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We respectfully submit our manuscript, "The TALKS Study to Improve Communication, Logistical, and Financial Barriers to Live Donor Kidney Transplantation in African Americans: Protocol of a Randomized Clinical Trial" for consideration for publication by BMC Nephrology. This manuscript describes the protocol of Talking about Living Kidney Donation Support (TALKS), a study utilizing quantitative research methods to test the effectiveness of behavioral, educational and financial assistance interventions to improve access to LDKT among African Americans on the deceased donor kidney transplant waiting list. To our knowledge, the
effectiveness of the combination of behavioral, educational, and financial interventions to enhance informed decision-making among African Americans with ESRD and improve rates of LRT is unknown. Results from the TALKS study will provide needed evidence on ways to enhance the decision to pursue LRT. Additionally, rigorous study of these interventions will provide health care providers and policy makers with the evidence necessary to endorse the widespread use of similar interventions in a variety of clinical settings if they are effective.

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Thank you for considering our submission.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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