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To whom it may concern,

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**Title of Study:** Imaging plaque inflammation in asymptomatic cocaine addicted individuals with simultaneous PET/MR Imaging.

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This letter is to confirm that I have read the ethics application prepared for this study and have conducted the statistical analyses. In my opinion the authors team have sufficient expertise to conduct the statistical methods used for this study and assure it is suitable and rigorous. All authors have reviewed and approved the statistical methods and reported findings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keren Bachi".

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