

## Biostatistics statement

The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by Satoru Hagiwara from the Department of Kindai University, Faculty of Medicine. Statistical methods in this study are adequately and appropriately implemented.

All methods could be replicated and the results could be verified.

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