

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Mohammed S. Shiraz. I am from Saudi Arabia. I am the author of the book titled “Statistical Data Analysis, Using SPSS software”.

I have studied in the United States of America where I earned the Master’s and PhD degrees. Soon after graduation, I returned back to Saudi Arabia where I joined Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah as assistant professor.

The PhD degree I earned was in Social Work, majoring in statistics and research methodology. Besides PhD requirements, I have completed more than 30 credits hour courses in statistical application using several computer softwares including: Stat, StatView, BMDP, and SPSS. I was awarded a certificate of distinction in recognition of research competency during my study. On the other hand, my Master’s degree was in social work, in the area of administration and program evaluation.

At Umm Al-Qura University, I have taught several courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels, including: introductory and advanced statistics, statistical application using computer packages, and qualitative & quantitative research methodology. Furthermore, I have conducted numerous scientific researches, got published many research papers in English and Arabic in refereed local and international journals, carried out a great deal of training in the field of statistical analysis for the benefit of faculty members and others.

Also at Umm Al-Qura University, I occupied several positions e.g. a dean and a dean assistant, an academic department chair, chief editor

of a scientific journal, and head of a scientific research center. In addition to all that, I was promoted to a full professorship.

It is worth noticing that my SPSS book was granted the highest financial reward in the history of Umm Al-Qura University. The most remarkable feature of this book was its being the best seller among scientific books in 2010, at Cairo Book Fair.

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