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Dear Dr. Henderson,

I am pleased to submit the manuscript entitled “Acute kidney injury in an intensive care unit of a general hospital with emergency room specializing in trauma: an observational prospective study” for consideration as a research article in BMC Nephrology.

Acute kidney injury is a global health problem and its outcomes vary according to regional characteristics. There are plenty of data on hospital-acquired cases of acute kidney injury from developed countries. Nonetheless there is less information about community-acquired acute kidney injury, particularly in developing countries. Trauma is an emerging cause of intensive care unit admissions and of community-acquired acute kidney injury in low-income areas, especially because of the increase in traumatic brain injury associated with traffic accidents, especially involving motorcycle riders. We had the opportunity to conduct a study in only one set of a poor region, where typical non-trauma cases of acute kidney injury coexist with acute kidney injury involving trauma patients, allowing comparisons and enriching our knowledge about incidence, associated factors and mortality in these diverse patients.
I feel that our study will be of great interest to the readers of BMC Nephrology.

Yours sincerely,
Paulo Roberto Santos (first author)