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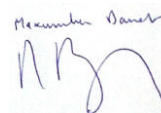
Since the statistical calculations performed in our study entitled “Optimization of the generator settings for endobiliary radiofrequency ablation” (17294) were only descriptive, and no statistical comparisons were made, we did the statistical analyses ourselves (MB and FP) and did not request the help of any statistical expert.

As requested, we payed attention to the following points :

(1) Statistical methods are adequately and appropriately described when they are used to verify the results; (2) Whether the statistical techniques are suitable or correct; (3) Only homogeneous data can be averaged. Standard deviations are preferred to standard errors. The number of observations and subjects (n) is given. Losses in observations, such as drop-outs from the study, are reported; (4) Values, such as ED50, LD50 and IC50, have the 95% confidence limits calculated and have been compared by weighted probit modeling (using the functions described by Bliss and Finney); and (5) The word “significantly” is replaced by its synonyms (if it indicates extent) or the P value (if it indicates statistical significance).

Statistical data should be expressed as mean \pm SD or mean \pm SE. Common statistical expressions contains t-test is expressed as t; F-test is expressed as F; chi-square test is expressed as χ^2 ; relative coefficient is expressed as r; degree of freedom is expressed as ; number of samples is expressed as n; and probability is expressed as P. In addition, a copy of any approval document(s)/letter(s) or waiver should be provided to the BPG in PDF format.

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