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**Prevalence and factors associated with irritable bowel syndrome among university students in Lebanon: Findings from a cross-sectional study**

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### **Biostatistics Statement**

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