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1. **Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation.** Before we can proceed with your submission, can you please forward copies of all ethical approval and funding approval for our records. These documents should be sent as email attachments to the following email address, BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com. Please DO NOT upload these documents as additional files in the submission system. If your documents are not in English, please could you provide translated versions of the relevant parts. These should be endorsed and signed by a contactable person at the institution. Please also include the original documents. Can you please confirm in your cover letter that you have forwarded the requested documentation to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com.

Response 1: Thanks for the comment from the learned editor.

We have emailed the ethical and funding approval documentation on dated 10th Feb 2018.

2. **Funding**
A study is considered to be externally funded if the authors have been awarded a grant for the study by a major funding body (e.g., governmental funding/award from a charitable foundation). If a study has not received external funding, then the study protocol will be sent for peer-review with a member of our Editorial Board. If a study has received funding/assistance from a commercial organization, this should be clearly stated in the 'competing interests' section of your manuscript, and the study protocol will be sent for peer-review by a member of our Editorial Board.

Can you please confirm whether your study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding body.

Response 2: Thanks for the comment. The submitted study protocol is externally funded by Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi (Sanction order no. BT/PR11030/MED/30/1644/2016 Dated 10-03-2016) as part of "Pediatric Renal Biology Program Research on Nephrotic Syndrome". Our study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding body viz Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi.

3. Study status

The protocol must be for a study that is ongoing. An ‘ongoing’ study is defined as one where the investigators are still collecting, or analyzing data. Can you please confirm what stage your study is currently at.

Response 3: Thanks for the comment. Our study is an ongoing study and currently we are recruiting patients and collecting the data in Phase I of study [Case recruitment & baseline assessment of biomarkers of endothelial dysfunction (please refer study protocol page no-05).

4. Related Articles

Can you please clarify whether any publications containing the results of this study have already been published or submitted to any journal. If so, can you please provide a list of the related articles.

Response 4: Thanks for the comment. We clarify that no publications containing the results of our submitted study protocol have been published or submitted to any journal.

5. Please combine the Background and Objective headings in your abstract. As outlined in our submission guidelines (https://bmcnephrol.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/study-protocol), the headings included in your abstract should be Background, Methods, Discussion.
Response 5: Thanks for the comments. We have revised the manuscript as per the manuscript guidelines (See page no-02, Text highlighted in Red).

6. Please provide a List of abbreviations after the Conclusions section. If abbreviations are used in the text, they should be defined in the text at first use and included in this list.

Response 6: Thanks for the comments. We have provided the list of abbreviations as per suggestion (See Page no- 14, Text highlighted in pink)

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Response 7: Thanks for the comments. We have incorporated the subsections as per suggestion in the revised manuscript (See Page no- 15, Text highlighted in green).

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Response 8: Thanks for the comments.

The Ethical clearance has been obtained from Army Hospital (R & R), Delhi Cantt-110010 and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi-110029.
The Ethical approval has been obtained from both study sites (Copies of the approval has been emailed on 10th Feb 2018 to BMC Series Editorial@biomedcentral.com.)