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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank you for your suggestions of our manuscript. We are sending you the revised version of the manuscript (BNEP-D-18-00441 R3). We have provided a point-to-point response to the comments. These comments are really helpful to the improvement of the manuscript. We sincerely hope that these changes in our manuscript will make it more suitable for considering publication.

Yours sincerely,

Bang-Gee Hsu. MD, PhD.
Responses to editor comments:

Thank you for your showing extra data about URR. But URR can also be affected by body size. Could you show me the data about standardized Ccr?

Ccr corrected by body size = Ccr /1.73m^2 * BSA

Thank you.

Answer: We thank the editor for this excellent suggestion about standardized CCr and kindly showing us the formula. However, due to few urine volume in most of our hemodialysis patients, we didn’t collect 24-hour urine sample for CCr calculation. This is a limitation of the study. We described it in the Discussion Section, Paragraph 4 to remind the readers this limitation.