

1 *Biostatistics*

The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by Yi-Hua Wu from Zhejiang University. (1)Statistical methods are adequately and appropriately described when they are used to verify the results. (2)The statistical techniques are suitable and correct. (3)Only homogeneous data are averaged. Standard deviations are preferred to standard errors. The number of observations and subjects (n) is given. (4)The word "significantly" is replaced by its synonyms (if it indicates extent) or the P value (if it indicates statistical significance).

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