**Table S2. The percentage and duration of steroid use in each episode**

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|  | Total case numbers | Numbers and percentage of  steroid usage n (%) | Average duration of  steroid usage (days) | *P* value*¶* |
|  |  |  |  | < 0.001 |
| Only 1 episode | 838 | 342 (40.8%) | 6.9 |  |
| At least 2 episodes | 77 | 43 (55.8%) | 10.1 |  |
| At least 3 episodes | 27 | 20 (74.1%) | 16.3 |  |
| More than 3 episodes | 60 | 41 (68.3%) | 23.1 |  |

*¶*Kruskal-Wallis Test