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First, authors would like to thank the reviewers for their constructive comments which have helped in improving the manuscript. The authors would like to summarize the major changes made in the manuscript, as per the reviewer's and editor's suggestions. We believe that the changes we have incorporated in this revision have resulted in a more readable and improved manuscript. We are submitting the revised version of the final manuscript highlighting the changes in red (track changes ON). The line numbers in this rebuttal document refer to the line numbers in the version with track changes ON. Below, please find the reviewer's comments/requests (italicized), followed by our responses (in standard font).

Editor/Administrator:

1. For the figures, decomposable figures are required. It means that the fonts and lines can be edited or moved. It can be made by ppt.

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2. Please add PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and list all authors. Please revise throughout. The author should provide the first page of the paper without PMID and DOI.

Format of the references have been corrected as per the editor/administrator comment.

Reviewer 1

Comments to Authors:

It is a well written manuscript to review the literature to assess the new prognostic factors to predict the stenosis of arteriovenous fistula.

1. Authors should in detail describe what are the review banks either from Pubmed or other sources, the period of review, inclusion criteria, and exclusion criteria.

The source of review banks, period of review, inclusion and exclusion criteria are added to the manuscript. Please see lines 128-136.

2. Finally, the study limitation should be also described.

The limitations of the study have been added to the manuscript. Please see lines 500-503.

Reviewer 2

No comments.

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

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