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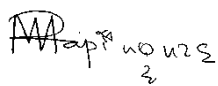
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Highest Existing Qualifications: MSc (Medicine) in the field of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Manuscript title: A Retrospective Study of Colorectal Cancer in Zimbabwe: Colonoscopic and Clinical Correlates

I, Munyaradzi Paul Mapingure, in my capacity as a qualified and experienced Biostatistician do hereby assert the following concerning the above titled manuscript:

- The statistical methods are clearly and adequately described to support the use for the dataset and study objectives;
- The statistical techniques are appropriate and/or correct for the study context;
- Averaging was applied to only homogeneous data;
- Values of summary measures are accompanied by calculations of the 95% confidence limits;
- The descriptor term 'significantly' is appropriately used in the text;
- Standard deviations were presented over standard error;
- The number of observations and/or subjects (n) that was used in a statistical calculation is reported;
- and a report of the number of samples not included in the final set of observations used for analysis was made.

Signature: 

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