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Biostatistics Statement: The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by an epidemiologist (Dr Harunor Rashid) of the Australian National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases who are highly skilled in biostatistics. The statistical methods were found to be adequate and described appropriately, statistical techniques were found suitable, and the number of observations and subjects were found to be sufficient.