

## Biostatistics statement

We performed statistical analysis in the study entitled “Biliary metal stents should be placed near the hilar duct in distal malignant biliary stricture patients”.

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