

## **Biostatistics Review Statement**

I, Dr. Katherine Cooper, the corresponding author of the paper titled “Depression as a predictor of hepatic encephalopathy in decompensated liver disease “, certify that I have the experience and expertise to perform the statistical analysis of this paper. Statistical analysis was executed by an MD physician with master’s level training in statistics and reviewed and confirmed by two MD/PhD physicians with doctoral degrees / level of training in biostatistics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine Cooper", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.