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In response to the Editorial comments, we added the following to the "Limitations" section:

...Last, we used a linear regression model to classify individuals into progressors vs. non-progressors, an approach that does not account for the intra-individual correlations of repeated GFR estimates over time. This approach might have resulted in misclassification of some of the patients. This limitation will be addressed in future studies by using a mixed effects model to classify patients.