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Title: Prevalence and risk factors for chronic kidney disease of unknown cause in Malawi: a cross-sectional analysis in a rural and urban population

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Table 3. "eGFR" is repeated in the column heading for Model 1

Page 15, line 10-15. This sentence seems contradictory.

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