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Journal Name:	<u>British Journal of Medicine and MedicalResearch</u>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_BJMMR_32156
Title of the Manuscript:	Screening for Fabry Disease among Dialysis Patients in Brazil: Findings from the First 18 months of a Nationwide Study
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Compulsory REVISION comments		
Minor REVISION comments	<p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - please add "abdominal pain" in description of multiorgan involvement in FD - please refer to the importance of early diagnosis among the advantages of FD screening in high-risk populations - please add a better description of "renal variant" - please add this citation regarding FD in childhood to reference section:Sestito S, Ceravolo F, Concolino D. Anderson-Fabry disease in children. Curr Pharm Des. 2013;19(33):6037-45 - please add this citation regarding intra- familial variability of FD to reference section:Rigoldi M, Concolino D, Morrone A, Pieruzzi F, Ravaglia R, Furlan F, Santus F, Strisciuglio P, Torti G, Parini R.Intrafamilial phenotypic variability in four families with Anderson-Fabry disease.Clin Genet. 2014 Sep;86(3):258-63 <p>Methodology:</p> <p>2.1 Study population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - please specify that underlying causes of CKD which might be present in patients enrolled in the study were different from those considered as exclusion criteria <p>2.3 Ethics, consent and permissions</p>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- in Fig.1 what do the number in correspondence of the centers stand for? <p>2.3 Screening strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- please specify who had validated the clinical questionnaires applied to the patients- please specify what the acronyms MPC and MGR stand for. <p>2.3.2 Data analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- please complete the sentence :” Statistical analysis by frequency distribution, measures of central tendency, dispersion, and the chi-square test”- please explain better what guided the choice of combinations created to distinguish patients in FD-suspected, FD-non suspected and analysis (i.e. the frequency of signs and symptoms described in literature, natural history of FD, etc.) <p>Results</p> <p>3.1 Patients demographics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please specify that 2847 are FD-negatives among FD-suspected patients <p>3.2 GLA gene mutation analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please complete the sentence :”no mutation was significantly prevalent” with “ in patients with cornea verticillate” <p>3.3 Frequency of FD symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please specify that FD-negatives are among FD-suspected patients <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please make a clearer description of genotype-phenotype correlation regarding cerebrovascular disease in FD	
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<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The authors' analysed 25,223 dialysis patients from 188 Brazilian dialysis centers, developing an algorithm which allowed to reduce significantly the number of dialysis patients tested, and founding a prevalence of FD of 0,4%, in line with previous reports. In discussion section authors focus on clinical and demographics features and a precise genotype-phenotype correlation regarding GLA mutations found in positive patients. They conclude underlying the importance of the algorithm developed in order to identify FD patients among large numbers of dialysis patients.	
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