



Rio de Janeiro, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

To whom it may concern,

I state, as a biomedical statistician, that I reviewed all statistical analyses performed in the study entitled: "*Nicotinic Cholinergic Receptors in the esophagus: early alteration during carcinogenesis and prognostic factor*".

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mariana Boroni'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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