

### **Biostatistics Statement**

**Title:** Mid-term outcomes and prognostic factors affecting the survival of patients with esophageal cancer undergoing surgical treatments

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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 queries.

Sincerely,

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**Signature:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jia Lun Shi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Jia" is written with a large, sweeping initial 'J'. The last name "Shi" is written with a large, sweeping initial 'S'. The middle name "Lun" is written in a smaller, more compact script between the first and last names.