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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, which appears 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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