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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11583-review.doc).

Title: Quality of Life in End Stage Renal Disease patients.

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) I have tried to include some points under discussion. I have included a table with first author, year of publication and study design. (Table 1)
- (2) The aspect of illiterate people, palliative care in patients with multiple co-morbidities and bad prognosis, physical activities and QoL, is mentioned.

Since I have to talk about three issues: QOL, associations of various factors with QOL and the instruments that measure QOL, I could reduce the introduction only to some extent.

I have changed the spelling for Tonelli in reference 5.

Studies have shown that QOL has improved with hemodialysis treatment as compared to peritoneal dialysis. Another study has shown that QOL is better for patients treated at home. In most cases peritoneal dialysis treatment is given at home. These two results may look contradictory but they are reported by two different studies. What is affecting QOL more - is it the type of treatment or the place of treatment? It will be interesting to know what will the result be when both aspects are looked at by the same study. I have mentioned this under

discussion. It will be even better to understand which factors affect QOL the most (and chronologically to the least) by putting all the variables in the same model.

(3) I have given the details of the method in Figure 1.

The information of type of study and study design is arranged in the Table1. I am sorry. Meta analysis was not possible due to unavailability of data and due to time constraints.

For the results, I am sorry I have not included a Table but I have explained it in Figure 2. I thought figure will be better to explain the relationships.

For minor English language polishing, I have got it edited by an expert in English language.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Few more references were included those are shown in blue color.

Changes in the text are shown in blue color.

Two figures and one Table is included.

Some of the text is deleted and some included however the context of the revised article remains the same. Some of the new words and lines are shown in blue color. However it was not possible to show all the changes.

Also while reviewing this paper two ideas came to my mind. 1) Minimal clinically important difference and 2) incomplete measurement of QOL may limit validity of predictive power of QOL. I have mentioned in the discussion. Please let me know if reviewers have any comments.

I am sorry, I did not use Cross Check.

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

Sincerely yours,

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