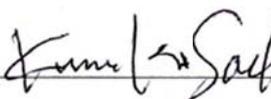


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Regarding "BIostatISTICS STATEMENT"

As the corresponding author of the manuscript entitled "p38 MAPK regulates type-I versus type-II phenotyping of human vascular endothelial cells", I declare that our research does not include clinical studies that require the assistance or the guarantee by experts in biostatistics.

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