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Dear Dr. Patel:

We are pleased to submit a revised version of our manuscript entitled "The MDRD equation underestimates the prevalence of CKD among blacks and overestimates the prevalence of CKD among whites compared to the CKD-EPI equation: A retrospective cohort study" for publication in BMC Nephrology. We appreciate the reviewers’ comments and have used them as a guide to improve the manuscript. We hope that the manuscript is now suitable for publication.

Response to individual reviewers

Reviewer 1

We have changed "shows" to "suggests" in the discussion (page 15, line 2). We hopefully have resolved the issue with the Tables. The final table (Table 4) could not be included with the main submission because it is in landscape format and forces the rest of the manuscript into that format. It is referred to on page 14, line 12. There is no table 5. (this had been eliminated in the previous revision because 2 tables 2 were combined. I have communicated with the editorial office about Table 4 previously, and will alert them again.

Reviewer 2

We have changes the REGARDS title (page 5, line 6) The reviewer requests that the major findings be detailed at the outset of the discussion. We have added 2 sentences in the first paragraph which we believe completes the details of the major findings (page 11, last 3 lines).