

Biostatistics statement

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The statistical methods employed in this study have been used previously by the authors in several similar systematic reviews: all of these have been published in peer-reviewed journals^[1-5].

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