



February 9, 2016

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

Dear Editor:

This letter is to certify that neither human nor animal subjects were used in the research in this manuscript. Concerning statistical interpretation of data, all data are reported as mean + standard error of the mean, with differences between/among means evaluated by either two-sided Student's t tests or ANOVA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "J M Mullin".

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