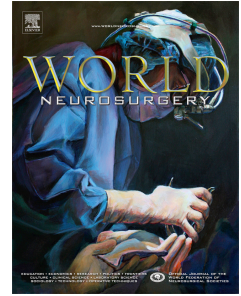


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22 Abstract

23 **Objective:** The aim of this study was to evaluate the occurrence and factors
24 predisposing to delirium following brain tumor resection.

25 **Materials and methods:** Data from patients who underwent brain tumor resection
26 surgery from 2016 to 2019 was extracted from the National Inpatient Sample (NIS)
27 database and retrospectively analyzed. The difference between the two groups was
28 compared by Wilcoxon rank test or Chi-square test were used to. Univariate and
29 multivariate logistic regression analyses were used to identify the risk factors delirium
30 after brain tumor resection.

31 **Results:** From 2016 to 2019, 28340 patients who underwent brain tumor resection were
32 identified in the NIS database, with the incidence of delirium being 4.79%
33 (1357/28340). It was found that increased incidence of delirium was significantly
34 associated with aged over 75 years and males (all $P < 0.001$). Besides, patients with
35 delirium were more likely to have multiple comorbidities and to receive elective
36 surgery (all $P < 0.001$). The results of logistic regression analysis showed that self-pay
37 (OR = 0.51; CI = 0.31-0.83; $P = 0.007$), elective admission (OR = 0.53; CI = 0.47-0.60;
38 $P < 0.001$), obesity (OR = 0.77; CI = 0.66-0.92; $P = 0.003$), female (OR = 0.79; CI =
39 0.71-0.88; $P < 0.001$), and private insurance (OR = 0.80; CI = 0.67-0.95; $P = 0.012$)
40 were associated with lower occurrence of delirium. Besides, delirium was related to
41 extra total hospital charges ($P < 0.001$), increased length of stay ($P < 0.001$), higher
42 inpatient mortality ($P = 0.001$), and perioperative complications (including heart failure,
43 acute renal failure, urinary tract infection, urinary retention, septicemia, pneumonia,
44 blood transfusion, and cerebral edema) ($P < 0.001$).

45 **Conclusion:** Many factors were associated with the occurrence of delirium after brain
46 tumor resection. Therefore, clinicians should identify high-risk patients prone to
47 delirium in a timely manner and take effective management measures to reduce adverse
48 outcomes.

49 **Keywords:** Delirium, Risk factors, Brain tumor, Resection, National Inpatient
50 Sample

51 **Introduction**

52 Delirium is a prevalent complication observed in old patients, with an incidence of
53 15% to 25% after elective surgery. It represents a sudden alteration in consciousness,
54 cognitive function, and attention occurring within the initial seven days post-surgery¹.
55 ². The Nomenclature Consensus Working Group has recently proposed the inclusion of
56 postoperative delirium within the category of perioperative neurocognitive disorders³.
57 Primary injury and surgery may cause damage to brain tissue, and patients after
58 neurosurgery may be exposed to more risk factors for delirium⁴. It is reported that the
59 probability of delirium after brain tumor surgery is 18.6-29.6 %⁴⁻⁶. Delirium is related
60 to adverse outcomes, longer hospital stays, higher medical costs, and increased
61 incidence of complications^{7, 8}. The prevention and treatment of delirium remain
62 challenging, and there is almost no evidence to support commonly used drug
63 interventions, such as atypical antipsychotic drugs. Therefore, it is crucial to identify
64 high-risk patients for delirium before surgery to improve postoperative results and
65 avoid adverse events⁹⁻¹¹.

66 Numerous published studies have primarily focused on investigating delirium in
67 elderly patients following orthopedic, spinal, and cardiovascular surgeries, given its
68 prevalence in this demographic^{1, 7, 11, 12}. Neurosurgical patients, who often necessitate
69 prolonged intensive care unit (ICU) stay, frequent neurological assessments, and
70 interruptions to their sleep patterns, are widely thought to be at an elevated risk of
71 developing delirium^{13, 14}. Additionally, these patients frequently contend with
72 neurological or metabolic disorders associated with neurosurgical conditions and the
73 possibility of neurological deficits that can impact mental status or communication^{9, 15}.
74 Although previous studies have identified various factors associated with delirium,
75 such as age, level of education, use of anticholinergic drugs, etc. However, these studies
76 are small sample retrospective studies^{2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12}. Therefore, it is still necessary to
77 further study the incidence of postoperative delirium, clinical significance and risk
78 factors associated with delirium, especially in patients after brain tumor resection.

79 To date, there has been a notable absence of the utilization of a comprehensive
80 national database to investigate the occurrence and risk factors associated with delirium
81 following brain tumor resection. Given the limited number of studies focusing on the
82 evaluation of delirium in neurosurgical patients, there exists a scarcity of data
83 specifically addressing post-craniotomy cases^{9, 13, 14}. To bridge this knowledge gap, we
84 sought to harness data from the National Inpatient Sample (NIS) database to assess both
85 the occurrence and factors associated with delirium following brain tumor resection.
86 Additionally, an additional hypothesis was put forth, seeking to identify specific factors
87 that could aid in identifying patient populations requiring optimization prior to surgery.

88 **Materials and methods**

89 **1. Data source**

90 Data for this study was obtained from the National Inpatient Sample database, which
91 is a component of the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Program under the Agency for

92 Healthcare Research and Quality. The NIS database represents the largest all-payer
93 inpatient database, collecting stratified samples from over a thousand hospitals,
94 accounting for about 20% of hospitalizations in the United States every year. It
95 comprises a wealth of data encompassing both clinical and non-clinical factors. This
96 extensive dataset includes information on diagnoses, demographics, payment details,
97 hospital characteristics, and procedures for around 7 million inpatients annually.
98 Extracted data encompass various elements, such as length of stay (LOS), patient
99 demographics, and procedural and diagnostic codes based on the International
100 Classification of Diseases (10th revision) Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM)¹². More
101 information about the NIS and data access can be obtained from the website: [www.hcup](http://www.hcup.usahrq.gov)
102 [usahrq.gov](http://www.hcup.usahrq.gov). This study is not subject to ethical committee regulations since it relied on
103 anonymized public data.

104 **2. Data collection**

105 Data was collected from the National Inpatient Sample database from January 1,
106 2016, to December 31, 2019. The study encompassed all admissions that underwent a
107 definitive craniotomy for brain tumor. These patients were identified based on the ICD-
108 10-CM admission diagnostic code, including meningioma, glioma and brain metastases
109 (Table S1). Patients undergoing craniotomy surgery were identified based on specific
110 ICD-10-CM procedure codes, encompassing various surgical procedures related to the
111 brain, cerebral meninges, dura mater, cerebral ventricle, cerebral hemisphere, pons,
112 cerebellum, and medulla oblongata (Table S1). The identification of delirium patients
113 was based on specific ICD-10-CM diagnostic codes (Table S1)¹⁶⁻¹⁸. Patients with
114 missing data and those younger than 18 years were excluded from the analysis (Figure
115 1).

