**Biostatistics statement** 

16 December 2023

To whom it may concern

Title of Study: Association of age at diagnosis of diabetes with subsequent risk of

age-related ocular diseases and vision acuity in the UK Biobank

MS Number: 89974

Chief investigator: Xianwen Shang, MPH, PhD.

Department of Ophthalmology, Guangdong Eye Institute, Guangdong Provincial

People's Hospital, China

This letter is to confimm that I have read the ethics application prepared forthis

study, and that in my opinion the statistical methods and techniques mentioned are

appropriate for the research.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Sincerely,

E-mail:xianwen.shang@unimelb.edu.au