Dear editors,

Hereby I, as the corresponding author of the article, declare that the statistical analyses of this study were done by the researchers and each statistical test was checked on the SPSS Programme at least twice.

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