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Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript, “Efficacy of mepolizumab for patients with severe asthma and eosinophilic chronic rhinosinusitis (PULM-D-18-00375R2).” We greatly appreciate the comments of the editors and reviewers. I attach here our revised manuscript as well as our point-by-point responses to the editor and reviewer comments.

We believe that the manuscript has been significantly improved as a result of your suggestions, and we hope that we have adequately addressed all comments.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this paper.
Sincerely yours,

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RESPONSE TO EDITORS
We wish to express our appreciation to the editors for the comments, which have helped us significantly improve the paper.

Technical Comments:
1. Ethics approval and consent to participate

-- In your “ethical approval and consent to participate” section, please confirm whether the ethics committee mentioned also approved/deemed ethics approval unnecessary for your study.

We appreciate the editors’ comments and we apologize for the confusion. Based on the editors’ comment, we have revised and added the following sentences in this section:

… The informed consent was obtained in the form of the bulletin board, or opt-out on the website of our hospital. And this study approved by the Ethical Committee (28-259 (8502)).
(Declarations-Ethics approval and consent to participate section, p19, line 14-17)

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We appreciate the editors’ comment. Based on the editors’ comment, we have added the following sentences in this section:

The director/administer of Jikei University hospital granted us the permissions to access the medical records.
(Declarations-Ethics approval and consent to participate section, p19, line 18-p20, line1)

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