Table 1 **Response to questions evaluating importance given to biostatistics and epidemiology**

Item	Supervisors (n = 12)		Trainees (n = 28)		P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	
Statistics and epidemiology should be left to the professional statistician	9	75	9	32	0.018
Statisticians should be employed in all hospitals	9	75	22	79	1.00
Departments of biostatistics and epidemiology as teaching departments	5	42	20	71	0.032
Statistics should be taught as a full time subject	7	58	24	86	0.097
Biostatistics requires a strong mathematical background	9	75	19	68	0.725
Biostatistics workshops are sufficient to enable practical applications for research	8	67	4	14	0.002
Computer packages can be used without a background knowledge of statistics	4	33	10	36	1.00
Have received formal training in statistics and epidemiology	0	0	0	0	1.00