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Dear Editor,

We would like to submit our manuscript entitled “Association of response to hepatitis B vaccination and survival in dialysis patients” for publication as an “ORIGINAL ARTICLES” in your prestigious journal. The manuscript as submitted is not under consideration for publication elsewhere, and will not be published elsewhere while under consideration by BMC Nephrology. The authors have no commercial associations that might pose a conflict of interest. All authors have made substantive contributions to the study, and all authors endorse the data and conclusions. We have revised the manuscript.

In this study, we have a novel finding which have not been reported before. Previous researches of dialysis patients indicate that there may be associations with defective immune response, cardiovascular diseases, and infection. We examined the association of immune response or immune persistence to HBV vaccination on the survival of dialysis patients. For our patients, impaired immune response to HBV vaccination was related to Infection-cause mortality. We think our observations are quite interesting and deserve further exploration for the mechanism.

Thank you very much and we look forward hearing from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,

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