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To Whom It May Concern:

Title of Study:

Older adults with acute severe ulcerative colitis have similar steroid non-response and colectomy rates as younger adults.

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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 this research.

Please contact me if there are any queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pradeep', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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