Author's response to reviews

Title: Predicting erythropoietin resistance in hemodialysis patients with type 2 diabetes

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Again, we thank the editors and reviewers for their valuable comments, which helped us to improve our manuscript.

According to the suggestions, we have prepared a revised version of the manuscript. In the following paragraphs, we repeat each question by the reviewers, and provide our answers accordingly.

We have highlighted the changes in the revised version of the manuscript. We feel that we could answer and comment appropriately to all of the issues raised by the reviewers.

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REFEREE #3:

R3: The authors have satisfactorily addressed my comments 2 - 4. With regards to comment 1, I would recommend the following:

1. In Methods section, ESA Resistance subsection, specify that the index was calculated in a cross-sectional fashion at baseline.

A1: We thank the reviewer for the advice and included this important information on page 5, lines 8-9 of the revised manuscript.

R3: In Discussion section, you can mention that calculating ESA Resistance Index from single ESA and Hgb value, does not account for the time dynamics of the erythropoiesis process.

A2: We agree with the reviewer and revised our manuscript accordingly. Please find the revision in the discussion section on page 11, lines 1-2.
Thank you again for your comments and suggestions, by which we believe the manuscript has much improved.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. A. Schneider, on behalf of all co-authors