

23482-Biostatistics statement

As three of the authors (J S Fry, B A Forey and myself) are very experienced biomedical statisticians, and as all of the statistical analyses were either conducted by, or checked by, one of these three authors, I consider that there was no need for any independent statistical review of the study, and that the methods used are statistically appropriate for the purposes intended.

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