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To: Dr. Tariq Shafi
Associate Editor, BMC Nephrology
Re: Re-submission of manuscript (BNEP-D-18-00744)

Dear Dr. Shafi,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your comments on our manuscript submitted to BMC Nephrology. Please find enclosed the revised manuscript entitled, “Patient and Provider experience and perspectives of a risk-based approach to multidisciplinary chronic kidney disease care: a mixed methods study”. We have revised the abstract in response to your two editorial requests:

1. While the study design is quite clear when reading the manuscript, the abstract is a bit confusing. In the Methods section, start with 1-2 sentences describing KFRE implementation – similar to how you describe the Setting in the manuscript. Then describe your approach for surveys.

2. Conclusions: The last sentence of the conclusion should be in the Results section. The Results do not describe sustainability and the data on sustainability in the manuscript are not exceptionally strong. Suggest moving some of these elements in the Results section. The conclusion in the abstract could be similar to the first sentence of the last paragraph of the discussion.

These changes are included in the re-submitted manuscript in red text.

Thank you for your suggestions to improve the clarity of our abstract, we believe the changes have improved the manuscript and hope that you agree that it is now suitable for publication.

Sincerely,

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(for the co-authors)