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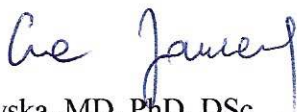
Andrzej S. Tarnawski
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Dear Editor,

This letter is to confirm that the statistics in the submitted manuscript were performed by Mateusz Franciszek Kołek. He is trained in biostatistics and performed all analyses. This has been reviewed by myself and all of my co-authors. The statistical methods and techniques mentioned within the manuscript are accurate and appropriate for this research question.

Thank you for your consideration of this paper.

Sincerely,



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