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I, Dimitrios T. Papadimitriou, corresponding author of the manuscript entitled: Association between population vitamin D status and SARS-CoV-2 related serious-critical illness and deaths: an ecological integrative approach, submitted to the World Journal of Virology, affirm and on behalf of my co-authors that the statistical analysis presented in this paper was carried out (contract work paid by the authors) by the biostatistics expert from Harvard University Alexandros Gryparis (alexandros@post.harvard.edu) and was checked by the biostatistics expert Arash Shirvani from Boston University (hn@bu.edu).

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