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Thank you for the opportunity to submit a revised version of this manuscript, "Differential methylation as a diagnostic biomarker of rare renal diseases: a systematic review" (BNEP-D-19-00449R1). We are pleased that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Nephrology and have now carried out the essential revisions.

A new statement has been added to the "Availability of Data and Materials" section in line with the submission guidelines template.

AJM’s role as an associate editor has been added to the declarations and the author contributions updated to explicitly include all authors.

The funders played no role in the ongoing research or manuscript preparation and this is now stated in the manuscript text.

A “Supplementary files” section has been included providing information on the filename, title of data and description of the content of these files, which are all referred to in the main text.

We have uploaded a revised manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours.

I hope these changes are suitable and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any additional information.

Best wishes, Amy Jayne (on behalf of all authors)