Author's response to reviews

Title: Risk factors for tuberculosis in dialysis patients: a prospective multicenter clinical trial

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Dear Mick

On behalf of the authors of the manuscript :1391448325278419, I would like to thank you for your comments. They helped us to improve our article. I hope that the revised version will satisfy you and the manuscript will be accepted for publication in BMC- Nephrology. Following we provide our response to the reviewers’ comments.

Response to the reviewers' concerns

A. Reviewer: R. Wilkinson

The title was changed to: Risk factors for Tuberculosis in dialysis patients: a prospective multi-centre clinical trial. The paper has been copyedited by a native English speaking colleague.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1) As we discuss in the third paragraph of the Discussion section boosting with higher dose is a common practice recommended by many authors in immunocompromised patients.

It was one of the conclusions of our study that: “the annual skin testing which is recommended, has to be changed to testing upon admission to a regular dialysis program” as clearly stated in the Conclusions section.

Alternatives such as interferon gamma release assays, are discussed in the fourth paragraph of the Discussion section in the revised version.

2) Corrected.

3) I breakdown of how incident cases were diagnosed is provided in the third paragraph of the Method section

Minor Essential Revisions

1) Corrected
2) Done
3) Corrected
4) Corrected
5) Defined
6) Corrected
7) Corrected
8) Stated in the Participants-paragraph in the Methods-section
9) Corrected

Discretionary Revisions
1) The CI of the RR are showed in the abstract in the revised version
2) Significance values were added in table 1

B. Reviewer: Fusan Eyuboglu
We responded to all the corrections proposed.