

Supplementary table 1. Regional populations and the number of nephrologists in Japan.

Regions	Populations (×1,000)	Number of nephrologists
Hokkaido	5460	86
Tohoku	9155	250
Kanto	42631	1719
Koshinetsu	5331	174
Hokuriku	3044	129
Tokai	15063	432
Kinki	20845	721
Chugoku	7504	230
Shikoku	3932	120
Kyushu	13144	421
Total	126109	4282