

21 April 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write with regards to our submission, "Alcohol intake is associated with a decreased risk of developing primary biliary cholangitis", being considered for publication at the *World Journal of Hepatology*, submitted by chief investigator, Dr Janine French, of the Department of Gastroenterology, Austin Hospital. I undertook the statistical analyses underlying this article and can affirm my training in epidemiology and statistical methods appropriate for this task. I completed my PhD at the University of Tasmania in 2011 and a Masters in Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley in 2007. Certificate proof of these can be provided as may be necessary upon appropriate request.

With best regards,

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