

On behalf of all the authors, I would like to declare that our manuscript has been reviewed for clarity by a colleague who is proficient in biostatistics in our hospital.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Xinying Pan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Xinying" is written with a large, sweeping 'X' and the last name "Pan" is written in a more compact, cursive script.