

Biostatistical statement

The statistical methods of this study, entitled "B. longum-triple preparation, cocktail probiotics, can ameliorate *Helicobacter pylori* induced gastritis" (ESPS Manuscript NO: 15614), were reviewed by associated professor Zi-sheng Ai who is majored in biostatistical analysis from department of preventive medicine, Tongji university school of medicine.

The statistical analysis of this manuscript has been performed appropriately and rigorously with the SPSS 13.0 statistical program (statistical product and service solutions, © 1999 to 2003; SPSS Institute Inc., Armonk, NY, United States). The means of independent samples were analyzed and compared with the independent sample t-test.

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