

To

*World Journal of Gastroenterology*

Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology  
and Transplant Medicine

Director and Chair:

Professor Dr. med. Hartmut Schmidt  
University Hospital Essen

Hufelandstraße 55  
45147 Essen  
Germany

Essen, December 2021

**Letter of Confirmation: Biostatistical analysis**

This is to confirm that Arne Bokemeyer, M.D. (Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Transplant Medicine, University Hospital Essen, University of Duisburg-Essen 45147 Essen, Germany; arne.bokemeyer@uk-essen.de), who performed the statistical analysis of this study, is expertized and experienced in performing biomedical statistics. To gain sufficient experience in biomedical statistical analysis, he participated in special courses at the university. In recent years, he has published up to 30 scientific articles in high-impact and peer-reviewed journals confirming his experience.

Sincerely,



Prof. Dr. med. Hartmut Schmidt

*Director*

*Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Transplant Medicine*

*University Hospital Essen, Germany*

*Chair for Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Transplant Medicine*

*University Duisburg-Essen, Germany*