

February 21, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

The manuscript, *Prevalence of anal fistula in the United Kingdom*, which is being submitted to the World Journal of Gastroenterology was written by a native English speaker and further re-read by native English speakers including Naomi Boxall and other co-authors. Naomi was awarded a PhD in Veterinary Science (Epidemiology), Masters in Veterinary Studies and a BSc. in Biochemistry and Genetics from Massey University in New Zealand. Naomi has written and published over 30 papers, abstracts and posters in her native English language.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Naomi Boxall', with a stylized, cursive script.

Naomi Boxall, PhD

Director of Epidemiology

Real World Insights, London

IQVIA