

Biostatistics Statement:

The statistical analysis for this study "**Doctor Communication Quality and Friends' Attitudes Influence Complementary Medicine Use in Inflammatory Bowel Disease**" was performed by Dr Reme Mountifield, Senior Consultant Gastroenterologist and Senior Lecturer, Flinders Medical Centre and Flinders University, South Australia.

This study is not funded at all thus formal paid biostatistician review has not been undertaken. The authors do have extensive experience in the performing of this kind of statistical analysis, however. This has been the case for our other studies of a similar nature published in other journals also.

We hope this meets with your approval.

Kind regards,

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Dr Reme Mountifield