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To whom it may concern

I am a visiting full professor in the department of Preventive Medicine at Rush University Medical center. I have a broad and deep background in theoretical statistics with a long experience of collaborative work with biomedical researchers. Over the last 22 years, I have an extensive list of publications on statistical methodology in prestigious statistics journals and I am the associate editor of two statistics journals. I also have a list of collaborative publications on clinical, surgical, genetic and molecular research in different areas of medicine.

I have collaborated with my co-authors on the biostatistical analyses described in the manuscript titled "Hepatitis B Vaccination in Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)" and I believe the biostatistical analyses to be appropriate and accurate.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any question in this regard.

Thank you

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sanjib Basu".

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