

## Biostatistics statement

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To whom it may concern

**Title:** Textural Differences Based on Apparent Diffusion Coefficient Maps for Discriminating the pT3 Subclassification of Rectal Adenocarcinoma

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This letter is to confirm that I have read the ethics application prepared for this study, and that in my opinion the statistical methods and techniques mentioned are appropriate for the research.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Sincerely,

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