

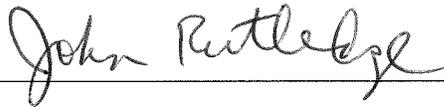
August 21, 2013

Dear WJGO Editors:

This letter is written to inform you that I am a trained biostatistician who has helped prepare the manuscript "A Novel Blood-based MicroRNA Biomarker Panel for Early Diagnosis of Pancreatic Cancer." I can attest to the appropriateness of the statistical methodology utilized for this study as well as the accuracy of the analysis results.

I possess a Master's degree in applied statistics from the Pennsylvania State University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Rutledge". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

John Rutledge, MAS
Biostatistician
The Valley Hospital
Center for Cancer Research
One Valley Health Plaza
Paramus, NJ 07652
Phone: (201) 634-5544
jrutled@valleyhealth.com