

## **Biostatistics statement**

Title of study: Outcomes after natural orifice extraction versus conventional specimen extraction surgery for colorectal cancer: A propensity score-matched analysis

To Whom it May Concern

This letter is to confirm that the statistical methods and techniques mentioned in this manuscript are appropriate for the research. Biostatistics support was provided by Yun Zhao, who is appropriately credited in the manuscript.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isaac Seow-En', written in a cursive style.

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