Reviewer's report

Title: Suboptimal blood pressure control in chronic kidney disease stage 3: baseline data from a cohort study in primary care

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I appreciate the efforts the authors have gone to to respond to my comments and have little else to add. There are a number of typos in the abstract and I think there is a mistake in lines 2-3 of the discussion. As well as the typo (strictower) the sentence is not clear...is it just 64% not achieving the **more** strict KDOQI target?

The paper summarises the gap in the CKD/BP evidence base beautifully. The authors have shown that arterial stiffness (through causing ISH) is cross-sectionally associated with eGFR. There is no evidence that aggressively treating systolic BP in these older people with ISH will slow decline of eGFR. I hope that the result of this paper will not be to berate GPs to meet possibly inappropriate targets, but I have to accept that this is just my view!

Best wishes

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