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Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Journal of Biochemistry Research &amp; Review</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJBCRR_125935
Title of the Manuscript:	VITAMIN D STATUS IN AFRICAN PATIENTS ON SUPPLEMENTED HEMODIALYSIS, FOLLOWED IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE
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**PART 1: Review Comments**

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	<b>Author's Feedback</b> <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p><b>1. Relevant research topic:</b> The study addresses an important issue in nephrology - vitamin D status in hemodialysis patients in Côte d'Ivoire. This is particularly relevant given the high prevalence of vitamin D deficiency in chronic kidney disease patients and its impact on bone health.</p> <p><b>2. Clear methodology:</b> The authors provide a detailed description of their study design, patient selection criteria, and laboratory methods used for vitamin D measurement.</p> <p><b>3. Comparison with existing literature:</b> The discussion section includes comparisons of the findings with other studies from both African and Western populations, providing context for the results.</p> <p><b>4. Consideration of compliance:</b> The study examines the relationship between treatment compliance and vitamin D levels, which is an important practical consideration in patient care.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p><b>1. Limited sample size:</b> With only 89 patients included, the study may lack statistical power to draw robust conclusions or perform more detailed subgroup analyses.</p> <p><b>2. Lack of control group:</b> The absence of a control group of healthy individuals or non-supplemented hemodialysis patients limits the interpretation of the results.</p> <p><b>3. Cross-sectional design:</b> The cross-sectional nature of the study prevents the assessment of causal relationships or long-term outcomes related to vitamin D status.</p> <p><b>4. Incomplete reporting of statistical analysis:</b> The methods section lacks details on statistical tests used, and there is limited presentation of statistical significance for the reported findings.</p> <p><b>5. Inadequate discussion of potential confounders:</b> Factors such as sunlight exposure, dietary intake, and comorbidities that could affect vitamin D levels are not adequately addressed.</p>	

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<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Expand sample size:</b> Increase the number of participants to improve statistical power and allow for more robust subgroup analyses. For example, stratification by age, gender, or duration of dialysis could provide valuable insights.</li> <li>2. <b>Include a control group:</b> Incorporate a control group of either healthy individuals or non-supplemented hemodialysis patients to better contextualize the findings.</li> <li>3. <b>Longitudinal design:</b> Consider a prospective cohort study to assess changes in vitamin D status over time and its relationship with clinical outcomes.</li> <li>4. <b>Enhance statistical analysis:</b> Clearly describe the statistical methods used and report measures of statistical significance (e.g., p-values, confidence intervals) for key findings.</li> <li>5. <b>Address potential confounders:</b> Collect and analyze data on factors that could influence vitamin D levels, such as sunlight exposure, dietary intake, and comorbidities. For instance, use of a validated sunlight exposure questionnaire or dietary assessment tool could provide valuable additional information.</li> <li>6. <b>Expand on clinical implications:</b> Provide more detailed recommendations for clinical practice based on the findings, such as specific supplementation strategies or monitoring protocols.</li> <li>7. <b>Improve data presentation:</b> Use more informative tables and consider adding figures (e.g., a scatter plot of vitamin D levels vs. duration of dialysis) to better illustrate the results.</li> </ol> <p>By addressing these points, the authors could significantly strengthen the scientific rigor and clinical relevance of their study.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>		
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>		
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p>		
<p><u>Minor</u> REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>		
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>		

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	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <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>
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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