Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Andrea Szekely

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I have read your comments, but I still disagree with the type of the statistical analysis. You have shown the Kaplan Meier curve but the included patients and died patients in numbers are missing. The last table of the multivariate analysis the odds of the gender and the p value cannot be true. I find the available data very important, but I would also compare the occurrence of the diseases, etc in Caucasian population to the Asian population in the discussion.

Summarized, my major concern is the type of the statistical analysis. I would be more satisfied Cox regression (simply translated I think the interval between hospital admission and death is an important factor, which could be more properly analyzed with Cox regression)

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