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Dear Sirs,

by signing this letter, I John Frederick Osborn, Professor of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology at Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, confirm that I reviewed the statistical methods of the manuscript WJG-15462 entitled "Pancreatic fat and  $\beta$ -cell function in overweight/obese children with nonalcoholic fatty liver disease" (Authors: Lucia Pacifico, Michele Di Martino, Caterina Anania, Gian Marco Andreoli, Mario Bezzi, Carlo Catalano Claudio Chiesa).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Osborn".

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