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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 R4). We have improved the manuscript and provided a point-to-point response to the comments. We sincerely hope that these changes in our manuscript will make it more suitable for considering publication.

Yours sincerely,

Bang-Gee Hsu, MD, PhD.
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In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

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