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Dr. Jonathan Steven Alexander
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Re: Collaboration and review of gastric cancer data set

Dear Dr. Alexander,

This letter is to confirm that Dr. Marjan Trutschl and myself have contributed to the statistical analysis of your manuscripts that discuss the results of longitudinal studies spanning the years of 2005-2011 of patients diagnosed with gastric cancer at LSUHSC-S.

We collaborated on the analysis, provided input on the sample sizes and groups and reviewed the statistical techniques. We provided our input on modifications and additions that would make the research easier to understand and statistically more sound.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Urska Cvek'.

Urska Cvek, Sc.D., MBA
Professor of Computer Science
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Marjan Trutschl'.

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