

Satoshi Honjo, corresponding author for this paper, obtained in November 1996, MSc in Epidemiology from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London; and published papers with bio-statistical methods some of which are shown below. In the present manuscript, statistical methods were thus reviewed by the corresponding author; I'm afraid to say that no uniformed system for review of bio-statistical methods has not been available in Japan and we believe this would not trouble your reviewers.

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