

To
Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma,
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Sir,

As corresponding author, I certify that the statistical methods of this study were reviewed by Roberto Passera, biomedical statistician of our Institutional review board (see Institutional review board statement enclosed to this manuscript).

We have reported this statement in our manuscript in the paragraph 'Statistical analysis', as well as we have acknowledged Dr. Passera who performed the pharmacokinetics analysis and the statistical analysis in the paragraph 'Acknowledgement'.

Indeed, Dr. Passera performed the pharmacokinetics analysis and the statistical analysis of all our studies (see the publications N. 13 and 15 in the References).

Sincerely,

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