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Performance of Creatinine and Cystatin C-Based Equations to Estimate Kidney Function in Renal Transplant Recipients

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1 Original submission

1 comment · 10 Mar 2023

Referee 1 Reviewer

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Thanks to the authors for considering NUM for their submission.
The title of this manuscript is important and interesting; moreover, it is appropriate in terms of scientific writing structure, methodological transparency, and the presentation and interpretation of results, but it needs minor edits as follows:
1. Small sample size: It should be added as a limitation of the study.
2. Significance level: A p-value less than 0.05 should be considered significant.
3. Full details about the company providing the statistical software should be added in the statistical analysis section.
4. The first sentence of the statistical analysis section should be rewritten as follows: For descriptive analysis, mean and standard deviation (SD) were used for continuous variables, and number and percentage were used for categorical variables.
5. Table 1. Characteristics in the left column should be replaced with variables, and the title of the right column should be Mean (SD)/Number (Percentage).

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Response to Reviewers

Dear Behzad Einollahi

I am very grateful to you for allowing us to submit the revised version of this paper and to the anonymous reviewers for their constructive comments on our article entitled: Performance of creatinine and cystatin C based equations for estimating kidney function in renal transplant recipients. We have accepted and incorporated almost all the changes suggested by the reviewers. The changes are highlighted in yellow within the manuscript. Please see below for a point-by-point response to the reviewers' comments.

1. Small sample size: It should be added as limitation of study.

It was edited.

2. Significance level: P-value less than 0.05 should be considered for significance.

It was added to the Statistical analyses section.

3. Full data about company of statistical softwares should be added in the statistical analysis section.

More details were added to the Statistical analyses section.

4. First sentence of statistical analysis should be re-written as this manner: For descriptive analysis, mean and standard deviation (SD) used for continuous variables, and number and percentage used for categorical variables.
It was edited.

5. Table 1. Characteristics in left column replaced with variables, and title of wright column should be Mean (SD)/Number (Percentage).

It was edited.

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1 comment · 16 Apr 2023

Referee 1 Reviewer

ACCEPT 16 Apr 2023

Currently, this manuscript is acceptable for publication in the NUM journal from a methodological point of view.