Author’s response to reviews

Title: SALIVARY CREATININE AS A DIAGNOSTIC TOOL FOR EVALUATING PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE

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Dear Editor

Thank you for the constructive critique and for the opportunity to submit a revised manuscript. We list the comments and our responses below.

Thank you and regards

Haly Holmes, on behalf of the authors

Reviewer 1:

1. Line 19 - The saliva samples were centrifuged at 1000 g for 10 minutes and the supernatant obtained was stored at -80°C prior to final analysis. This sentence is redundant. (The same as in line 11).

Response: The suggested edit has been made. The redundant statement has been removed in the section on “saliva and blood sampling”. [Please see lines 122-123].
2. Table 1 has no added clinical data of the patients, the authors only reports the CKD stages. At least Age/BMI or the comorbidities should be added.

Response: Information on age and comorbidities have been added to Table 1 [Please see line 361]

3. Table 2 and figure 1 show the same data, please choose only one. Table is more representative, in my opinion.

Response: The suggested edit has been made. Figure 1 has been deleted [Please see line 381]

Reviewer 2:

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
My only comment is that the authors should make clearer if in CKD stage 5 they also included dialysis patients. If yes, then there is a problem with eGFR estimations for dialysis patients."

Response: Suggested edit has been made. Patients classified in stage 5 in our study did not include patients on dialysis. This has been made clear in the section of sample size. [Please see lines 111-112]