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Title: Profile of patients with end stage renal disease in a referral hospital in Cameroon

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1. On the consent - This study used routinely collected data for administrative purpose and therefore consenting individual participants is not applicable. However, relevant ethics approval and administrative authorisations were obtained for the study as stated in the method section where it reads: ‘The study received administrative authorization from the DGH and ethical approval was obtained from the Douala University Ethical review board. The study was based on routinely collected data; accordingly individual informed consent to participate does not apply.’

2. On the line and page numbering - It has now been applied as appropriate

3. On the competing interest: the relevant subheading and statement have been added ‘None for all co-authors’

4. On the acknowledgments: the relevant section has been added and reads: ‘No funding was received for this study. We are grateful to the staff of the research unit (including medical doctors and nurses) who over the years have compiled and maintained the clinical records used as basis of data collection for this study.’

5. The abbreviations section has been added

6. The figure has been removed from the main file and is been uploaded separately now.

7. A figure legend has been added, and elements of the legend removed from the figure panels