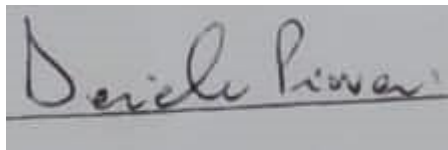


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This letter is to confirm that in my opinion the statistical methods and technique mentioned are appropriate for this study.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

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Sincerely,

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