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Title: Incidence and costs of bleeding related Consequences in selected surgical procedures in the French hospital setting (a DRG analysis)

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1. Please could you clarify for us whether ethical approval was sought for this study, as this is not clear from your covering letter. If so, pleased include full details of the approving committee.

PMSI databases are provided by the French Agency named ATIH that is responsible of all the French hospital databases. To obtain these databases from the ATIH, you need to have an agreement from the French Privacy Commission named CNIL. Then the databases are including an anonymous number per patient and no ethical approval is requested to perform statistical analysis. PMSI database is similar to the British HES database

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Sincerely yours

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