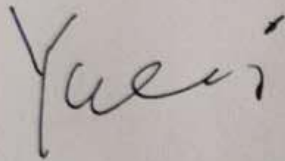


Re: Biostatistics statement for the article entitled: clinical and microbiological characteristics of biliary disease patients (MS #: 53196)

Dear Colleagues:

This letter is to certify that I have read the ethics application and report of this study. The statistical methods and the interpretation of the results are appropriate.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yuei' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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