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Title: Early utilization of hypertonic peritoneal dialysate and subsequent risks of non-traumatic amputation among peritoneal dialysis patients: A nationwide retrospective longitudinal study

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Dear Dr. Henderson,

Thank you very much for your letter and Reviewers' comments of above referred manuscript.

We have responded the comments and revised our manuscript further according to the comments. Both the revision of the manuscript and our response to Reviewers’ comments point-by-point are submitted for your review.

Thank you very much for your consideration of publication of our article.

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Major Revision:

There is a paragraph at the end of page 10 of 19, which talks about the age related risk of amputation, which is not clear and should be rewritten to clarify the conclusions that the authors are trying to make. There is no data in the results section that supports this conclusion and this should either be included in the results or the discussion changed to reflect the fact that the data has not been submitted. This comes under the category of major revision as it strikes me that this is related to the interpretation of the data.

Response:

Thanks for careful revision. We have supplemented the data about age related risks of amputation in table 2. We have revised the discussion” Among patients younger than 70, the rate of amputation for both cohorts increased with age. This is likely due to an increased risk of death with surgery for this population, leading to a lower probability of amputation for patients over 70”.