

Supplementary figure 4 (S4)

The photo shows the area near the hospital reception desk after the tsunami. Patients' medical information (charts), which had been stored at the back of the reception desk, along with the computers that had stored this information, were all lost. Subsequently, even if a patient came in person to the hospital, it was impossible to confirm which chronic disease the patient had, what treatment he or she had been receiving, or what condition he or she was in. This became a major obstacle to resuming the treatment of patients who had been affected by the tsunami.

