RESPONSE TO REVIEWER 1 COMMENT

(ROUND 2)

Thank you very much for taking the time to review this manuscript. Please find the detailed responses below and the corresponding revisions/corrections highlighted/in track changes in the re-submitted files:

Point 1 Line 27: “In conclusion,”

Response to point 1: We modified the abstract as indicated. Line 27

Point 2: Table 1: This table is still presented in a low quality. What did the second column (n = 51) mean? Please clarify. The authors should further format and revise many typing and or expression errors of this table.

Response to point 2: We further modified the table, correcting typing and punctuation mistakes. We included more abbreviations in order to make the table clearer (including *n*: number of patients included for analysis). The square brackets have been left only in the patients’ characteristics expressed in medians (i.e. age, weight, height, etc.). Lines 215-235

Point 3: Figures 7: Please rephrase the figure legend.

Response to point 3: We rephrased the legend of figure 7. Lines 295-297

Thank you for your comments and suggestions.