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Dear Editor and reviewers,

Thank you for your reviews and comments. The manuscript has been revised according to your suggestions with the revisions labeled in blue.

The point by point responses are listed below.

Sincerely,
Jau Ming Wong

Reviewer 1.
1. We have added the reference and the discussion as suggested (revised manuscript, page 11 last 3 lines to page 12 first 4 lines).
2. We also would like to know the true patient load in Taiwan. Unfortunately, to date there is no available data that could be used for exploring this. We emphasized this point on page 11, line 8, in the revised manuscript.
3. It is the crude annual incidence. We have clarified this on page 8, line 4, in the revised manuscript.
4. Unfortunately, there is no phenotype data in the registration. Therefore, we did not know whether the higher mortality comes from the phenotype difference or not. The age distribution of this cohort was similar to previous reports from other Asian countries. We have further discussed this in the revised manuscript (page 13, last 3 lines thru page 14 first 6 lines).