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To whom it may concern:

Title of study: Disparities in esophageal cancer incidence and esophageal adenocarcinoma mortality in the United States over the last 25-40 years

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

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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