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Dear Dr. Cassady-Cain,

Thank you very much for your letter dated June 19, 2020 and the reviewers’ comments on the abovementioned article. We have completed the revisions according to your suggestions and the reviewers’ comments. The revised manuscript and point-by-point responses to the reviewers’ comments are attached. The major revisions in the manuscript are written in red and bold for your convenience.
Response to Reviewer’s Comments
To Reviewer #1:
Thank you for reviewing our manuscript. The manuscript has been revised point-by-point according to your suggestions and comments. The major revisions in the manuscript are written in red and bold for your convenience.

Comments:
1. I am happy with the revision. Define CCI as Charlson comorbidity index
Reply: We revised this sentence “The propensity score of the combined group and transfer group was calculated using stepwise logistic regression models which involved age, Charlson comorbidity index score, DM, use of icodextrin, type of vascular access for HD, and recent peritonitis.” on page 8.

2. In table 1 why do the totals of AVF/AVG and Tunneled cath not add up to 100%? There is a lot of missing data if they do not and that raises serious questions about the database.
Reply: AVF/AVG and tunneled cath are defined as prepared AV access before initiation of hemodialysis. We revised and added the sentence "...type of vascular access for HD (including arteriovenous fistula/arteriovenous graft and tunneled catheter) before initiation of hemodialysis. Temporary double lumen catheter was used for hemodialysis by patients who did not have prepared vascular access." on page 7.