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5.   The only party that has had the right to review the contents of the paper prior to circulation is our data provider, the American Hospital Association (AHA). This was only to ascertain that their data had been properly cited and that there were no factual errors in the description of their data. The AHA did not request any changes in our draft. We provide this same disclosure in the acknowledgements of our paper, as well.

Sincerely,

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