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Response to the Editors’ comments

Dear Dr. Giuseppe Verlato and Dr. Nicola Murgia

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript and kindly providing us with the opportunity to revise our manuscript entitled "Association between dementia and discharge status in patients hospitalized with pneumonia" (PULM-D-16-00308R2)
We have addressed your comments with point-by-point responses, and revised our manuscript accordingly. Our point-by-point responses to the editors’ comments are attached.

We hope that we have addressed all of the editors’ comments satisfactorily and made appropriate changes in the revised manuscript. Your kind consideration for possible publication in BMC Pulmonary Medicine is highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Taisuke Jo

Editor Comments:

Comments from the Editor Giuseppe Verlato:

1) Pay attention! The words “dysphagia” (difficulty in swallowing) and “dysphasia” (difficulty in speaking) are not interchangeable! You can amend this, when correcting the proofs.

We have corrected “dysphasia” to “dysphagia” in the Discussion section. (page 12, line 13)

Comments from the Editor Nicola Murgia:

2) Anyway, it is still unclear why they use survival analysis when they have not declared any “time” variable to refer.

“Time” variable was “length of hospitalization” in this study. We have added the following sentence in the Methods: “using length of hospitalization as time variable”, (page 7, line 14), “Discharge to other facilities and in-hospital death were regarded as censored”. (page 7, lines 15-16)

Required Editorial Revisions:

1. Please include the email addresses of all authors on the title page of your manuscript.

We have added the email addresses of all authors on the title page. (page 2, lines 1-8)
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For example: YS1 and YS2. YZ1 would correspond to the author furthest up on the author list.

Thank you for your detailed instruction. We have amended the Authors’ contributions section accordingly. (page 15, line 12 and line 15)

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All of the tracked changes and highlighting were removed.