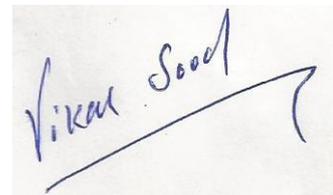


## Biostatistics statement

Statistical review of the study was performed by a biomedical statistician before the submission of draft. The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by Dr Raman Chauhan from the department of Preventive & Social Medicine, IGMC, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vikas Sood". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line that ends in a small upward curve on the right side.