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Title: Baseline characteristics and prevalence of cardiovascular disease in newly visiting or referred chronic kidney disease patients to nephrology centers in Japan: a prospective cohort study

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Dear Dr. Maria Merrie Jul Ladag

Regarding our manuscript: “Baseline characteristics and prevalence of cardiovascular disease in newly visiting or referred chronic kidney disease patients to nephrology centers in Japan: a prospective cohort study” (MS: 1827319304866614).

Unfortunately, we did not plan to count the number of patients who were excluded in this registry. It seems virtually impossible to count the accurate number of the patients who were excluded. Accordingly, we added following sentence in the first result section.

“Although we did not accurately count the number of those who were excluded in this registry, we speculate that a less than 5% of the new CKD stage 2-5 patients were excluded due to the exclusion criteria.”

Now we really hope that this version satisfy the editors.

Sincerely,

Soichiro Iimori and Sei Sasaki, on behalf of all authors.