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Cuts and penalties: comment on “The clustering of ultra-high energy cosmic rays and their sources”

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abstract In a series of papers we have found statistically significant correlations between arrival directions of ultra-high energy cosmic rays and BL Lacertae objects. Recently, our calculations were partly repeated by Evans, Ferrer and Sarkar Evans:2002jy with the same result but different conclusions. We demonstrate that the criticism of Ref. Evans:2002jy is incorrect. We also present the details of our method.