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Dr. Xue-Mei Gong

Editor

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Biostatistics statement

Dear Editor,

The present study was evaluated for a specialized Biomedical Statistician. This specialist evaluates all statistical methods used in study.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Flavia de Oliveira". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Flavia" being more prominent than the last name "de Oliveira".

Dra. Flavia de Oliveira