116 Based on the occurrence of delirium, patients were stratified into two categories.
117 Demographic characteristics, such as race, age, and sex, were assessed. Outcome
118 measures, including total hospitalization cost, mode of admission, length of stay,
119 hospitalization mortality, preoperative comorbidities, and insurance type, were
120 analyzed. To identify complications that might be independently associated with
121 delirium, as well as surgical and medical perioperative complications before discharge,
122 the ICD-10-CM diagnostic code was utilized. Perioperative medical complications
123 included septicemia, pneumonia, heart failure, cardiac arrest, thrombocytopenia,
124 pulmonary embolism, acute cerebrovascular disease, acute myocardial infarction,
125 stroke, urinary tract infection, acute renal failure, urinary retention, respiratory failure,
126 continuous trauma ventilation, deep vein thrombosis, convulsion, and cerebral edema.
127 Perioperative surgical complications encompassed wound infection, wound dehiscence,
128 and blood transfusion. A total of 32 preoperative comorbidities were collected from the
129 NIS database (Table 1).

130 **3. Data analysis**

131 The statistical analyses were performed using R version 3.5.3 and SPSS version 25
132 statistical software. The distribution normality of continuous data was visually assessed
133 using a normal quantile plot. For continuous data, the Wilcoxon rank test was applied,
134 while categorical data underwent the Chi-square test to assess the significance of inter-

135 group differences. Univariate logistic regression models and multivariate logistic
136 regression models were generated to assess the association between delirium and other
137 comorbidities or perioperative complications. In order to identify independent
138 predictors of postoperative delirium and their associations with other surgical and
139 medical complications, binary logistic regression analysis with stepwise regression was
140 employed. The analysis encompassed all variables provided by the NIS, including
141 preoperative comorbidities, hospital characteristics, and demographics. Statistical
142 significance was set at $P < 0.05$.

143 **Results**

144 **1. Delirium occurrence following brain tumor resection**

145 From 2016 to 2019, 28340 patients who underwent brain tumor resection were
146 screened from the NIS database, with the incidence of delirium being 4.79% ($n=1357$)
147 (Table 2). The annual incidence of delirium after brain tumor resection fluctuated over
148 the study period (Figure 2).

149 **2. Patient demographics and hospital characteristics**

150 The average age of patients with delirium was 67 years, which was significantly
151 higher by 7 years compared to the mean age of 60 years in patients without delirium (P
152 < 0.001) (Table 2). Besides, the age distribution between the two groups was
153 significantly different. The occurrence of delirium was notably higher in cases aged
154 over 75 years, with a 15.29% increase (26.75% vs. 11.46%, $P < 0.001$) (Figure 3A-B).
155 Predictably, compared with patients without delirium, patients with delirium after brain
156 tumor resection were associated with a 19.35% (63.04% vs. 82.39%, $P < 0.001$) higher
157 likelihood of multiple comorbidities ($n \geq 3$) (Table 2) (Figure 3C-D). Besides, the
158 occurrence of delirium in females was significantly lower than in males (45.47% vs.
159 54.53%, $P < 0.001$) (Table 2) (Figure 4A-B). As expected, compared with patients
160 without delirium, patients with delirium after brain tumor resection were associated
161 with a 20.91% (32.05% vs. 52.96%, $P < 0.001$) lower likelihood of elective surgery
162 (Table 2) (Figure 4C-D).

163 **3. Adverse outcomes of delirium after brain tumor resection**

164 Besides, the in-hospital mortality associated with delirium was higher than non-
165 delirium cases (2.36% vs. 1.28%, $P = 0.001$) (Table 2). The median LOS associated
166 with delirium was extended by 4 days (9 days vs. 5 days; $P < 0.001$) (Table 2).
167 Accordingly, delirium was also associated with higher medical expenses, with an
168 increase of \$41669 compared with non-delirium cases (\$159042 vs. \$117373, $P < 0.001$)
169 (Table 2). When stratified by insurance type, the proportion of patients with Medicare
170 insurance was significantly higher in the delirium group at 54.97% compared to 38.13%
171 in the non-delirium group ($P < 0.001$) (Table 2). Conversely, the proportion with private
172 insurance was significantly lower in the delirium group at 29.18% versus 44.17% in the
173 non-delirium group ($P < 0.001$) (Table 2) (Figure 5).

174 **4. Perioperative complications related to delirium following brain tumor resection**

175 Univariate analysis showed that compared with patients without delirium, patients
176 with delirium after brain tumor resection were more likely to have perioperative

177 medical complications such as septicemia, urinary tract infection, pneumonia, stroke,
178 acute renal failure, urinary retention, respiratory failure, heart failure,
179 thrombocytopenia, acute cerebrovascular disease, and cerebral edema, or perioperative
180 surgical complications such as blood transfusion (Table 3). Multivariate analysis
181 showed that delirium after brain tumor resection was associated with urinary tract
182 infection (odds ratio [OR] = 2.03; 95% confidence interval [CI] = 1.70-2.44; P = 0.001),
183 urinary retention (OR = 1.89; 95% CI = 1.52-2.35; P < 0.001), cerebral edema (OR =
184 1.73; 95% CI = 1.52-1.96; P < 0.001), acute renal failure (OR = 1.56; 95% CI = 1.25-
185 1.94; P < 0.001), septicemia (OR = 1.43; 95% CI = 1.01-2.04; P = 0.046), pneumonia
186 (OR = 1.37; 95% CI = 1.00-1.87; P = 0.049), and blood transfusion (OR = 1.31; 95%
187 CI = 1.03-1.67; P = 0.029) (Table 3).

