

Certificate of Biostatistics

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To whom it may concern

Title of Study: Influence of NAFLD on Response to Antiviral Treatment in Patients with Chronic Hepatitis B: A Meta-Analysis

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gong-Ying Chen'.

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