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Dear editorial board at BMC,

We once again thank the reviewers for their prompt assessment of the paper, and acceptance pending the final revision.

Below is our response to the revision suggested by reviewer 2, Marlies Noordzij

1. Explanation surrounding how the Charlson score is calculated and relevant values:
   a. We appreciate the reviewer comments surrounding this issue. In the revised manuscript, we described in more detail, how the score is calculated, but elected not to include a table with all the variables.
   b. In addition, while we did not state the minimum and maximum values (primarily because the maximum value would be a patient with 19 medical comorbidities, and not a common occurrence), we did explicitly state the Charlson score most predictive of mortality in a previous study of dialysis patients.
   c. Finally, we realized in table 1. (baseline characteristics), we had stated the Charlson score using decimal points, but as mentioned it is a whole number score. Thus, we rounded the mean score to the nearest whole number for the final version of the paper.