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Dear Editor,

Thank you again for reviewing our manuscript.

Please, be informed that two co-authors of the manuscript prof. Antanas Gulbinas and prof. Žilvinas Dambrauskas are working in the LSMU Center for Evidence Based Medicine and had extensive training in the biomedical statistics. Therefore, we assure that the manuscript was thoroughly reviewed to conform to the current standards and requirements of the biostatistics.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Zilvinas Dambrauskas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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