

Dear Editor,

Please find here my comments to reviewers

Title: Frequent Office Visits of Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease is a Prelude to Prevention of Dialysis.

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The manuscript has been improved according to some suggestions of reviewers:

1. Although the comments of the reviewers were not specific, I followed some of their recommendations. Revision includes:

(1) Reviewer 00503392 stated that there is much data regarding longevity and quality of life in older patients with advanced CKD and was critical of only two patient presentation.

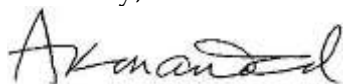
A) There is some data with regard to survival of maximum non-dialytic conservative management as reported by JR Berger, and S Hedayati in *Renal replacement therapy in the elderly populations*. Clin J Am Soc Nephrol 2012; 7: 1039-1046. However, this study did not describe the method of patient follow up, nor was there evidence presented that these patients were regularly followed in the office. The premise of my work is to demonstrate how regularly scheduled office visits and conservative treatment of ESRD enable these patients to live comfortably and avoid repeated hospital admissions. A unique circumstance for dialysis patients as reported in this article; Smith C, et.al., Nephron Clin Pract 2003; 95: C40-C45.

B) I have presented 2 cases just to exemplify the process of m conservative management for patients with CKD Stages 4-6 (Stage 6 being ESRD) and how well they are doing with my management. I do not yet have enough patients with CKD stages 4-6 to analyze the data, though I am receiving more and more referrals of these patients as they are refusing dialysis therapy.

(2) As per the suggestions of Reviewers 00503043 and 00503249, I have added a conclusion paragraph summarizing my findings with the ways of follow up of my patients in the office. They are permissive of long and comfortable survival. This is what I have tried to focus on in this manuscript.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Nephrology.

Sincerely,



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