

Biostatistics Statement

April 3, 2018

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to confirm that I have reviewed and approve of the biostatistics presented in the manuscript entitled "NBCe1 $\text{Na}^+\text{-HCO}_3^-$ Cotransporter Ablation Causes Reduced Apoptosis Following Cardiac Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury In Vivo." I am a co-author on the manuscript and my group performed the bioinformatics studies described in the manuscript.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mario Medvedovic', followed by a horizontal line.

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