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Dear Editor

We thank the reviewers for their feed-back and the opportunity to submit a revised manuscript. We have incorporated the few remaining suggested changes as follows:

**Reviewer 1's report:**
The presence of structural or functional tubular injury in the minority with elevated RBPCR more than the upper quartile range was not proved by kidney biopsy and/or other functional tests.

We understand the comment of the Reviewer, although the absence of kidney biopsy and other functional test. We have now inserted in the manuscript as limitations the lack of data on phosphate reabsorption and renal histology (see Revised Manuscript, Page 13).

**Minor Essential Revisions**
- Figure 1-D: Labels on x and y-axes are missing.
- Figure 2: The black bar for TFV/PI for the value of >343.4 should be drawn.

We thank the Reviewer for this comments, both of which are now corrected.

**Reviewer 2's report:**
The authors have addressed my initial concerns in this revised manuscript. I have no additional critiques.

**Reviewer 3's report:**
The authors have adequately addressed all concerns previously raised in the initial review. Just a minor clarification for the conclusion section: Did the authors mean that 99% or 95% of RBP fell within the reference range?

We thank the Reviewer for spotting this error. We have now corrected this to 95%.

**Reviewer 4's report:**
The authors have address satisfactorily my previous comments/suggestions.

Yours sincerely

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