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Letter of confirmation

As the former chief of the Institute of Biometry of the Hannover Medical School, I confirm that the following article:

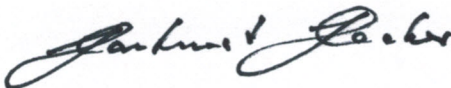
Prospective Study

Hepatic encephalopathy before and neurological complications after liver transplantation have no impact on the employment status 1 year after transplantation

Henning Pflugrad, Anita B Tryc, Annemarie Goldbecker, Christian P Strassburg, Hannelore Barg-Hock, Jürgen Klempnauer, Karin Weissenborn

and especially the choice, application and interpretation of statistical methods have been done in close cooperation with me.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hartmut Hecker', written in a cursive style.

(Prof. Dr. Hartmut Hecker)