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Dear Editors-in-Chiefs:

My co-authors and I are submitting a revised retrospective study article for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*, titled "The Healthcare and Economic Impact of Diarrhea Among Patients with Carcinoid Syndrome."

All statistical analyses for this study were performed and carefully reviewed by a highly trained and experienced statistician, Dr. Eunice, Chang, PhD.

Dr. Eunice Chang, PhD, is the Chief Statistician at the Partnership for Health Analytic Research, LLC. Dr. Chang is a mathematician and statistician highly experienced in the application of statistical analysis and design in a range of data types, including longitudinal nationwide survey data, electronic pharmacy and medical claims, and phase IV data. Before joining PHAR, she was Chief Statistician and Manager of Health Informatics and Health Outcomes Research at Prescription Solutions in Costa Mesa, California, where she was responsible for the methodology of retrospective and prospective clinical outcomes research and the evaluation of quality initiatives and disease-state management programs. This required the development of predictive models for pharmacy and medical costs and other healthcare utilization with data-mining techniques such as regression models, decision trees, and neural networks. Dr. Chang also served as Senior Statistician at PacifiCare Health Systems, where she led a team focused on quality initiatives and health improvement projects, including the development of a systematic sampling program for HEDIS 1999 measures. Earlier in her career, she provided statistical support for research grant proposals and study design at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Thus, my co-authors and I assure you statistical analyses in this manuscript were done correctly.

Sincerely,

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