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Dear Editor,

On behalf of the co-authors, I hereby confirm that the statistical review of the study we submitted for publication in WJG (publication number 81536): “**Lumen-apposing-metal stent misdeployment: a procedure-related adverse event of endoscopic ultrasound-guided drainage. A systematic review focusing on issues and rescue management**” was performed by a biomedical statistician and dr. Metelli, gastroenterologist with certified competence in biostatistics, actively contributed to the analysis.

Thank you for your time in considering this manuscript for publication in your Journal.

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