188 **5. Risk factors related to delirium following brain tumor resection**

189 Logistic regression analysis was conducted to identify factors predisposing to
190 delirium, including psychoses (OR = 2.89; 95% CI = 2.27-3.68; P < 0.001), other
191 neurological disorders (OR = 2.77; 95% CI = 2.33-3.28; P < 0.001), multiple
192 comorbidities ($n \geq 3$; OR = 2.59; 95% CI = 1.56-4.29; P < 0.001), pulmonary circulation
193 disorders (OR = 1.88; 95% CI = 1.18-2.98; P = 0.008), advanced age (≥ 65 years; OR =
194 1.67; 95% CI = 1.41-1.97; P < 0.001), alcohol abuse (OR = 1.59; 95% CI = 1.21-2.09;
195 P = 0.001), peripheral vascular disorders (OR = 1.52; 95% CI = 1.17-1.96; P < 0.001),
196 weight loss (OR = 1.44; 95% CI = 1.17-1.77; P < 0.001), hypertension (OR = 1.43; 95%
197 CI = 1.27-1.62; P < 0.001), diabetes with chronic complications (OR = 1.41; 95% CI =
198 1.20-1.67; P < 0.001), fluid and electrolyte disorders (OR = 1.36; 95% CI = 1.19-1.55;
199 P < 0.001), depression (OR = 1.30; 95% CI = 1.11-1.52; P = 0.001), paralysis (OR =
200 1.25; 95% CI = 1.09-1.44; P = 0.001), and smoking (OR = 1.15; 95% CI = 1.02-1.31;
201 P = 0.024) (Figure 6). Multivariable logistic regression identified several factors
202 associated with decreased odds of delirium, including self-pay (OR = 0.51; 95% CI =
203 0.31-0.83; P = 0.007), elective admission (OR = 0.53; 95% CI = 0.47-0.60; P < 0.001),
204 obesity (OR = 0.77; 95% CI = 0.66-0.92; P = 0.003), female (OR = 0.79; 95% CI =
205 0.71-0.88; P < 0.001), and private insurance (OR = 0.80; 95% CI = 0.67-0.95; P = 0.012)
206 (Figure 6).

207 **Discussion**

208 At present, little is known about the pathogenesis of delirium. Cognitive impairment
209 and simultaneous slow activity of brain waves in patients with delirium are caused by
210 a general decrease in brain oxidative metabolism. Any disease or toxic substance can
211 cause delirium as long as it can reduce the supply, intake and utilization of substances
212 related to brain metabolic activity. The decrease of cerebral oxidative metabolic rate
213 can lead to the decrease of acetylcholine synthesis. Choline deficiency constitutes one
214 of the characteristic manifestations of metabolic-toxic encephalopathy, namely
215 delirium¹⁹. Both primary injury and surgery can cause brain tissue damage, and patients
216 after neurosurgery may be exposed to more risk factors for delirium⁴. Brain tumors can
217 lead to a variety of neurological disorders, including seizures, paralysis, language
218 deficits and cognitive decline, which have a negative impact on the quality of life of

219 patients. Surgical resection is essential for the establishment of pathological diagnosis,
220 reduction of space occupying effect, and enhancement of neurological function and
221 quality of life in patients with brain tumors. Therefore, patients undergoing brain tumor
222 resection are inevitably at risk of delirium.

223 To our knowledge, no study has hitherto investigated the occurrence and factors
224 predisposing to delirium following brain tumor resection using data from the NIS
225 database. A recently published meta-analysis based on 24 studies about craniotomy
226 surgeries revealed that the incidence of delirium ranged from 12% to 26%. Several
227 reports have shown that the probability of delirium after brain tumor surgery is 18.6-
228 29.6%⁴⁻⁶. This variability was attributed to differences in clinical characteristics and the
229 methods employed for delirium evaluation. Notably, the incidence of delirium was
230 observed to be the highest following neurovascular surgery²⁰. This study utilized a
231 comprehensive national database to perform an extensive health-economic evaluation
232 of delirium occurring after brain tumor resection surgery. The incidence of delirium
233 fluctuated from 4.71% to 4.87% from 2016 to 2019, it was lower than the above studies,
234 and there were several possible reasons to explain this significant difference. Firstly,
235 prior studies suffered from limited sample size and the inclusion of predominantly
236 elderly participants, leading to a comparatively elevated occurrence rate¹³. Secondly,
237 depending on the standards used, different institutions may also have differences in the
238 definition and diagnosis of delirium¹². Thirdly, the limitations of the NIS database, such
239 as high specificity, low sensitivity, and providing only inpatient delirium, may lead to
240 an underestimation of the incidence⁷.

241 Age and gender are often associated with the occurrence of postoperative delirium¹,
242 ^{12, 21, 22}. In this study, patients experiencing delirium tended to be 7 years older on
243 average than those without delirium. Furthermore, when considering age distribution,
244 the delirium group exhibited a higher proportion of elderly patients. Moreover, being
245 aged 65 years or older was an independent predictor for delirium during logistic
246 regression analysis, consistent with previous studies^{1, 12, 21, 22}. Advanced age has the
247 potential to induce cognitive impairment, and its underlying mechanism remains
248 intricate and not fully understood. One plausible speculation is that aging is closely
249 associated with atherosclerosis and endothelial dysfunction, thereby elevating the
250 likelihood of cerebral embolism²³. In addition, as suggested by earlier studies, an
251 alternative explanation is that postoperative neurocognitive dysfunction in elderly
252 patients may arise from the inhibition of cerebral blood flow, with postoperative
253 inflammatory changes contributing to this inhibition^{24, 25}. Moreover, we found that the
254 proportion of females affected by delirium was significantly lower than males. During
255 logistic regression analysis, being female was an independent protective factor for
256 delirium. One potential factor contributing to the association between males and
257 delirium is the potential severity of the underlying disease. In a prospective cohort study
258 examining delirium and postoperative outcomes, males exhibited a slightly lower
259 average age than females. However, their overall baseline health status was poorer,
260 characterized by a higher number of comorbidities and elevated ASA scores²⁶.
261 Consequently, at the same age, elderly female patients tended to have a better health

262 status than their male counterparts, resulting in a lower incidence of delirium.
263 Predictably, the presence of multiple comorbidities ($n \geq 3$) was correlated with a higher
264 rate of delirium following brain tumor resection. This association is rational since a
265 higher comorbidity score signifies a poorer preoperative health condition, potentially
266 fostering the emergence of adverse events, such as postoperative delirium²⁷.

