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Dear editor,

From the start of the project we involved a bio-statistician who is working at the Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM) in Antwerp. Her name is Jozefien Buyze ( <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jozefien-buyze-108b0991/?originalSubdomain=be>), and she has over eight years of experience in providing biostatistical support for the clinical research projects in which ITM researchers are involved.

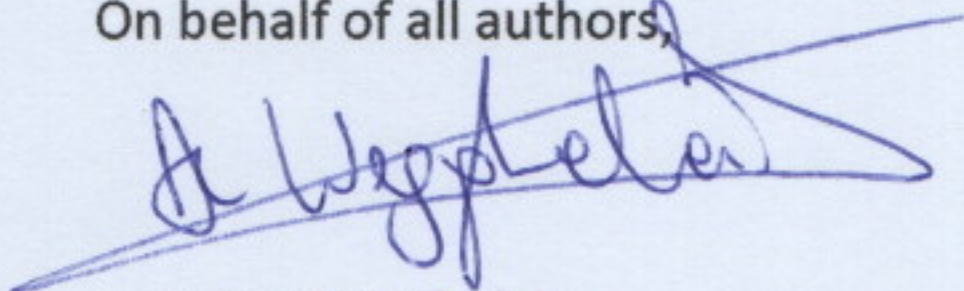
She revised the study methodology, the statistical analysis plan, and reviewed/verified all steps of the final data analysis. She is co-author on this paper.

We therefore did not involve an external person or service to review our statistical analysis plan or data analysis.

We hope that this declaration can be sufficient.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On behalf of all authors,



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