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**Statement in support of statistical analysis**

I am currently employed as a statistical consultant by the Statistical Consulting Centre at The University of Melbourne. My qualifications include a Master of Science specialising in Statistics and Stochastic Processes. I also hold accreditation as a Graduate Statistician (GStat) from the Statistical Society of Australia.

The statistical analysis in the paper 'Epidemiology and Outcomes of Acute Liver Failure in Australia' (Hey et al) is sound. Appropriate statistical tests were used to compare continuous and categorical outcomes between time periods, and to assess trends in the time-series data.



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