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Biostatistics statement

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The statistical methods of this paper were reviewed and approved by Prof. Zelber-Sagi from the University of Haifa, School of Public Health.

Sincerely yours

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