Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prognostic nomogram for inpatients with asthma exacerbation

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Megan Haran,

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Dear Megan Haran,

Response to the Editors’ comments: Manuscript ID: PULM-D-16-00290 ‘Prognostic nomogram for inpatients with asthma exacerbation’.
We thank the Editor and reviewers for their careful and comprehensive review of our manuscript, and their pertinent comments and recommendations. We have used these to refine and revise our manuscript, and have addressed each question in point-by-point fashion below.

We believe that the revised manuscript is now substantially improved. We would be most grateful if you would consider it for possible publication in BMC Pulmonary Medicine.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Yasuhiro Yamauchi

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Reviewer reports:

Miaozhu Li (Reviewer 2): The author have met all my comments satisfactory.