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The Editor

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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript, entitled “Design and Implementation of the Canadian Kidney Disease Cohort Study (CKDCS): A prospective observational study of incident hemodialysis patients” accepted for publication in the BMC Nephrology.

We have made the requested changes in the format of the manuscript in conformity to your journal style. Both the corrected version, with markups in track changes format, and a clean version have been submitted to facilitate rapid review of the revisions.

Formatting changes to be made:

Major revisions (we require the author to make these changes)

1. Affiliations: Each affiliation should be written in full, in the following format:
Department, Institute, (Street), City, (Postal code), Country. This may mean repeating institutional addresses if the authors are from different departments within an institution.

Done.

2. Abstract: this abstract does not have the correct structure. Please reformat it to use these headings: Background, Methods/Design, and Discussion.

Done.

3. References: References should be cited in the text using consecutive numbers in square brackets. Please do not use superscript numbers. Also, please place the reference before the full stop. For example `text [1].`

Done.

4. Tables: we are unable to display shading and colours within the tables. Can we therefore ask you to use another method of highlighting the shaded text e.g. by making it bold.

Done.

5. Appendices: these will need to be cited in the main text as 'Table 2' and 'Table 3'.

Appendices 1 & 2 now cited as Tables 1 & 2, and accordingly the former 'Table 1' now renamed as 'Table 3'.

6. Panel 1: please include this in an appendix section.

Done. Panel 1 is now Appendix 1.

We have proof read the Manuscript for clarity and typographical errors. Many thanks for accepting our manuscript for publication.

Sincerely,

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