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**Biostatics statement**

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The statistical analysis has been conducted by Dr Leila Itani, assistant professor at the department of Nutrition and Dietetics, faculty of Health Sciences – Beirut Arab University. She is a PhD holder in Education and expert in biostatistics.

In quality of expert in conduction of systematic reviews, this letter is to confirm that the used statistical methods are appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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