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The Editor-in-Chief,
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COVER LETTER: Health Related Quality of Life in a PD-First Programme in South Africa.

Dear Editor,

It is with pleasure that we submit our manuscript to your journal to be considered for publication. Our current paper is an original article reporting Health Related Quality of Life outcomes in a Peritoneal Dialysis First programme in South Africa, a middle-income country where patient choice is limited. There is a paucity of outcome data, including quality of life data in PD-First programmes. We are convinced that this work will be relevant for PD services in other low-middle income countries.

This work describes the comparison between renal specific and non-renal specific quality of life aspects between haemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis. We also report the challenges of PD in poor socioeconomic circumstances and possible solutions to improve the experience of PD in this setting.

This work is not currently under review in any journal. All the authors have contributed significantly to be listed as co-authors (see below):

Author roles:

1. Conceived and/or designed the work that led to the submission, acquired data, and/or played an important role in interpreting the results.
2. Drafted or revised the manuscript.
3. Approved the final version.

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We are aware that we are over the cut off for references, however we performed a thorough literature review and therefore feel that decreasing the references will diminish the value of the article. The article is concisely written and below the allocated word limit, therefore we hope you will consider allowing the extra references to remain.

All the authors have no conflict of interest to declare.

We are hopeful that our manuscript will receive your attention and will await further correspondence from your office.

Kind regards.

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