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I am writing to affirm that the statistical methods used and presented in the above article were performed in part, and reviewed in their entirety, by a member of the Biostatistics Section in the Department of Quantitative Health Sciences at the Cleveland Clinic.

Sincerely,

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