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The authors wish to thank the editors’ very constructive comments! We have addressed every point of the changes that the editors suggested:

1. We have added the email address of all authors and the full postal address of the submitting author in the title page.

2. The current study was conducted using HNIRD dataset which contained patients’ all medical claim records, including coverage for outpatient, inpatient, emergency, dental, traditional Chinese medicine services, and prescription drugs. Because the NHIRD consists of de-identified secondary data released to the public for research purposes, this study was exempt from full review by the Institutional Review Board. The encrypting procedure is consistent, so the linkage of claims belonging to the same patient is feasible within the NHIRD.

3. We had revised our manuscript and add lines and page numbers in the manuscript.

4. We replaced “Introduction” into “Background” as suggested.

5. We placed the tables in the main manuscript, after the references and figure legends. We also removed the additional files.