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Dear Dr Robin Cassady-Cain and Dr Diana Marshall,

Thank you very much for your effort in handling our manuscript. My colleagues and I greatly appreciate the comments and suggestions from the Reviewers.

We have revised our manuscript along the lines indicated by the Reviewers. All changes were marked in red in the revision. The following are the point-by-point responses to the comments:

Only one minor point:
The reviewer suggests minor revision to clarify the selection strategy for multivariate model analysis and, to limit the number of variables included in Cox model with the rules of 1 variable for 10 deaths.

Ans: The selection strategy was added to Method (page 6; lines 14-19). Multivariate Cox analysis using a limited number of variables was performed as suggested (page 8; lines 29-33).

We hope the paper is now acceptable.
Thank you again for handling our paper.

Sincerely,
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