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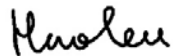
To whom it may concern,

Title of Study: Validation of AJCC 8th Edition of TNM Staging in Resected Distal Pancreatic Cancer

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This letter is to confirm that in my opinion the statistical methods and techniques mentioned are appropriate for the research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hao Xie'.

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