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To Whom It May Concern,

I confirm that the statistical calculation of sample size for the study entitled "A randomized study of 0.025-inch *vs* 0.035-inch guide wires with wire-guided cannulation" authored by Dr. Kitamura et al. was done by me. Feedback has been provided in the methods section of the paper to confirm the statistical calculation of sample size utilized for the study.

Sincerely,

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