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Comment 1: Please change the title of the ethics approval section in the declarations to 'Ethics approval and consent to participate'.

Response: Thank you for the comment. The title has been changed to “Ethics approval and consent to participate” on page 10, line 206.

Comment 2: In this section please confirm the consent sought from the participants to take part in the study. Please state whether consent was informed and whether it was written or verbal. If verbal consent was obtained, please confirm that the ethics committee approved this form of consent.

Response: Thank you for comment, the section has been updated on page 10, line 207-210.

“Ethics approval obtained from Monash University Human Research and Ethics Committee (MUHREC Approval No: CF16/1766–2016000890) and Institute of Kidney Diseases (IKD) Peshawar, Pakistan committee approved this study (Approval No: 844) and written informed consent was obtained from the participants”.

Comment 3: Please add an acknowledgements section to the declarations where you should acknowledge anyone who contributed towards the article who does not meet the criteria for authorship including anyone who provided professional writing services or materials. If you do not have anyone to acknowledge, please write "Not applicable" in this section.

Response: the acknowledgment section was added on page 11, line 223-225.

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