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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to revise our manuscript entitled “Referral from Secondary Care and to Aftercare in a Tertiary Care University Hospital in Japan” (MS: 1347860906812172), which was previously submitted to *BMC Health Services Research*. We have revised the manuscript in accordance with comments by the reviewer and have provided point-by-point replies to questions from the reviewer in this letter. We also made formatting changes according to your suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

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To the reviewer

Minor Essential Revisions

Comment #1. Typo: Abstract, Results: should be "admitted" (not double "d")
Reply. We corrected the typo.

Comment #2. P4 just before "Referral to aftercare". Subdivide patients into two groups: DPC for surgical treatment is used as one criterion. However, the authors have stated that surgical cases were not included.
Reply. We deleted the phrase from the criterion for the complexity of the case.

Discretionary Revisions

Comment #1. P 3, Data "34 paediatric inpatient wards beds in wards for children". The number of beds would appear to indicate only one ward. Please check.
Reply. There is only one ward for children in our hospital, as you mentioned. We corrected the mistake.

Comment #2. DPC for complications is not necessary an indicator for the complexity of the case. Better indicators should be used for future studies.
Reply. Thank you for your precious suggestion for our future studies.