

I, Haruhiro Inoue, M.D., Ph.D., certify the following statement with regard to the manuscript "Phalanusitthepha C *et al.*, Endoscopic features of early-stage signet-ring-cell carcinoma of the stomach."

**Biostatistics:** The data presented are a qualitative analysis of a single cohort. No statistical tests were performed; therefore, review by a biostatistician is not necessary.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Haruhiro Inoue, MD", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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