Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your precious time and energy spent on our proposed paper titled *‘Analysis of brain phase networks associated with Chinese/English sight translation by using fNIRS measurements’* (BBR\_2018\_907), and your kind indications on further revision in your letter to us dated August 14, 2018. We regret to say that the paper so far is still under repeated revision and improvement according to your requirements and regrettably not likely to be completed within your required deadline. We are very sorry that four more weeks (till November 8) are needed before the paper (BBR\_2018\_907) can be improved at least to our own satisfaction. And we are wondering if you could make relevant adjustments to allow for our delay in submitting the revised version while we'll try to finish it as soon as possible. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

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