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Editor in chief

Dear Sir,

I want to express my gratitude for being able to submit an improved version of the article Number 10763 “Residual urinary output in high body mass index individuals on chronic hemodialysis. A disregarded life vest?”.

First, for the columns of the manuscript to be included in the World Journal of Nephrology, we consider it an OBSERVATIONAL STUDY.

Here, on behalf of the other authors, I respond to the few comments made by the reviewers:

REVIEWER 00503339

He comments: “A key step in analysis that can be accomplished with data now in the Authors files is a comparison of urinary output in Groups A, B, and C according to duration of dialysis therapy”. We have added this information in pages 5 and 8 and also in Table 1 in red color.

He then asks: “...Was there any difference in mean estimated GFR in the three groups when dialysis was initiated?” We answer this question in pages 5 and 7 also in red color.

REV 00503196

The reviewer states that “the authors have to explain better about the survival that they describe on the conclusion << High BMI-associated better survival may be explained by better urinary output, lowering cardiovascular stress>> The study is observational and has no sufficiency data about survival. It could be better to limit only on the correlation between the different variables of the study . We do agree with this comment. We just say “Whether these events are associated with a better survival rate in HD should be appropriately assessed”.

We hope to have fulfilled with the WJN requirements so as to have our paper published in the journal.

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Hernán Trimarchi is the Principal Investigator and has designed and written the manuscript. He has also participated in the design and direction of the study, and the hypotheses to be assessed and their interpretation

María S Raña has collected data and organized the samples to be sent to Biochemistry, together with Alejandra Karl and José Andrews

Mariana Dicugno has also designed the manuscript and made the statistical analysis

Vanessa Pomeranz has participated in the discussion process and organized the collection of data

Pablo Young has contributed with the bibliography and correction of the draft.

Mariano Forrester has discussed the paper

Mirta Alonso has directed the process of the samples

Fernando Lombi has participated in the Inform Consent process and in the presentation of the Protocol at the local IRB

Alexis Muryan has participated in the design and direction of the study, and the hypotheses to be assessed and their interpretation



Yours faithfully,

Dr Hernán Trimarchi