

Certificate of Biostatistics

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Title of study: The efficacy of Chinese herbal medicine for functional constipation: A systematic review and meta-analysis.

Chief investigator: Linda LD Zhong, Teaching and Research Division, School of Chinese Medicine, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong SAR, China.

The letter is to confirm that I, Dr Peihua Cao, Associate Professor in Biostatistics and Epidimology, 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,

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cao Peihua". Overlaid on the signature is a red circular official stamp. The text in the stamp, starting from the top and moving clockwise, includes "Hospital of Southern Medical University", "南方医科大学珠江医院", "临床研究中心", and "Clinical Research Center".

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