

## **Biostatistics statement**

Dear Editors,

According to the guideline for the submission of systematic reviews, we consulted a biostatistician (Dr. Nae-Yuh Wang, [naeyuh@jhmi.edu](mailto:naeyuh@jhmi.edu)) from Johns Hopkins Biostatistics Center. However, according to the fact that in our systematic review we did not employ specific statistical methods, the biostatistician confirmed that a bibliometric analysis like ours may be not a qualified subject for performing the review of statistical methods. Hence, we are here to make this statement to fulfill the requirement of submission.

Sincerely,

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