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To whom it may concern:

Manuscript: **Microglial activation along the brain's pain neuraxis in response to recurrent acute caerulein-induced pancreatitis**, by McIlwrath SL, et al.

This letter is to confirm the following:

I have reviewed the above-referenced manuscript in my capacity as biostatistician for the Department of Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine at the University of New Mexico.

In my opinion, the methods described are sound and appropriate for the research.

Sincerely,



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