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I commend the editorial team of the Indian Journal of Nephrology for publishing this special supplement on Chronic Kidney Disease of unknown etiology (CKDu). As the global Nephrology community is making strides in unraveling the mystery, a myriad of hypothesis has been proposed. Variations of CKDu presentation, features across geographies have been noted. We must be vigilant about the possibility of CKDu evolving into a public health problem of global proportions. The fact that it is mostly reported in rural, agricultural communities among productive men in the context of inaccessible health systems creates a need for urgency.

Hence basic scientists, clinical researchers, and public health professionals must collaborate to elucidate the risk factors, etiopathogenesis, pathophysiology of the disease. I believe this is the forerunner to design preventive initiatives, early detection strategies and protect vulnerable communities. Hence I appreciate the effort of professionals from India who met at Chennai, July 2019 to deliberate, discuss and their continued dedication resulting in this publication. I am positive this will serve as a thinking template to drive multidisciplinary projects with focus and purpose and find effective solutions

It is very apt this project is done in the context of World Kidney Day 2020 which carries a theme "Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere – from Prevention to Detection and Equitable Access to Care".

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