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I am extremely thankful to the editors for accepting this article for publication and thankful to the reviewers as well because their valuable comments were useful and taught me a lot.

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3. Thank you very much for highlighting this and % indicator has been removed

4. We had calculated the 95% CI for death rates, since events (death) were < 10 in all rows so we deliberately has not included in the table because according to “Pennsylvania Department of Health; Health statistics –Technical Assistance Tools of the trade: CI for crude rate” reference (http://www.health.state.pa.us/hpa/stats/techassist/cicruderate.htm) According to this reference ‘CI should not be calculated and used for crude rate based on less than 10 events. Rates based on such very small numbers are definitely not reliable.

I have replaced CI for the rate ratio with hazard ratio and its 95% CI as had been suggested by the reviewer. Thanks a lot for this suggestion.

7. I had removed the column of CI from the table because this CI was of statistical test significance as I had already given the P value so no need to give CI as we had used mean + SD with its P value.
Table 2: I had also checked the fischer exact value for each value and agree with the reviewer that I did not found significant difference in value so I have maintained the same values especially for the values labeled as 6.

I sincerely hope that this article is now appropriate for publication soon.

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