Author's response to reviews

Title: A Prospective Clinical Trial of Specialist Renal Nursing in the Primary Care Setting to Prevent Progression of Chronic Kidney: A Quality Improvement Report

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Editor-in-Chief
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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Re: MS: 1707162158992157

On behalf of my co-authors, I re-submit for review and possible publication in BMC Family Practice the Research Article entitled “A Prospective Clinical Trial of Specialist Renal Nursing in the Primary Care Setting to Prevent Progression of Chronic Kidney: A Quality Improvement Report”.

We have fully addressed all of the concerns of the reviewers, and these are listed in a point-by-point fashion below.

We continue to feel that this work is an important piece. The report describes the evaluation of an alternative model of healthcare delivery utilizing a specialist nurse-led intervention in primary care to prevent chronic kidney disease progression and cardiovascular disease. The results suggest that a collaborative model of care such as this can improve patients’ self-management of risk factors for chronic kidney disease progression and cardiovascular disease, and improve well-accepted surrogate clinical endpoints.

I will serve as the corresponding author. In advance, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Editor’s Comments
Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Abstract Methods: Please add ? with pre- and post intervention comparisons? after the study design. Please add numbers followed up after the numbers enrolled.

Done, thanks


Done, thanks

3. Page 7, line 4: please clarify that you are presenting the results of an evaluation of this intervention rather than the results of this intervention

Done, thanks. We have changed “we present the results of this intervention in order...” with “we present an evaluation of this intervention in order...”

4. Discussion: Para 2. To fully address Reviewer 2?s concern (Point 4). Please remove statement ?under the assumption of causality indicates amelioration of the complications of diabetic CKD?

Done, thanks


Done, thanks. Replaced with “which can occur...”

6. Conclusions: Please replace last sentence containing ?confirm effectiveness?in a more controlled way? with ?determine effectiveness in a controlled study and on a wider scale??

Done, thanks.

7. Conclusion, line 11. Typo: ?maybe? should be ?may be?

Thanks, corrected