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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers and editors. We thank the reviewer and editor for their positive and kind comments and for accepting the manuscript in its current form. We have revised our manuscript as suggested according to formatting. All changes are highlighted in red print.

- 1 The title has been changed accordingly.
- 2 The postcode of the city is provided. The postcode is preceding the name of the respective city.
- 3 Author contribution has been provided in greater detail as suggested.

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4 We now present the detailed p-values in the abstract. As usual we did not mention exact p-values if values are below 0,001, but we would be happy to include these data if deemed necessary by the editor. Confidence intervals have been added to the hazard ratios in order to provide more detailed information.

5 We added five key words mainly from Index Medicus.

6 We added a summary of less than 100 words.

7 We now provide all authors abbreviation names and manuscript title after the core tip.

8 The COMMENTS section has been added to the manuscript.

9 We added PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and listed all authors.

10 Horizontal lines in figure 1 were deleted.

11 Horizontal lines in figure 2 were deleted.

We hope to have made all necessary changes to our manuscript.

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Sincerely yours,

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