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Dear editor,

Herewith we submit the revised manuscript entitled “Do inter-hospital comparisons of in-hospital, acute myocardial infarction case-fatality rates serve the purpose of fostering quality improvement? An evaluative study.”

Following changes have been made:

- “P 10 Fitting log-binomial regression models[40] would allow us to observe a possible difference in risk ratio between both registries and MCD, implying an important underestimation of case-fatality rates.”
  Became now: “Fitting log-binomial regression models[40] would allow us to observe a possible difference in risk ratio between both registries and MCD, implying either an underestimation or an overestimation of case-fatality rates by the MCD.”

- We further expanded the paragraph regarding transfers.
  “P20 From the MCD data, before the exclusion of transfer cases, we identified 6,555 stays mentioning only a transfer-in from another hospital, and 12,409 stays mentioning only a transfer-out to another hospital. We only succeeded to pair 2,524 transfers in which we assessed the accuracy of our co-morbidity data.”
  Which became now:
  “From the MCD data, before the exclusion of transfer cases, we identified 6,555 stays mentioning only a transfer-in from another hospital, 12,409 stays mentioning only a transfer-out to another hospital, and 4592 mentioning both a transfer-in and a transfer-out. We only succeeded to pair respectively 2,524, 4592 and 2657 transfers. In the subset of 2,524 paired transfer-in stays, we also assessed the accuracy of our co-morbidity data.”

- In additional file 3, step 3 the heading of the column “CSR group” has been changed into “AMI-CFR group”.
