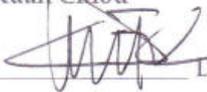


BIOSTATISTICS STATEMENT:

Data analysis was performed using IBM SPSS Statistics for Windows, version 19 (IBM Corp., Armonk, N.Y., USA). Continuous variables were expressed as mean \pm standard deviation (SD) or median (interquartile range, 25-75% IQR). Categorical variables were expressed as number (proportion). Comparisons were performed using two sample t-test in normally distributed data with equal variance or Mann-Whitney U test when the assumptions of two sample t-test were not met. χ^2 test or Fisher's exact test was used to compare categorical variables. Statistical significance was set at p value < 0.05 .

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