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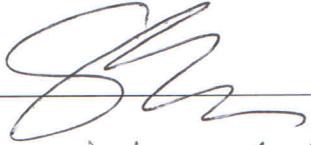
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The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by Stephanie N. Lueckel, MD, MS, FACS of Rhode Island Hospital / Brown University, who certifies:

1. The biostatistical methods employed were adequately and appropriately described.
2. The biostatistical methods employed were appropriate given the nature of the data that was analyzed.
3. Homogeneous groups of patients were used for averages, and numbers of patients were included in all analyses and sub-analyses.
4. The word 'significantly' was used appropriately throughout the manuscript to refer specifically to statistical significance as opposed to extent.

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