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Dr. Clare Partridge,
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Dear Dr. Partridge,

MS: 5311023681198829
Thank you for your comments on our manuscript entitled "Effect of chitosan chewing gum on reducing serum phosphorus in hemodialysis patients: a multi-center, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial" by Akizawa et al.

I am very pleased to learn that our manuscript has been accepted in principle for publication in your journal.

We have reviewed and revised our manuscript according to your comments. The following responses are our answers to the queries raised by you.

1. Ethical approval
Please be ensure that you include the full names of each ethics committee that gave ethical approval for your study.

We have added the full names of all Ethics Committee/Institutional Review Board as depicted on page 6: "The protocol and informed consent form were reviewed and approved by one central Ethics Committee: Ethic Committee of the Japanese Red Cross Koga Hospital, Koga, Ibaragi, Japan and four site-based Ethics Committee/Institutional Review Boards: Ethics Committee of the Japanese Red Cross Suwa Hospital, Suwa, Nagano, Institutional Review Board of the Tsuchiura Kyodo General Hospital, Tsuchiura, Ibaragi, Ethics Committee of the Asahi General Hospital, Asahi, Chiba, and Ethics Committee of the JA Toride Medical Center, Toride, Ibaragi, Japan."

2. Trial registration

We require the trial registration number and the date of registration to be placed at the end of the abstract. Please ensure this change is made to both the abstract within the main text and that present on our submission system.

We added the information of the trial registration including the date of registration to both the abstract and main text as depicted on page 4 and 6: "ClinicalTrials.gov NCT01039428, 24 December, 2009"

3. Copy-edit

Our Editor has advised that you copy-edit your manuscript for any typographical errors. For further information regarding copy-editing please see our Instructions for Authors:

We have re-copy-edited our manuscript according your Instructions for Authors;

# Information of corresponding author including his e-mail address has been indicated in title page.
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# Information of the results presentation is indicated in session of Competing interest as depicted on page 16: " The results presented in this paper have not been published previously in whole or in part except in ClinicalTrials. gov. and abstract format."
# Reference style errors have been corrected.
# Figure legend page has been inserted on page 20 after References session.

4. Other

The name of institution of Dr. Maeda has been changed from Toride General Hospital to JA Toride Medical Center. This information has been reflected in the title page.

We hope that you will now consider this manuscript fully acceptable for publication in BMC Nephrology.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.
Yours sincerely,

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