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Dear Editors,

We would like to resubmit the third version of the manuscript “Hospital death and adverse events in Brazil” for publication in BMC Health Services Research. Considering the Editor’s comments and recommendation the content of this version was reviewed. Thereby, the definitions of adverse events and its preventability were included. In fact, as our study was based on the protocol of the Canadian Adverse Event Study\(^1\), both definitions were drawn from this study. The answer to this remark is highlighted in yellow in the document. An appendix describing all adverse event cases was provided for answering the second remark, whose preventability was stressed. It was impossible selecting by seriousness or frequency, because there is not severity’s information in the forms used. Finally, we would like to underline this third version was again reviewed by a professional reviewer.

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