267 As expected, the number of delirium cases who underwent brain tumor resection
268 during elective surgery was relatively small. During logistic regression analysis, we
269 found that elective admission was an independent protective factor for delirium. This
270 observation could be attributed to the fact that most elective cases generally present
271 with favorable health conditions and undergo thorough pre-surgical preparations. In
272 contrast, emergency cases often involve severe events such as brain edema or complex
273 scenarios lacking meticulous preoperative evaluations²⁸. When comparing patients with
274 and without delirium, it was observed that those without delirium tended to opt for self-
275 payment and private insurance. Furthermore, logistic regression analyses indicated that
276 private insurance and self-payment were protective factors against delirium. One
277 plausible explanation is that having private insurance or being able to self-pay often
278 signifies better financial conditions for patients, which may play a significant role in
279 averting delirium. Additionally, previous speculations by researchers suggested that
280 clinical staff might consciously treat patients differently when disparities in insurance
281 or income are detected among patients²⁹. According to the previous reports, delirium
282 has been linked to prolonged hospital stays, increased medical expenses, and elevated
283 mortality rates^{21, 30, 31}. Our research yielded similar findings. Delirium was associated
284 with a median LOS extension of 4 days, and the total hospitalization cost for each
285 admission increased by \$41,669. This could be attributed to the fact that patients with
286 delirium often experience impairments in consciousness, cognitive function, and
287 perception, making it challenging to adhere to nursing and rehabilitation guidance³².
288 Another contributing factor is the close association between delirium and the
289 occurrence of perioperative complications, including septicemia, urinary tract infection,
290 pneumonia, stroke, acute renal failure, urinary retention, respiratory failure, heart
291 failure, thrombocytopenia, and acute cerebrovascular disease. These complications
292 typically lead to delayed discharge, prolonged hospital stays, and increased mortality
293 during hospitalization³³. The escalation in total hospitalization costs for patients with
294 delirium is not solely attributed to prolonged hospital stays; it also stems from the high
295 costs associated with the treatment and care of delirium and its related complications.
296 Consequently, the hospitalization mortality of patients with delirium was approximately
297 twice that of those without delirium^{34, 35}.

298 To mitigate the risk of delirium, it is crucial to assess potential risk factors prior to
299 the operation. Utilizing logistic regression analysis, we identified risk factors and, upon
300 comparison with previous studies, found a fundamental consistency in the identified
301 risk factors^{7, 12, 21, 27, 31}. In addition to the previously discussed risk and protective factors
302 such as age, sex, type of insurance, elective admission, and number of comorbidities,
303 other noteworthy risk factors were identified. The risk of delirium increased in patients
304 with a history of other neurological and psychiatric disorders, such as psychoses, other

305 neurological disorders, alcohol abuse, and depression. Other comorbidities were also
306 identified as factors predisposing to delirium, including pulmonary circulation
307 disorders, peripheral vascular disorders, weight loss, hypertension, diabetes with
308 chronic complications, fluid and electrolyte disorders, paralysis, and smoking.
309 Perioperative complications such as urinary tract infection, heart failure, urinary
310 retention, cerebral edema, acute renal failure, septicemia, pneumonia, and blood
311 transfusion were independently associated with delirium. Interestingly, we observed
312 that obesity was identified as a protective factor. Contrary to our findings, a previous
313 study showed that the incidence of postoperative delirium in elderly patients increased
314 with the increase of BMI index³⁶. However, consistent with our findings, a study on the
315 relationship between BMI and postoperative delirium showed that BMI is a protective
316 factor for postoperative delirium³⁷. The research on obesity is mainly concentrated in
317 the field of cardiovascular disease, which is considered to be an unfavorable factor in
318 the occurrence of various diseases. However, in the recovery stage of the disease,
319 obesity is beneficial and can help patients recover as soon as possible. In addition, our
320 study has a large age range, in which young patients and middle-aged patients account
321 for a large proportion, which can offset the negative impact of obesity to a certain extent
322 and amplify the benefits of obesity. This might explain why our findings support obesity
323 as a protective factor for postoperative delirium.

324 Nonetheless, the analysis of data from the National Inpatient Sample database comes
325 with certain shortcomings that should be acknowledged. Firstly, the database only
326 captured complications that occur before discharge, indicating that any complications
327 arising after the patient leaves the hospital will go unrecorded, potentially leading to an
328 underestimation of the incidence of delirium²¹. Secondly, our analysis was restricted to
329 the data available in the NIS database. Notably absent from the database are other
330 recognized risk factors, including but not limited to anesthesia type, surgical duration,
331 drugs administered during the perioperative period (such as benzodiazepines, ketamine,
332 and opioids), dysfunction, visual impairment, brain tumor location, brain tumor
333 pathology, and similar factors³⁸. Thirdly, the potential for misclassification or
334 discrepancies in documentation and coding exists, as is typical with expansive
335 databases. Consequently, administrative data tend to demonstrate high specificity but
336 low sensitivity in identifying adverse events. However, it cannot be ignored that due to
337 the correlation between drugs such as antiepileptic drugs and emotions and behaviors³⁹,
338 there may be not only low sensitivity problems, but also low specificity. Thus, this
339 phenomenon may lead to an underestimation of the incidence of delirium following
340 brain tumor resection²⁷. Fourthly, there is a relation between delirium and non-
341 convulsive status epilepticus⁴⁰, and no data have been collected on this comorbidity,
342 which is one of the limitations of this study. Finally, the occurrence of delirium in the
343 NIS database is marked and recorded by the corresponding ICD-10-CM. However,
344 delirium may also occur in patients with organic diseases in neurology patients, so it is
345 difficult to specifically distinguish between delirium caused by surgery or organic
346 diseases.

347 **Conclusion**

348 This study identified that self-pay, elective admission, obesity, being female, and
349 private insurance were associated with lower occurrence of delirium. Besides, delirium
350 was related to extra total hospital charges, increased LOS, higher inpatient mortality,
351 and perioperative complications (heart failure, acute renal failure, urinary tract infection,
352 urinary retention, septicemia, pneumonia, blood transfusion, and cerebral edema).
353 Therefore, healthcare professionals should prioritize the identification of high-risk
354 populations for delirium among cases undergoing brain tumor resection. In subsequent
355 studies, researchers can develop and implement effective management measures to
356 reduce the probability of postoperative delirium in patients with brain tumors.

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357 **Declarations**

358 **Conflict of Interest**

359 The authors declare that the research was conducted in the absence of any
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362 **Consent for publication**

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494 **Figure legends**

495 **Figure 1. Flow diagram of exclusion criteria in patients with delirium following**
496 **brain tumor resection.**

497 **Figure 2. Annual incidence of delirium following brain tumor resection.**

498 **Figure 3. Patient age and comorbidity number between the two surgical groups.**
499 (A) Age distribution analysis of non-delirium patients. (B) Analysis of age distribution
500 of patients with delirium. (C) Number of comorbidity analysis of non-delirium patients.
501 (D) Number of comorbidity analysis of patients with delirium.

502 **Figure 4. Patient sex and elective admission analysis between the two surgical**
503 **groups.** (A) Gender analysis of non-delirium patients. (B) Gender analysis of patients
504 with delirium. (C) Elective admission analysis of non-delirium patients. (D) Elective
505 admission analysis of delirium patients.

506 **Figure 5. Patient insurance types between the two surgical groups.** (A) Analysis of
507 insurance types for non-delirium patients. (B) Analysis of insurance types for patients
508 with delirium.

509 **Figure 6. Risk factors associated with delirium after brain tumor resection.** AIDS:
510 Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, OR: Odds ratio, CI: Confidence interval.

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Table 1 Variables used in binary logistic regression analysis

Variables Categories	Specific Variables
Patient demographics	Age (≤ 64 years and ≥ 65 years), sex (male and female), race (White, Black, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander and Other)
Hospital characteristics	Type of admission (non-elective, elective), bed size of hospital (small, medium, large), teaching status of hospital (nonteaching, teaching), location of hospital (rural, urban), type of insurance (Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, self-pay, other), location of the hospital (northeast, Midwest or north central, south, west)
Comorbidities	AIDS, alcohol abuse, deficiency anemia, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic blood loss anemia, congestive heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease, coagulopathy, depression, diabetes (uncomplicated), diabetes (with chronic complications), drug abuse, hypertension, hypothyroidism, liver disease, lymphoma, fluid and electrolyte disorders, metastatic cancer, other neurological disorders, obesity, paralysis, peripheral vascular disorders, psychoses, pulmonary circulation disorders, renal failure, solid tumor without metastasis, peptic ulcer disease, valvular disease, weight loss, smoke, epilepsy, and Parkinson's disease

AIDS: Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

Table 2 Patient characteristics and outcomes after brain tumor resection (2016-2019)

Characteristics	No delirium	delirium	P
Total (n=count)	26983	1357	
Total incidence (%)		4.79	
Age (median, years)	60(50, 69)	67(58, 75)	<0.001
Age group (%)			
18-44	17.35	8.40	
45-64	45.19	34.71	<0.001
65-74	26.00	30.14	
≥75	11.46	26.75	
Gender (%)			
Male	46.80	54.53	<0.001
Female	53.20	45.47	
Race (%)			
White	74.24	74.21	
Black	9.51	11.86	
Hispanic	8.85	7.00	0.058
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.21	3.39	
Other	4.18	3.54	
Number of Comorbidity (%)			
0	4.23	1.18	
1	13.15	4.94	<0.001
2	19.57	11.50	
≥3	63.04	82.39	
LOS (median, d)	5(3, 8)	9(6, 14)	<0.001
Total charges (median, \$)	117,373 (77,913-180,233)	159,042 (106,862-251,768)	<0.001
Type of insure (%)			
Medicare	38.13	54.97	
Medicaid	11.73	10.98	
Private insurance	44.17	29.18	<0.001
Self-pay	2.85	1.33	
Other	3.12	3.54	
Bed size of hospital (%)			
Small	6.81	7.00	
Medium	18.74	19.75	0.599
Large	74.45	73.25	
Elective admission (%)	52.96	32.05	<0.001
Type of hospital (teaching %)	91.50	91.30	0.803

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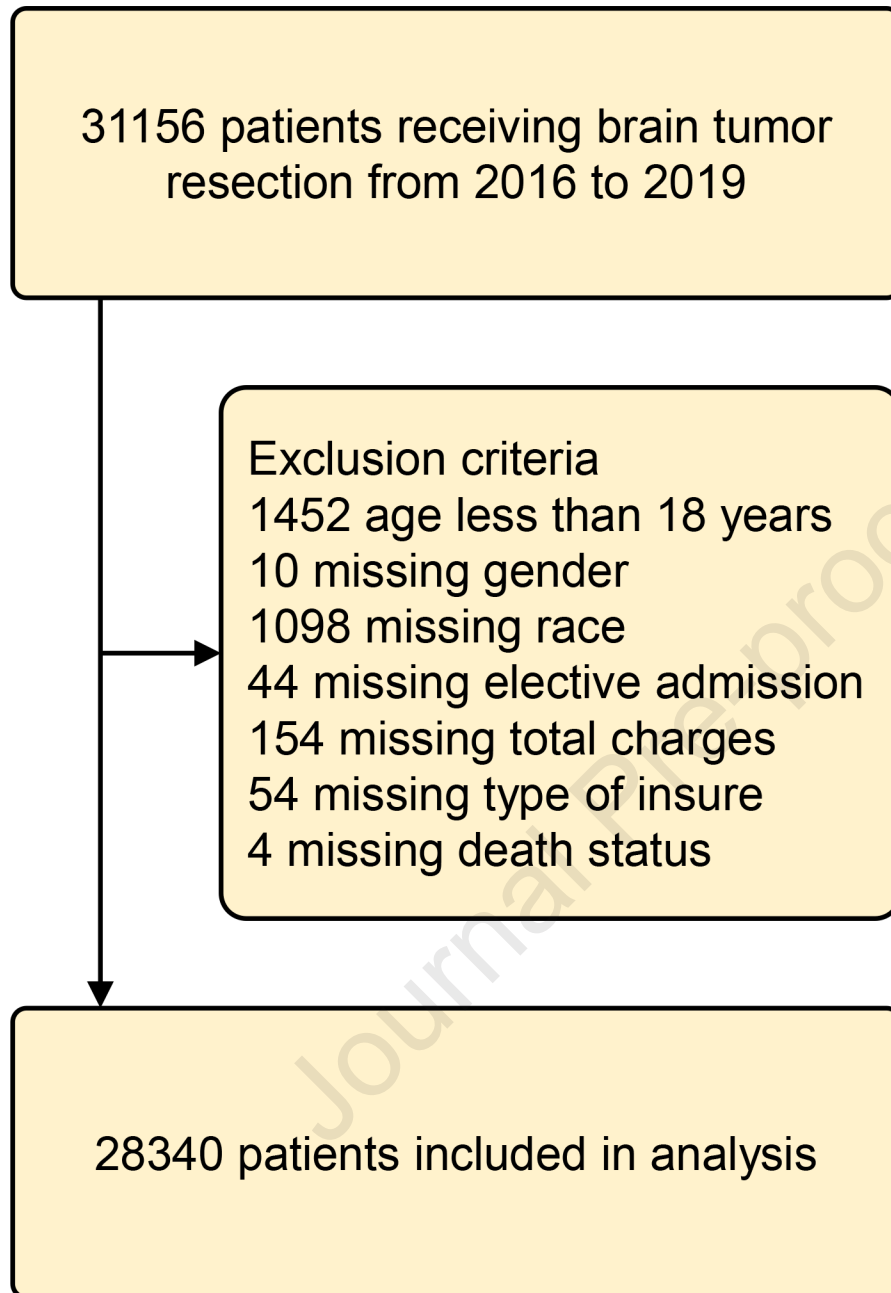
Characteristics	No delirium	delirium	P
Location of hospital (urban, %)	99.07	99.12	0.853
Region of hospital (%)			
Northeast	20.48	21.08	
Midwest or North Central	20.62	20.71	0.175
South	37.94	35.30	
West	20.96	22.92	
Died (%)	1.28	2.36	0.001

