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Title: Soluble Klotho is not independently associated with cardiovascular disease in a population of dialysis patients

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Dear Ms. Henderson,

Hereby we would like to present our manuscript ‘Soluble Klotho is not independently associated with cardiovascular disease in a population of dialysis patients’ for publication in “BMC Nephrology”.

The burden of cardiovascular disease is heavy in dialysis patients. Recently Klotho, a protein linked to aging has emerged as a possible key factor in this detrimental relationship. We present unique data on the relevance of circulating klotho in a population of 127 dialysis patients. In the present study we attempt to link circulating klotho levels to markers of cardiovascular disease.

The manuscript has not been published before, nor is it being considered for publication elsewhere in whole or in part in any language. To our knowledge there exists no other work in preparation, submitted, in press, or published that is potentially overlapping the actual presented data. All authors contributed equally to the manuscript.

We sincerely hope that you will find our manuscript of interest and suitable for publication in “BMC Nephrology”

Sincerely,

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