Dear Editor-in-Chief

We are submitting our manuscript entitled “Prevalence and correlates of depression among chronic kidney disease patients in Taiwan” to you for the consideration of publication in BMC Nephrology. Although the advanced medical technology have been made in the treatment of patients with Chronic kidney disease (CKD), the irreversible nature of this disease would lead to some psychological disorders, especially depression, which was related to more frequent hospitalization and increased mortality. Some studies on depressive symptoms in the kidney disease patients had been conducted, whereas this issue among them who were not on dialysis treatment was still limited. In this manuscript, we addressed the prevalence and correlates of depressive symptom among CKD patients in Taiwan. Findings from this study can be of help in developing the appropriate clinical intervention programme for them.

The article is not under consideration by another journal, and has not been previously published. Institutional Review Board approval has been also obtained prior to the initiation of this study. All authors have sufficiently participated in the study design, conduct, and data analysis of the study, as well as in the writing of the manuscript. All authors have seen and approved the final version.

Sincerely yours,

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