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Mr Danilo Egante Jr.

Thank you for your e-mail.

A pleasant day to you too.

I have now removed the supplementary tables (now called "Additional files") from the main MS file and re-uploaded the manuscript as well as the additional files separately. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Our research was in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration. Data were obtained from Danish health care registries and patient charts. The health care registries are generally available to researchers; according to Danish law, use of these data for purely registry-based research does not require informed patient consent. Permission to read the patient charts was granted by the National Health Board. Thus the study was approved by the National Health Board (record no. 7-604-04-2/332) and the Danish Data Protection Agency (record no. 2011-41-6426). This is now clarified at the very end of the "Methods" section.

Kind regards,

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