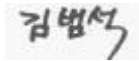


## Biostatistics statement

A biomedical statistician was not invited for the statistical review of this study, because most of the statistical analysis was not complicated and, was straightforward.

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