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Vice Provost W. Randy Smith
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Dear Randy:

The College of Medicine has reviewed and fully endorses the proposed undergraduate major in Data Analytics - Biomedical Informatics Specialization. The curriculum as outlined will provide a level of expertise much sought after in the acutely changing environment of healthcare delivery and management as well as population health. In considering the proposal of the Department of Biomedical Informatics, it is our conclusion that this major, and specifically this area of specialization, will provide the graduate with the key tools needed to enter the healthcare employment sector ready to meet the challenges of healthcare analytics in the broadest sense.

The College of Medicine would like to thank you for allowing us to be part of this major at the onset. We realize that we were late in coming to the table, but please be assured that the Department of Biomedical Informatics has the full backing of the College of Medicine and stands fully ready to implement this undertaking. In addition, the College of Medicine's academic department of Biomedical Informatics is the only one within the state of Ohio and, thus, we feel this area of specialization within the major will be highly sought after by students.

Sincerely,

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