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Biostatistics statement:

The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by biostatistician Jan Nielsen, PhD, from Center for Clinical Epidemiology, Odense University Hospital, Denmark.

Sincerely

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