

## Biostatistics Statement

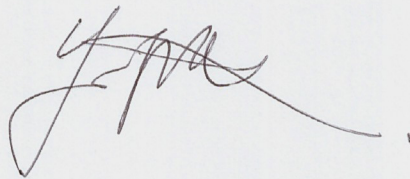
The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by Yong Gyu Park from The Catholic University of Korea, who holds a PhD in Biostatistics and is qualified to review the biomedical statistical methods.

Professor Park reviewed the statistical methods used in the study, including chi-square test and student t test (group or paired comparisons).

The review by the biostatistician was conducted with respect to the following points;

- 1) Statistical methods were adequately and appropriately described when they are used to verify the results
- 2) The statistical techniques were suitable or correct
- 3) The word “significantly” was only used when  $P \text{ value} < 0.05$ .

Signature,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'YGP', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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