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Re: Ms 24003 "Sieving Characteristics of Cytokine- and Peroxide-Induced Epithelial Barrier Leak: Inhibition By Berberine"

Dear Editor:

This letter is to certify that none of the authors of this manuscript have any conflicts of interest – financial or non-financial – concerning the research that was conducted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J M Mullin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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