Supplementary Table 1: Interview question guide

1. **Time point 1 – Pre-donation: Donors**
   a. Explanation of study, obtain informed consent
   b. How did you meet and could you tell me about your relationship with X?
   c. What are three words that you would use to describe them?
   d. On a scale of 0 (not close at all) to 10 (very close), how would you rate your relationship – why?
   e. What would you say are their strengths (or what you value/respect most about them) and their weaknesses?
   f. How did first come to know that X had kidney disease? How did you come to know that they would need a transplant?
   g. How did you decide to be a donor?
   h. Did someone ask you to donate or did you offer to donate a kidney? Were there other potential donors?
   i. What was the most important motivation to donate a kidney - why?
   j. What reservations or concerns did you have and how did you overcome them?
   k. To what extent do you think your relationship with X influenced your decision – how/why?
   l. How did your relationship with other family members, friends, colleagues have an influence on your decision – how/why?
   m. How do you expect that your relationship with the recipient will change after donation? Can you give an example...?
   n. Is there anything else that you think is important to add?

2. **Time point 1 – Pre-donation: Recipients**
   a. Explanation of study, obtain informed consent
   b. How did you meet and could you tell me about your relationship with X?
   c. What are three words that you would use to describe them?
   d. On a scale of 0 (not close at all) to 10 (very close), how would you rate your relationship – why?
   e. What would you say are their strengths (or what you value/respect most about them) and their weaknesses?
   f. When did you find out that you had CKD? When did you find out that you needed a transplant? What was your reaction?
   g. Tell me when you were thinking about asking your donor? Were there several potential donors?
   h. What was the most important motivation to accept this kidney from a living donor and not wait for a deceased donor kidney?
   i. How do you expect that your relationship with the donor will change after donation? Can you give an example...?
   j. Is there anything else that you think is important to add?

3. **Time point 2 – Post-donation: Donors and recipients**
   a. How have you recovered post-surgery?
   b. What kind of thoughts have you had about the transplant?
   c. How much contact have you had with your donor/recipient over the past two weeks? Please expand.
   d. Do you think the transplant is impacting on your relationship in any way – how?
   e. Has the transplant changed the way you view your donor/recipient – how? Can you give an example?
   f. Do you think the transplant has changed the way your donor/recipient views you – how? – Can you give an example?
   g. If yes, how have you been coping with these changes? How do these changes compare with your expectations?
   h. What kinds of things have you discussed with each other about the transplant?
   i. Have you told your donor/recipient about how you have been feeling since the transplant? How did this conversation go?
   j. Did you argue or have any disagreements with your donor/recipient in the past two weeks - why? How was it resolved?
   k. What aspects of a relationship do you believe are most important to cope with the donation/transplant?
   l. Is there anything else that you think is important to add?