

Certificate of Biostatistics

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To whom it may concern:

Title of Study:

Efficacy and Safety of Endoscopic Trans-papillary Gallbladder Drainage
(ETGBD) in Acute Cholecystitis: An Updated Meta-analysis

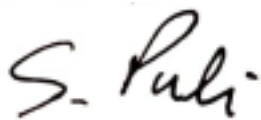
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This letter is to confirm that I have read the ethics application prepared for this study, and that in my opinion the statistical methods and techniques mentioned are appropriate for the research.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Puli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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