Author's response to reviews

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The Editor-in-Chief
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Dear Dr Deidra Crews


Thank you very much for your letter dated 14th March 2013 Re: Paper titled “Chronic Kidney Diseases in Mixed Ancestry South African Populations: Prevalence, Determinants and Concordance between kidney function estimators”. We would like to thank the reviewers for their constructive and valuable comments. We have addressed the concerns raised by the reviewers and these are highlighted in red in the manuscript. Our responses to specific points are below:

**Editorial Comments:**

a) Comments to be passed to the authors:

Please modify the concluding statement in the Abstract, consistent with the Dr. Shafi’s recommendation: "This study provides evidence for support of the CKD-EPI equation for eGFR reporting and CKD classification". Please phrase it in this manner rather than commenting "Our study provides evidence against the local CKD guidelines that recommend the use of Cockcroft-Gault or MDRD equations for eGFR".

**Response: The conclusion in the Abstract has been corrected as suggested.**

Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style (http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/medicine_journals). It is important that your files are correctly formatted.

**Response: We have formatted the manuscript according to the journal style and have also included a list of all abbreviations used in the text.**

**Reviewer's report**
Title: Chronic Kidney Diseases in Mixed Ancestry South African Populations: Prevalence, Determinants and Concordance between kidney function estimators.
Version: 2 Date: 11 February 2013
Reviewer: Navdeep Tangri
Reviewer's report:
The authors have responded to all my concerns.
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Sincerely,

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