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RE: World Journal of Hepatology Manuscript # 37044

To Whom It May Concern:

I reviewed the statistical methodology of the manuscript entitled "Vitamin D levels do not predict hepatic fibrosis in NAFLD. A systematic review and meta-analysis", by Saberi et al., on which I am a co-author. I found the analytic approach to be appropriate for the meta-analyses conducted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell Shinohara". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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