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To Whom It May Concern:

The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by a member within the Office of the Clinical Director, NIDDK, NIH. The statistical methods and techniques are considered appropriate for the research.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Koh", written over a horizontal line.

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