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Biostatistics statement

Re: Study entitled 'Remote monitoring of implantable defibrillators is associated with fewer inappropriate shocks and reduced time to medical assessment in a remote and rural area'. Submitted to World Journal of Cardiology (Manuscript No. 57311)

I confirm that the statistical analysis was performed after discussion and agreement with the academic team at the cardiac department of NHS Highland and University of the Highland and Islands.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stephen Leslie'.

**Professor Stephen Leslie
Consultant Cardiologist**

