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Editorial Requirements:

1. Please clarify and state in the manuscript what permissions you have to access the claims database.

Thank you for your helpful comment. We have revised the text and provided explanations to address your concerns in the Methods section as follows:

In the Methods section:

The data source of the present study was from the NHI database, which was provided by the National Health Research Institutes in Taiwan and provided to scientists for research purposes. (see page 4, lines 8-10)

Ethical considerations

The identifications of the patients were all encrypted using the same encryption algorithm to cross-link the data while protecting the privacy of the patients. This study protocol was approved by the institution review board (IRB) of the China Medical University Hospital (protocol # CMUH102-REC2-012). (see page 5, lines 4-8)