Reviewer's report

Title: The impact of vitamin D supplementation on vascular stiffness and blood pressure in Chronic Kidney Disease patients

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The manuscript is much improved and important clarifications have been made. Only a few issues remain.

Minor Essential Revisions

The authors have still failed to clarify the agents being used in this study. If calcitriol is being used, then 1,25(OH)2D3 should be specified.

I have seen very few studies that truly use 25-OH vitamin D, and none are cited by this paper. Most studies that supplement 25-OH vitamin D do so by giving the precursor (cholecalciferol or ergocalciferol) which are then CONVERTED to 25-OH D3 or D2 (respectively) by the liver. This should be clarified because a true use of 25-OH vitamin D would be novel and would require some background and justification.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests