

Supplements to the information in the methods section

1.) The variable “ward of admission” was grouped as followed:

- The departments of haematology/oncology and radiation therapy were merged into the ward of admission “HAEMA”.
- All surgical departments were merged into “SURG”.
- Internal medicine, gynaecology, neurology, and interdisciplinary units were merged into “MED”.
- Due to small patient counts, anaesthesiology, urology, and nephrology were classified together as “Other wards”.

2.) The districts of Berlin are Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf, Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg, Lichtenberg, Marzahn-Hellersdorf, Mitte, Neukölln, Pankow, Reinickendorf, Steglitz-Zehlendorf, Spandau, Tempelhof-Schöneberg, and Treptow-Köpenick.

3.) The WHO regions are African Region, Region of Americas, South-East Asia Region, European Region, Eastern Mediterranean Region and Western Pacific Region.