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Title: Efficacy and safety of cyclosporine A for patients with steroid-resistant nephrotic syndrome: a meta-analysis

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Dear Pro. Elizabeth Debney, Pro. Jing Zhang and reviewers,

We are hereby submitting our revised manuscript entitled “Efficacy and safety of cyclosporine A for patients with steroid-resistant nephrotic syndrome: a meta-analysis” (Manuscript ID: BNEP-D-18-00885R3). In the past several days, all of the authors participated in revising this manuscript. We have fully addressed the comments of the reviewers. We hereby provide our point-by-point responses to all of the concerns as detailed below.

Editor Comments:

1. Please replace the "Introduction" subheading in the abstract with "Background".

Response: We have revised it in the re-submitted manuscript. Thank you very much!

2. Please rename the "Introduction" section to "Background."

Response: We have revised it in the re-submitted manuscript. Thank you very much!

3. After the abbreviations, please add a "Declarations" header.
Response: We have added it in the re-submitted manuscript. Thank you very much!

4. Please move the "Limitations" section so that it is a sub-section of the Discussion or Conclusions.

Response: We have moved it in the sub-section of the Discussion in the re-submitted manuscript. Thank you very much!

5. In the Availability of data and materials section, data availability statements can take one of the following forms (or a combination of more than one if required for multiple datasets):

Response: we revised the “N/A” for “Availability of data and materials” as “All data generated or analysed during this study are included in this published article”. Thank you very much!

- The datasets generated and/or analysed during the current study are available in the [NAME] repository, [PERSISTENT WEB LINK TO DATASETS]
- The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.
- All data generated or analysed during this study are included in this published article [and its supplementary information files].
- The datasets generated and/or analysed during the current study are not publicly available due [REASON WHY DATA ARE NOT PUBLIC] but are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.
- Data sharing is not applicable to this article as no datasets were generated or analysed during the current study.
- The data that support the findings of this study are available from [third party name] but restrictions apply to the availability of these data, which were used under license for the current study, and so are not publicly available. Data are however available from the authors upon reasonable request and with permission of [third party name].
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Response: There was none. Thank you!
Please also note that if you include your raw data as a supplementary file you will need to provide, after the References, a section titled “Additional files” where you list the following information about each of your supplementary files: * File name (e.g. Additional file 1), * Title of data, * Description of data. All additional files will also need to have been cited in the main manuscript.

Response: There was none. Thank you!

6. In the “Funding” section of your declarations, please clarify the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Response: We have no provided the Funding in the manuscript. So, the “Funding” was “N/A”. Thank you!

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Response: Thank you very much for your suggestion! We have removed them in the system.

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Response: Thank you very much for your suggestion! We have submitted a single, final, clean version in the system.