

## Confirmation Letter for 24671-Biostatistics statement

Dear editor,

I reviewed the biostatistics of the manuscript No.24671 "Plasma Long Noncoding RNA Expression Profile of Crohn's Disease identified by Microarray", as requested by the corresponding author of Dr.Xi Jin.

In this manuscript, SPSS (version 16.0, Chicago,IL, USA) was used for statistical analyses. Data were expressed as mean±standard deviation. Variables of microarray and qRT- PCR data between two groups were compared by Student's t-test. In microarray results, Fold change of LncRNAs/mRNAs $\geq$ 2.0 were chosen for further analysis and  $P < 0.05$  was considered as statistical significance.

After careful evaluation, I confirmed that the statistical analysis of this manuscript was performed appropriately and rigorously.

Nice regards!

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