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Changes are made in accordance with your specifications ("Formatting changes requested"). In addition, the following more explaining text passages were inserted in the abstract:
Data were collected from all consecutive patients (no age limit) admitted to 423 hospitals....
Polytrauma and coma patients were excluded...
Since forearm fracture patients were on average 10 years younger than femoral fracture patients, forearm fractures may be a means of diagnosing an increased risk of later hip fractures.