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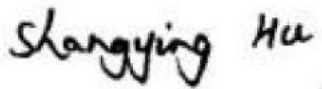
Dear editors:

Title of study: **Outcome of Gastric Signet Ring Cell Carcinoma after Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy versus Upfront Surgery: A Propensity Score Matched Retrospective Study**

This letter is to confirm that I have read the ethics application prepared for this study. The statistical methods and techniques mentioned are appropriate for the research.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shangying Hu". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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