Author's response to reviews

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Dr Hayley Henderson
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Dear Dr Hayley Henderson,

Re: How are patients managing with the costs of care for chronic kidney disease in Australia? A prospective observational study (Manuscript number: 2051439938739133)

Thank you for your email sent on May 28th 2012. We have added the requested phrases to our manuscript. I summarised the changes below:

Query:

**Patient Consent**
We understand that consent would be implied for participants who returned questionnaires in the post; however, can you please include a statement in your Methods section to acknowledge this. For patients who received the questionnaire whilst visiting dialysis facilities, did you obtain informed consent? Could you please include a further statement in your Methods section which details this information?

Revision:

The return of a completed questionnaire was understood to imply consent to participate in the study. In addition, participants who completed the questionnaire in person with the assistance of a researcher provided written informed consent.

We have uploaded a revised manuscript.

We look forward to the opportunity to have this manuscript reviewed in your journal’s peer review process. Please contact me on either +61 2 9993 4562 or beverley.essue@sydney.edu.au if you require additional information. I look forward to receiving notice of your decision.

Sincerely,

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