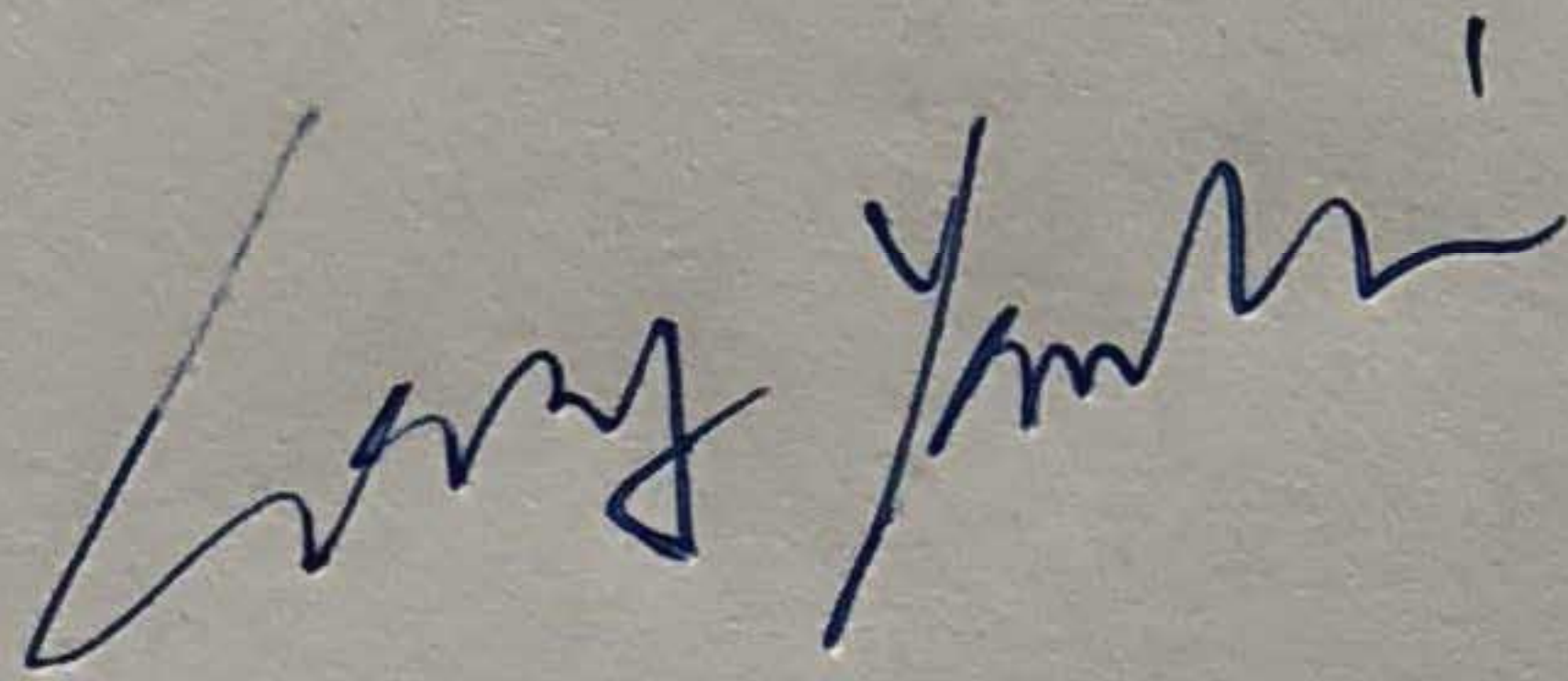


### Biostatistics statement

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The statistics methods of this study were reviewed by Yanli Long, Biostatistician, from the Department of Medical Information, Chinses PLA General Hospital, Beijing, China.

After review, I stated that the statistics methods in this study are properly used and no concerns are raised.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Long Yanli', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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