



September 7, 2021

Robert. S. Sandler, MD
Director, Center for Gastrointestinal Biology and Disease
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7555

Re: Biostatistical Review

Dear Dr. Sandler

I have reviewed the statistical modeling and output used for the manuscript entitled: Obesity is associated with decreased risk of microscopic colitis in women. I affirm that the statistical methods are adequately and appropriately described and that the statistical techniques are suitable. I am the fifth author on the paper.

I am the biostatistician for the Biostatistics and Clinical Research Core of the Center for Gastrointestinal Biology and Disease. I received my PhD in Biostatistics from the University of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joseph Galanko'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joseph A. Galanko, PhD
Assistant Professor of Medicine