Author’s response to reviews

Title: Impact of diabetes on sarcopenia and mortality in patients undergoing hemodialysis

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Dear Dr. Robin L. Cassady-Cain,

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript, again. We revised our manuscript according to the suggestions made by the reviewers. We are resubmitting our manuscript to ‘BMC Nephrology’.

Thank you very much for your help.
With best personal regards,

(Response to Reviewers)

Reviewer #1:

Thank you very much for your kind comments.

Line 104 - The measures against sarcopenia in patients undergoing HD may be able to write the book. I don't understand this line.

We deleted the sentence to avoid confusion (Page 6, Line 102-103).

Line 137 - I asked - how was dry weight determined?

Our explanation might be too redundant. According to the reviewer’s suggestion, we revised the sentence (Page 8, Line 136).

Reviewer #3:

Thank you very much for your critical comments.

1. There are discrepancies between those two sentences. Should the authors perform DXA immediately after HD session to avoid the influence of fluid retention? Please revise the sentences.

We agree with the reviewer’s comments. If possible, we should have performed DXA immediately after HD session. However, we couldn’t do it because of the termination time of HD session (for example, late evening), reservation time of DXA examination, and so on. We revised the sentences to resolve the discrepancy (Page 8, Line 138-140).

2. However, there was one study that investigated the prevalence of sarcopenia in Japanese HD patients……
Thank you very much for your new information. We have cited the report and correspondingly revised our manuscript (Page 13, Line 219) (Page 17, Line 289-294) (Page 22, Line 403-406).