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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comment: Manuscript type called "Basic Study" but this is not basic study. Basic Study is basic research.

RESPONSE: The correct study type has been supplied (Observational)

Comment: Prescription of dialysis needs to be additionally described.

RESPONSE: The details on dialysis prescription were not collected since the records on the dialysis prescriptions over time per individual patient were not traceable in the manual record filing system. From the available data, there were no documentations of measures of adequacy of dialysis.

Comment: Baseline patients characteristics, e.g. LVEF, comorbidities, and dialysis characteristics, access should additionally be provided Missing data was not described, explored or accounted for.

RESPONSE: baseline characteristics, comorbidities, missing data, haemodialysis vascular access have been added. However LVEF could not be added as echocardiographs were not done due to financial constraints.

Comment: The statistical methods used were poorly described throughout.

RESPONSE: Statistical methods have been described

Comment: The hypothesis of the study should be explicitly stated

RESPONSE: This has been stated explicitly

Comment: The authors should discuss what the clinical utility of these findings could be

RESPONSE: The clinical utility of these findings has been discussed.

Comment: There should be more discussion of a possible mechanism

RESPONSE: Attempts have been made in the discussion of possible mechanisms

Comment: Explain what sort of future study might take us closer to a clinical utility

RESPONSE: The authors have proposed future studies

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Comment: All the comments have been addressed.

RESPONSE: Thanks for your comments.