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Dear Dr. Crier,

we are very pleased of the opportunity to publish our results in your Journal and we are grateful for your additional comments. We modified the paper as suggested by you and your distinguished reviewers.

Ramin Sam (Reviewer 1):
"The authors have modified the paper into an acceptable form. I believe the article is ready for publication".

- We thank you for your appreciation.

"It would be nice for the authors to describe how they performed the SLED. How many hours per session? What dialyzer? What blood flow? etc".

- We thank you for your comment. As you suggested, we reported data on time, Qb, and dialyzer although Qb and time were extreme variable case by case and during treatment. We modified results as follows: "Our cohort was treated as follows: a mean of 6.9 ± 1.8 hours of treatment were provided with low blood fluxes (QB from 80 to 140 ml/min) due to cardiovascular instability and mono-lumen catheters that we use for an urgent dialysis; dialyzers were based on multi-branded polysulfone membranes".

2. "Under results, page 7. "Moderate (Hb: 8-9.9 g/dl) to mild (10-12 g/dl)" should be changed to "Mild (10-12 g/dl) to moderate (8-9.9 g/dl)"" We modified the text accordingly.