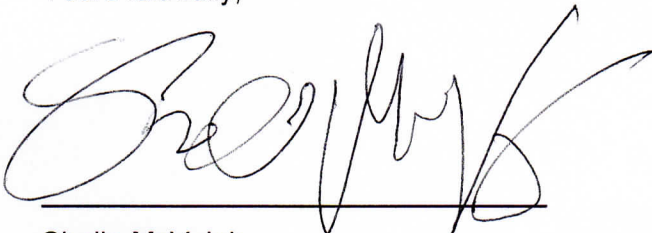


TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, the undersigned, Sheila McVeigh, mother tongue English teacher and language expert employed at the Language Centre of the University of Pavia (Italy), confirm that the manuscript entitled "HUMAN CYTOMEGALOVIRUS AND EPSTEIN-BARR VIRUS INFECTION IN INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE: NEED FOR MUCOSAL VIRAL LOAD MEASUREMENT" was carefully and thoroughly edited by me and as such, has reached the Grade A standard required for publication. I have many years experience working in the Faculty of Medicine at the aforementioned University and have been collaborating for a number of years with the teaching hospital, Fondazione IRCCS Policlinico San Matteo, Pavia (Italy) as one of their official scientific editors.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheila McVeigh', written over a horizontal line.

Sheila McVeigh