In conclusion, I believe that the efficacy analysis should be re-performed using the intention-to-treat (all patients as randomized regardless of adherence to the protocol) approach. Also, I strongly believe that the discrepancies in P values require immediate clarification.

I end with the Royal Society's motto “Nullius in verba” and with an elegant Viewpoint (10).

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