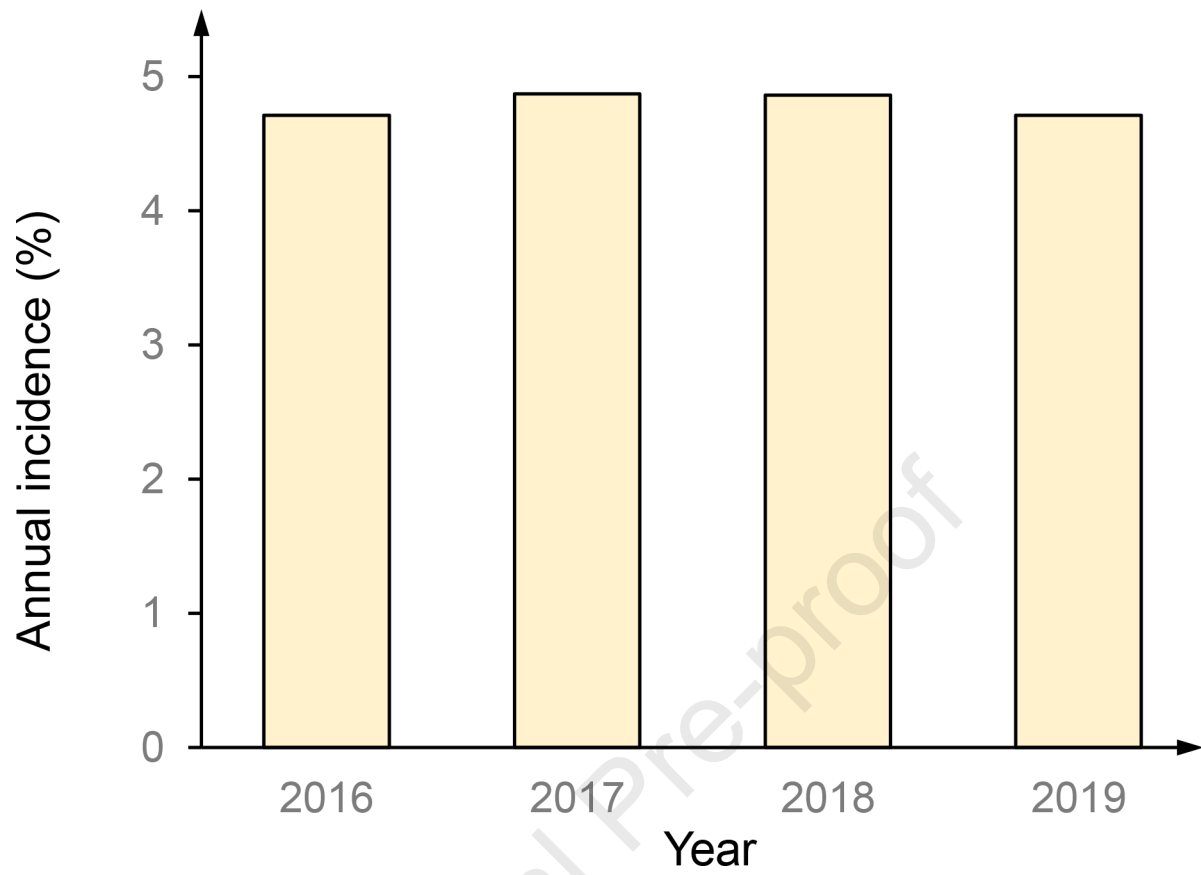
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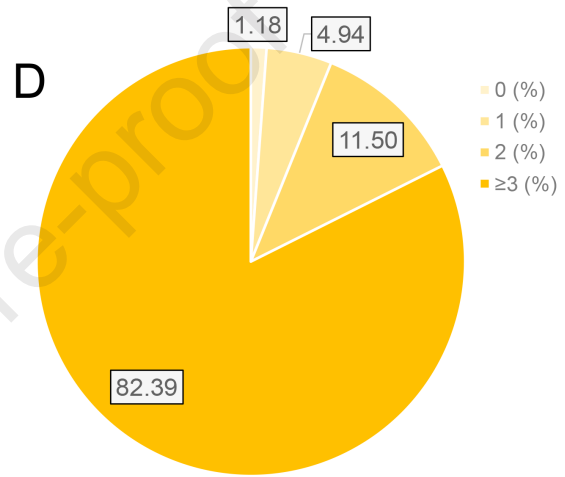
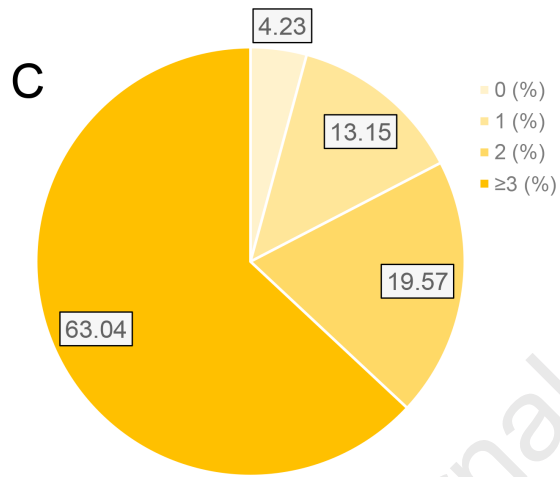
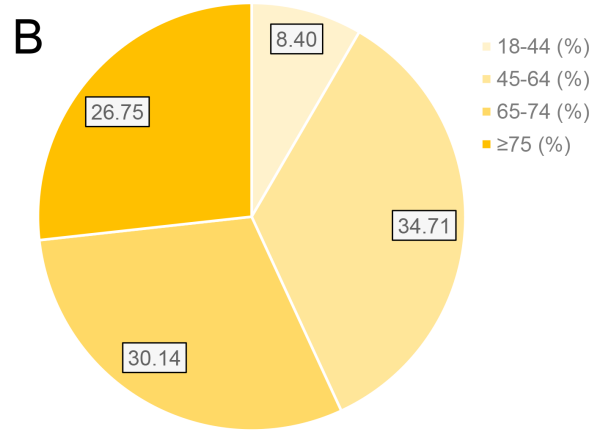
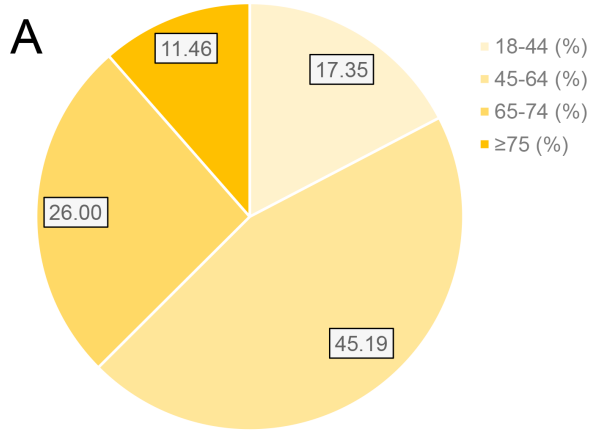
Table 3 Relationship between delirium and other postoperative complications

