

#### Biostatistics statement

The statistical methods in the manuscript entitled "The common bile duct diameter in an asymptomatic population: an MRI study" were reviewed by Xiao-Feng Gao of individual from statistics teaching and research department of North Sichuan Medical College.

The statistical methods in the manuscript are adequately and appropriately. The statistical techniques are suitable. Standard deviations are given. The number of observations and subjects is given. Losses in observations are reported. "Significant" is replaced its P value. Statistical data was expressed as "mean  $\pm$  SD". Common statistical expressions contains t-test is expressed as t; F-test as F; relative coefficient is expressed as r; number of samples is expressed as n; and probability is expressed as P.

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