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First, I would like to thank the authors for answering to my second review of the paper. I accept, of course, the restrictions of this approach. In spite of this, I am sorry to ask a new question regarding the possible influence of repeated admissions to the hospital during the observation period 1970 - 1978. In the answer about dropouts it was mentioned that 80% had two or more treatment episodes. I think it would be a good occasion to analyse this variable without much additional work. If there is a relationship, it would be clinically interesting, if not, which seems more probable, the information would be worthwhile as well.