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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript (Manuscript Number: BNEP-D-18-00648R2) "In search of potential predictors of erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (ESAs) hyporesponsiveness: a population-based study". We have carefully addressed the issues you have raised.

Please find enclosed our itemized answers to yours comments. The text in the manuscript has been accordingly revised.

Yours sincerely and on behalf of the co-authors,

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Editor Comments:

1. Textual overlap

We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:

https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0155805
This overlap mainly exists in the Methods (page 3-5).

And

This overlap mainly exists in the Discussion (page 7).

And

This overlap mainly exists in the abstract.

While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Please rephrase these sections to minimise overlap.

AUTHOR’S ANSWER: As suggested by the Editor, we re-phrased some sections of this paper.

2. Authors’ contributions

As we note the author ‘Ilaria Marcianò’ was missing from this section, please ensure individual authors’ contributions have been specified in this section.

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AUTHOR'S ANSWER: We added the contribution of Ilaria Marcianò in the “Author’s contributions” section.

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