

## Biostatistics statement

The statistical methods of this study entitled "A peptide-based enteral formula improves tolerance and clinical outcomes in abdominal surgery patients relative to a whole protein enteral formula." were reviewed by Mu-Yin Lo from the Department of Teaching and Research, Tainan Sin-Lau Hospital, Tainan City, Taiwan. Statistical methods in this study are adequately and appropriately which could verify the results.

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