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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 signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dra. Flavia de Oliveira