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Title: Left Ventricular Global Longitudinal Strain Is Associated With Cardiovascular Risk Factors And Arterial Stiffness In Chronic Kidney Disease

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We are enclosing original research manuscript, entitled ‘Left Ventricular Global Longitudinal Strain is associated with Cardiovascular Risk Factors and Arterial Stiffness in Chronic Kidney Disease’ to be considered for publication in BMC Nephrology.

Global Longitudinal Strain (GLS) is an emerging echocardiographic parameter that has been shown to be more sensitive than ejection fraction (EF) in detecting subtle left ventricular dysfunction. This study is a comprehensive analysis of the relationship between GLS and both traditional and CKD specific risk factors.

The results presented in this paper have not been published previously in whole or part, except in abstract form. My co-authors have all contributed to this manuscript and approve of this submission.

Our competing interests are listed at the end of the manuscript.

If you require any additional information, or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me, the corresponding author.

Thank you for considering this manuscript for publication in BMC Nephrology.

Kind regards,

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(on behalf of all co-authors)