Author’s response to reviews

Title: Serum klotho: a potential predictor of cerebrovascular disease in hemodialysis patients

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Dear Editors:

We would like to submit the revised manuscript “BNEP-D-17-00713”, which we wish to be considered for publication in “BMC Nephrology”.

Thanks very much for the comments from the reviewers. Our point-by-point responses to the comments are below.

Reviewer reports:

Javier A Neyra (Reviewer 1):

I congratulate the authors for improving their manuscript. A few additional recommendations to address:
1. Why not using Cox regression (instead of logistic regression) to examine the association between Klotho levels and cognitive impairment in patients with cerebrovascular disease?

   Thank you very much for your advice. We have revised it in the manuscript.

2. There were only 5 patients with cerebral hemorrhage, therefore conclusions differentiating cerebral infarction vs. cerebral hemorrhage should be cautious

   Yes, so we didn’t compare cerebral infarction and cerebral hemorrhage in our manuscript.

3. Please report 95% CI in the text (Abstract/Body) when describing HR for the association of Klotho levels with cerebrovascular disease

   Thank you very much for your advice. We have revised it.

4. How disagreement between neurologists/radiologists was addressed when diagnosing cerebrovascular disease?

   Research leader organizes discussion, and then determine the diagnosis.

5. Please report the units of Klotho levels throughout the text

   The units of Klotho levels is pg/ml, which was reported throughout the text.

6. Please add a paragraph highlighting strengths and limitations of the study

   The last paragraph showed the strengths and limitations of the study.

charat thongprayoon (Reviewer 2): I have no further comments
I hope this paper is suitable for “BMC Nephrology”.

We deeply appreciate your consideration of our manuscript, and we look forward to receiving your decision. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Thank you and best regards.

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