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EDITORIAL REQUEST and our reply

1. In the Availability of Data and materials, raw data could be available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request?

Author’s reply:
The raw data in this study cannot be shared. We already declared in “Availability of data and material” section as follows: We obtained data from a large, nationwide dataset of the Japanese
Diagnosis Procedure Combination system. This dataset was populated from our survey of DPC hospitals; all voluntarily participated (with non-disclosure agreements). Public access to the DPC database is not permitted; the database is for confidential use by our study group.

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Author’s reply:
We amended as you suggested.

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We get the point.