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Title: Aortic Stenosis is a risk factor for all-cause mortality in patients on dialysis: a multicenter prospective cohort analysis

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Thank you. I replied and revised the manuscript as follows.

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Reply: This study has been approved by the clinical research ethics committees at each participating facility (approval number: HM16-373) and funded by Public Interest Incorporated
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Reply: This study is ongoing. We started enrollment in July 2017.

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5. Declarations

Reply: I revised.