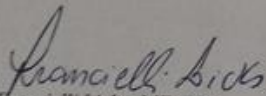


Biostatistics statement

The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by a statistical from the Unit of Biostatistics of the Hospital de Clínicas de Porto Alegre.

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