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Dear Editor,

On behalf of the World Kidney Day (WKD) 2017 Steering Committee, we are submitting to you directly a manuscript entitled - **Obesity and Kidney Disease: hidden consequences of the epidemic** - the official WKD Editorial for 2017.

We believe this paper provides an excellent summary and rationale for WKD 2017, whose focus is on the relationship between obesity and kidney disease.

Obesity is a growing epidemic worldwide. It is one of the strongest risk factors for new-onset chronic kidney disease, and also for nephrolithiasis and for kidney cancer. This year World Kidney Day promotes education on the harmful consequences of obesity and its association with kidney disease, advocating healthy lifestyle and health policy measures that makes preventive behaviors an affordable option.

The editorial is co-written by Csaba P. Kovesdy, Susan Furth, and Carmine Zoccali.

We hope to time the publication of the manuscript by the February or March issue of your journal, so it will be published close to World Kidney Day on March 9th, 2017. Please note that the article is under embargo until February 2017 and is being submitted simultaneously to a wide range of medical and pediatric journals, including leading nephrology journals.

As a reflection of the worldwide support for this international event, the WKD 2016 editorial was published in over 70 journals worldwide. We hope to count on you in 2017.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for World Kidney Day 2017.

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