

Dear Editor,

I have performed the statistical analysis of the manuscript according to the appropriate standard statistical methods. My qualifications to perform advanced statistical tests are based on biostatistical training. I have been certified in an intensive research and biostatistics program, the SHARP program (Scholars in Health Research Program) at the American University of Beirut. My training has also been complemented with a practical hands-on training course in analyzing and reporting large health-related datasets, which is important to our current large sample size study from the National Inpatient Sample (NIS) database. I have also applied my statistical knowledge in publishing several peer-reviewed original research articles. I hope that this briefing about my experience would suffice your requirement for biostatistical review.

Sincerely,

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