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The authorship is happy to provide any of the original raw data as well as the statistical analysis provided to the authorship by the study statistician. The statistical methods of the study were reviewed by Larry Stitt, MSc, from Western University Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Larry Stitt is best reached through e-mail at: [larry.stitt@schulich.uwo.ca](mailto:larry.stitt@schulich.uwo.ca). The following letter seeks to confirm this service was performed for the purpose of statistical analysis of the submitted study, we welcome any further correspondence/clarification as necessary.