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Dear Dr. Ma,

This letter is to declare that I am the principal investigator (PI) of the project with reference PI20/00229 funded by the Instituto de Salud Carlos III (Spain), co-supported by European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)'. The Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII) is the Public Research Organization of the Spanish Government responsible for funding and executing national biomedical research. It depends on the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (MCIU), although it is also attached to the Ministry of Health, Consumption and Social Welfare (MSCBS). You could see further details on the ISCIII here: <https://eng.isciii.es/eng.isciii.es/Paginas/Inicio.html>

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<https://firmadoc.isciii.es/firmadoccontroller?action=download&id=24/11/2020-617ba0f6c3>

Moreover, I would like to declare that I am an associate researcher of the research project with reference PI19/01256 funded by the Instituto de Salud Carlos III (Spain), co-

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<http://gesdoc.isciii.es/gesdoccontroller?action=download&id=31/07/2019-9372efd883>

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Sincerely,

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