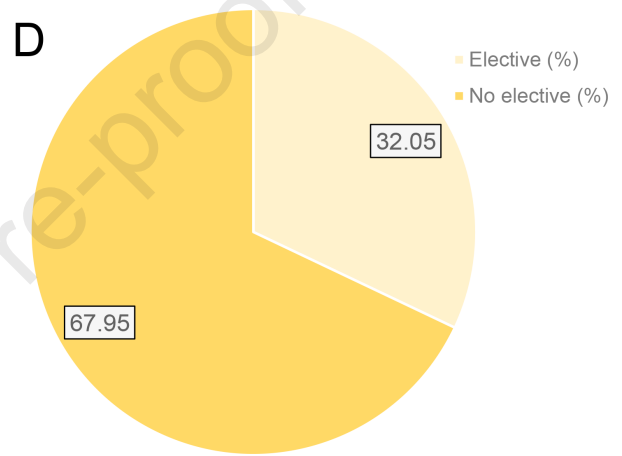
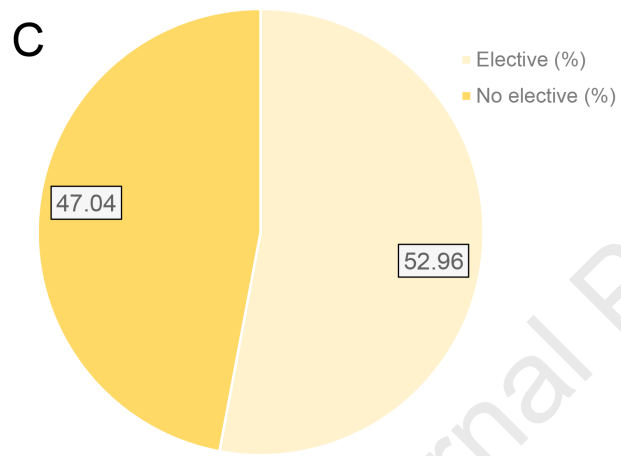
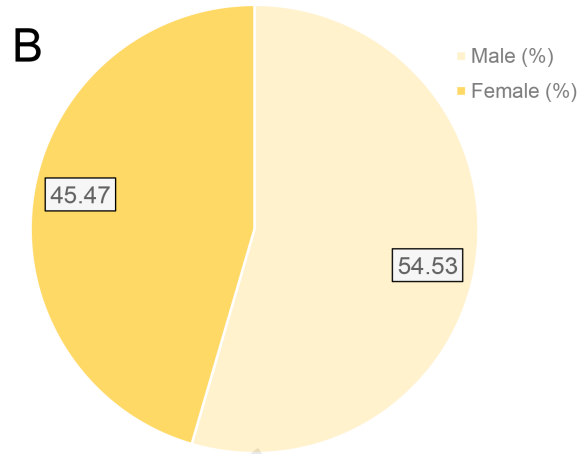
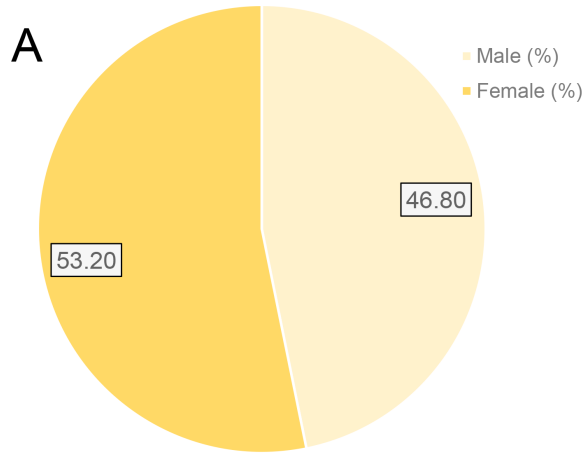
Complications	Univariate Analysis			Multivariate Logistic Regression		
	No delirium	Delirium	P	OR	95% CI	P
Medical complications						
Septicemia	337 (1.25%)	44 (3.24%)	<0.001	1.43	1.01-2.04	0.046
AMI	94 (0.35%)	12 (0.88%)	0.002	1.47	0.78-2.78	0.237
Deep vein thrombosis	416 (1.54%)	37 (2.73%)	0.001	1.21	0.84-1.75	0.294
Urinary tract infection	1296 (4.8%)	161 (11.86%)	<0.001	2.03	1.70-2.44	<0.001
Cardiac arrest	65 (0.24%)	7 (0.52%)	0.086	1.46	0.65-3.27	0.358
Pneumonia	499 (1.85%)	52 (3.83%)	<0.001	1.37	1.00-1.87	0.049
Stroke	2487 (9.22%)	198 (14.59%)	<0.001	1.90	0.77-4.65	0.162
Acute renal failure	988 (3.66%)	109 (8.03%)	<0.001	1.56	1.25-1.94	<0.001
Urinary retention	907 (3.36%)	102 (7.52%)	<0.001	1.89	1.52-2.35	<0.001
Respiratory failure	567 (2.10%)	53 (3.91%)	<0.001	1.26	0.94-1.71	0.127
Continuous trauma ventilation	186 (0.69%)	11 (0.81%)	0.600	0.86	0.46-1.60	0.631
Heart failure	366 (1.36%)	44 (3.24%)	<0.001	1.93	1.39-2.68	<0.001
Pulmonary embolism	266 (0.99%)	17 (1.25%)	0.335	0.68	0.40-1.15	0.151
Thrombocytopenia	1075 (3.98%)	81 (5.97%)	<0.001	1.12	0.88-1.42	0.376
Convulsion	2666 (9.88%)	128 (9.43%)	0.589	0.94	0.78-1.14	0.530
Acute cerebrovascular disease	2567 (9.51%)	200 (14.74%)	<0.001	0.69	0.28-1.67	0.407
Cerebral edema	16535 (61.28%)	1021 (75.24%)	<0.001	1.73	1.52-1.96	<0.001
Surgical complications						
Wound infection	137 (0.51%)	5 (0.37%)	0.478	0.69	0.27-1.77	0.443
Wound dehiscence	112 (0.42%)	3 (0.22%)	0.273	0.47	0.14-1.54	0.210
Blood transfusion	991 (3.67%)	83 (6.12%)	<0.001	1.31	1.03-1.67	0.029

