

September 26, 2018

To whom it may concern

Title of Study:

IMPACT OF RECIPIENT FUNCTIONAL STATUS ON 1-YEAR LIVER TRANSPLANT OUTCOMES

Principle Investigator:

Adel Bozorgazdeh, MD FACS

Chief, Division of Organ Transplantation

UMass Medical School

This letter is to confirm that I have read the ethics application prepared for this study, and that it is in my opinion, as a PhD trained in biostatistics and epidemiology in the Department of Quantitative Health Sciences at UMass Medical School, the statistical methods and techniques mentioned are appropriate for the research. Furthermore, the methods and analysis have been reviewed and approved by a multidisciplinary board of epidemiologists and statisticians in the Department of Quantitative Health Sciences at UMass Medical School as part of the dissertation work for which this manuscript was prepared.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Dolgin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Natasha Dolgin, MD PhD

Email: Natasha.dolgin@gmail.com

Tel: 781 608 9635