Subject: Revised manuscript BNEP-D-16-00631R2, entitled “Internet and social networks users profiles in Renal Transplant Recipient in France” written by Yosra Mouelhi; Marine Alessandrini; Vanessa Pauly; Bertrand Dussol; Stephanie Gentile.

Dear Editor,

We thank you all for your comments in regards to our revised manuscript BNEP-D-16-00631R2, which we submitted to BMC Nephrology.

Please find enclosed the revised version of our manuscript. We have completely taken in accordance with the pertinent comments you've sent.
For each part of the manuscript and for each change made, we took your comments, and explained the answers.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation by extending the time of submission of the revised manuscript.

1. Please state the full name of the IRB in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of the Declarations.

According to this comment, the full name of the IRB (CCTIRS and CNIL) was stated in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

2. Please could you clarify whether the ethics approval described in the Declarations was specifically for your study or was for the longitudinal study whose data you analysed. If the ethics approval described was for the longitudinal study please could you clarify whether you obtained ethics approval specifically for your study. If the need for ethics approval was waived by an IRB or is deemed unnecessary according to national regulations, please clearly state this, including the name of the IRB or a reference to the relevant legislation.

Data of this study was retrieved from our research project ‘quality of life after renal transplantation’, carried out in our centre of kidney transplant.

The local Institutional Review Board was obtained for the totality of our project, for the principal objective, and also for the secondary objectives.

Professor Stéphanie Gentile is the principal investigator of the study, and we have well informed and mentioned to patients in the information letter that we will use the data of this study for the objective (principal and secondary) and for health status, quality of life, physical activities, leisure activities such as Internet and social networks.

The utilization of data in this study was done in the regulation and in the best interest and information of the patients.
In the “Methods section”, we mentioned that it was a pre-existing longitudinal study, which was a mistake, and all this confusion and misunderstanding were because of that. We correct this in the manuscript (Abstract and Methods). It is a cross sectional design of our longitudinal study/research project in order to describe the profiles of Internet and social network of the patients.

3. Please could you also clarify whether you obtained any permissions to access and use the data from the longitudinal study and clearly state who you obtained permission from in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section. If permission was not required please state this with a justification.

Data of this study is retrieved from our research project for quality of life after renal transplantation. It is a multicentric study, and we are the principal investigator.

Data of this cross sectional analysis was used by Professor Stéphanie Gentile, the principal investigator, from our longitudinal study/research project.

4. I'm afraid the quality of the English used throughout your manuscript does not currently meet our requirements. We recommend that you ask a native English speaking colleague to help you copyedit the paper. If this is not possible, you may need to use a professional language editing service. Use of an editing service is neither a requirement nor a guarantee of acceptance for publication.

According to this comment, our manuscript has been read and corrected for clarity, grammar and spelling by a native speaker of English language.

5. We note that you have used commas for ’85,9’, ’83,5’ and ”78,9’ in Table 1. Please correct the commas to points for these numbers. For example ”85,9’ should be ’85.9’.
According to this comment, commas of these numbers were corrected in the manuscript.

We hope that this revised version meets your expectations, and we remain at your disposal for any further suggestions.

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