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Dear BMC Nephrology Editorial Board,

We are pleased to submit our original research, entitled “Adjudication of Etiology of Acute Kidney Injury: Experience from the TRIBE-AKI multi-center study.” Our paper describes the adjudication of Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) events in a subset of patients from the TRIBE-AKI cardiac surgery cohort. Our study constitutes one of the first studies to apply a formal and blinded adjudication process to subjects with AKI. Additionally we demonstrate the correlation of adjudicated AKI diagnoses with several modern biomarkers of AKI, including NGAL, IL-18 and KIM-1.

We feel that given the increasing number of clinical trials in the setting of AKI, that publication of our adjudication process and results will be a meaningful contribution to the AKI literature. As the number of AKI trials increase, it is extremely important to ensure that clinical adjudication is stream-lined, uniform and readily comparable. Publication in the BMC Nephrology would facilitate the greatest exposure to the nephrology community and others interested in this important clinical issue.

The authors affirm that the article is original, is not under consideration by another journal, and has been read and approved by all authors. To the best of our knowledge, potential conflicts of interest, whether financial or other, for all authors are listed in the manuscript. Contact information for Dr. Parikh, the corresponding author, is listed below.

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We thank you for your consideration of this manuscript and look forward to hearing from you.

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