

Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find our replies to the comments/queries from editor and reviewers for the manuscript entitled "Early detection of diabetic kidney disease: present limitations and future perspectives". We have detailed the answers and revisions point by point in the following pages. Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript for publication in *World Journal of Diabetes*.

Yours sincerely,

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Answers to Editor / Reviewers:

Thank you very much for your interest and constructive suggestions for this manuscript. We made the revisions according to the comments, point by point, as follows.

To Editor:

- Please offer signed pdf file for conflict-of-interest.

Our answer: We've uploaded the signed conflict-of-interest pdf file.

- Please offer the audio core tip.

Our answer: We've uploaded the audio core tip file.

- Please mark the location of table 4 in the text.

Our answer: Thanks for your kind reminder. We've labeled the location of Table 4 in the article. *(please see page 18 line 18)*

To Reviewer 00503474

- Please state how UCAR, MDRD and CKD-EPI are calculated (write formula in full) so readers not familiar with these formulas can understand.

Our answer: Thanks for the suggestion. We've added descriptions about the complete equations of UACR, MDRD and CKD-EPI in the article. *(please see page 5 line 23 to 24, page 7 line 3 to 8)*

- The formula used (MDRD) may also cause imprecision = inaccuracy in certain conditions: What are these conditions?

Our answer: Thanks for the comments. The MDRD equations become less reliable in patients with GFR >60 mL/min/1.73 m². *(please see page 7 line 15 to 16)*

To Reviewer 00503175

- Minor language polishing.

Our answer: Thanks for the comment. We have rechecked the wording, spelling and grammar.

- References must be written in the unique way (for example see reference number 20)

Our answer: Thanks for the comment. We have adjusted the format of references according to the regulation of *World Journal of Diabetes*.

To Reviewer 00591996

- Minor English revision is suggested.

Our answer: Thanks for the comment. We have rechecked the wording, spelling and grammar.

To Reviewer 00505681

- Although it has some grammatical errors, the present review paper has been designed in a clear format.

Our answer: Thanks for the comment. We have rechecked the wording, spelling and grammar.