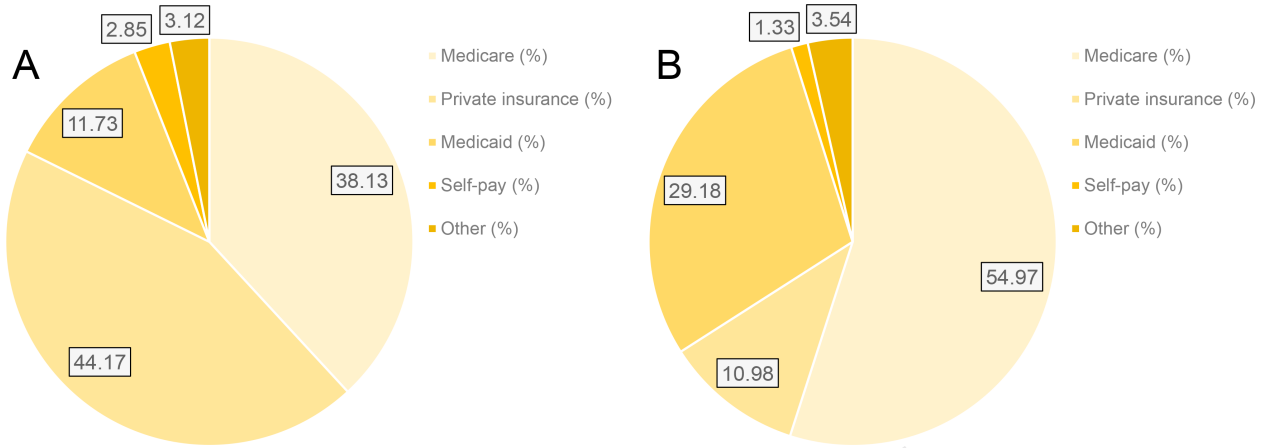
OR: Odds ratio, CI: Confidence interval, AMI: Acute myocardial infarction











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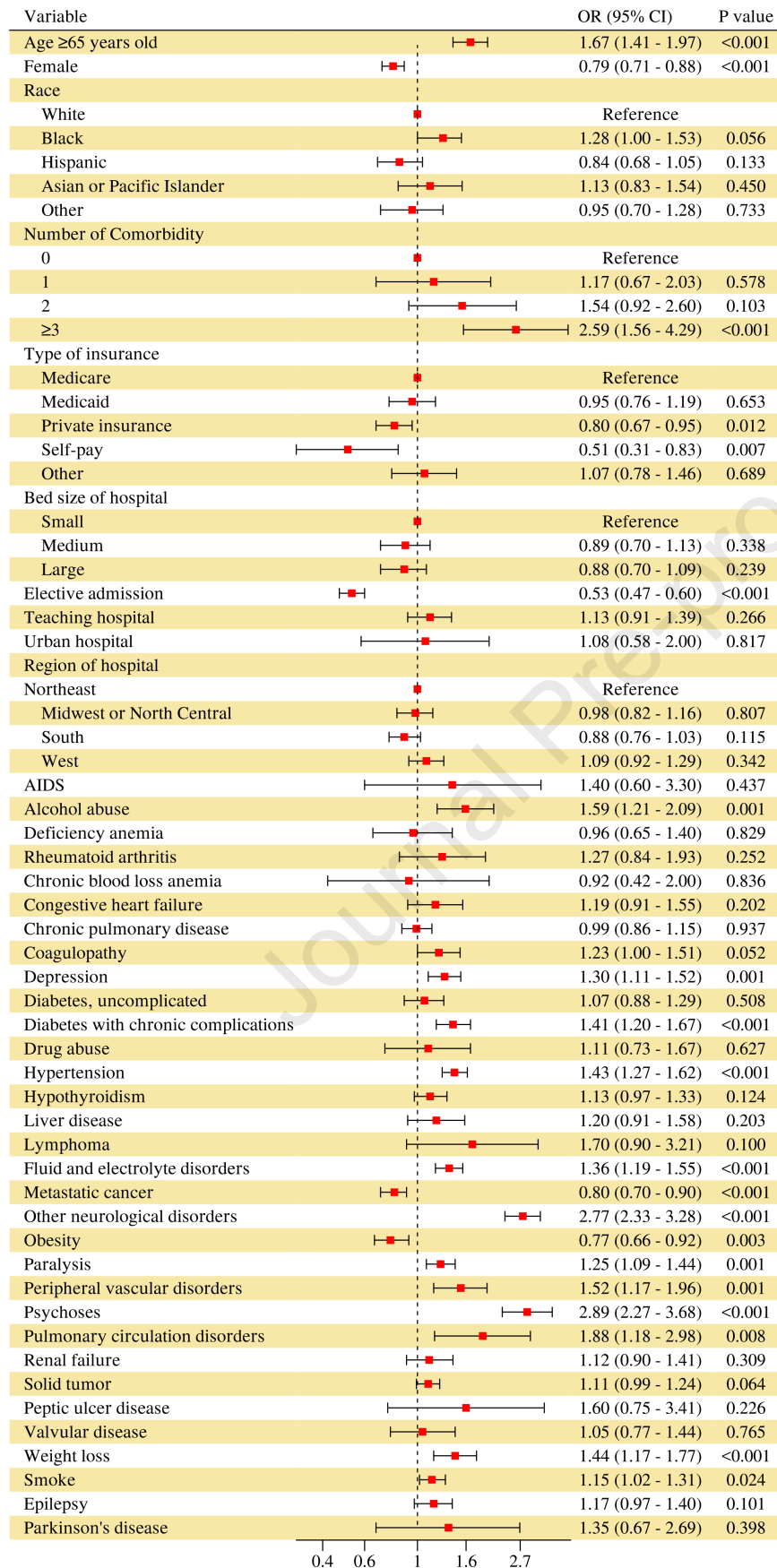


Table S1: International Classification of Diseases (10th revision) Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) codes that were used

Diagnosis/ Procedure	ICD-10 CM code
Delirium	F05, F06, F0390, R410, R418
Brain tumor	D320, D330, D331, D332, C700, C709, C71, C7931, C7932
Surgical procedure	00500ZZ, 00B00ZZ, 00C00ZZ, 00510ZZ, 00B10ZZ, 00C10ZZ, 00D10ZZ, 00520ZZ, 00B20ZZ, 00C20ZZ, 00D20ZZ, 00560ZZ, 00B60ZZ, 00C60ZZ, 00570ZZ, 00B70ZZ, 00C70ZZ, 00T70ZZ, 005B0ZZ, 00BB0ZZ, 00CB0ZZ, 005C0ZZ, 00BC0ZZ, 00CC0ZZ, 005D0ZZ, 00BD0ZZ, 00CD0ZZ

List of abbreviations

NIS National Inpatient Sample

LOS Length of stay

OR Odds ratio

CI Confidence interval

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