

To whom it may concern,

**Title: Covered transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic stent-shunt (TIPSS) versus large volume paracentesis in patients with cirrhosis- a real-world propensity score-matched study.**

**ID: 77696**

This letter is to confirm that the statistical methods of this study were analysed and reviewed by a member of the biostatistics department with the NIHR Birmingham Biomedical Research Centre.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amritpal Dhaliwal', written in a cursive style.

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