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BMC Nephrology Editors,

On behalf of my coauthors and I, please accept our resubmitted manuscript entitled, “A retrospective, longitudinal study estimating the association between interdialytic weight gain and cardiovascular events and death in hemodialysis patients.”

We have addressed the following editorial issues itemized in your email correspondence from June 5:

1. Please include the name of the ethics committee who deemed this study to be exempt.

The sentence has been revised in the Methods section to include that information.
2. Please clarify if the database used is freely available, and if not, include details of who gave them permission to access the data.

The investigators were provided access to the proprietary patient dataset by its owner, a large dialysis organization. The dataset is not readily available for study except by research agreement. The sentence has been revised in the Methods section (Word document page 5).

3. Please specifically mention all authors in the Authors Contributions, currently only 7 of the 8 authors are included and author Donna E. Jensen's contributions are missing.

The author contributions have been updated (Word document page 17).

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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