In this research, “How Will We Die?: Death Data from Vital Statistics of the Japanese Population,” I discussed three points. I explained how the data was collected, described how the number of deaths changes by year, age, sex, cause, and prefecture. I also implied how valuable and fruitful research can be produced by this data. I am not intending to “analyze” this data now, since my own analysis is still in preliminary stage. Rather, I introduced the outline and potential of the data in this paper.

This research, if fully developed in the future, will have micro and macro implications. In the former sense, I will incorporate unprecedented period of time and a wide range of causes of deaths to contribute to epidemiology, which usually make light of social factors other than individual factors. In the latter sense, I will provide a basic knowledge on which the future of welfare state is designed.