

### Biostatistics statement

The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by Song Wu from Anhui University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (Medical statistics professor).

- (1) Statistical methods are adequately and appropriately described when they are used to verify the results;
- (2) the statistical techniques are suitable
- (3) Only homogeneous data can be averaged. Standard deviations are preferred to standard errors. The number of observations and subjects (n) is given.
- (4) Statistical data expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD, F-test is expressed as F. number of samples is expressed as n; and probability is expressed as P.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Song Wu', located in the lower right quadrant of the page.