

Biostatistics statement

The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by Yusuke Watadani from the Department of Surgery, Hiroshima university, Hiroshima, Japan.

Statistical methods in this study are adequately and appropriately which could verify the results.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yusuke Watadani". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'Y'.

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