

## **Biostatistics statement**

Data collection and analyses were performed with Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (version 16.0) (SPSS, Chicago, IL, USA). Descriptive statistics were computed for all variables (Demographic data, clinical presentation, preoperative investigations, operative details, postoperative course, and histopathological results were recorded). The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test was used to determine the variables' distribution. For nonparametric data, continuous variables are presented as median values (and range) and the Mann-Whitney U test was used for any two sample comparisons. Dichotomous variables were compared using the Chi-square test. All tests were two tailed and results with a p-value of  $<0.05$  were considered statistically significant.

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