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Dear Prof Henderson,

Re: MS: 7609631499020601 – “Risk Factors and Outcomes Associated with Acute Kidney Injury following Ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm”

Thank you for the opportunity to re-revise and resubmit our manuscript to BMC Nephrology. We have reviewed your letter dated April 22, 2013 and have provided itemized responses to the Reviewer’s comments below. We appreciate the Reviewer’s suggestions.

Response to Reviewer 2 Comments:

1. Minor Essential Revisions: In Results: Incidence and peri-operative factors associated with AKI: In the second paragraph, the table referred to should be Table 1 not Table 2.

This has been corrected.

2. Discretionary Revisions; In Results; Epidemiology and patient characteristics: Please specify the number of patients that were excluded for ESKD, if any.

We excluded 2 patients with ESKD. We have now added this to the Results section.
3. Discretionary Revisions: In Limitations: Since the duration of presentation to
time of operative repair was not known, some patients might have AKI before
operative repair, which may confound the intra-operative variables stratified by
AKI or no AKI.

We have revised this statement.

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The manuscript has been reviewed and approved by all authors. The authors
have no conflicts of interest to declare.

If you require any additional information, please contact us as necessary. We
appreciate your consideration of our manuscript for publication in BMC
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Sincerely,

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