Title: Endothelial nitric oxide synthase gene polymorphisms and risk of diabetic nephropathy: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer's report:

In this Review/Metanalysis, authors have provided detailed analysis of published studies on association of eNOS gene polymorphisms with DN. There have been reviews in this topic by others too, but this one examines association by comparing DN patients with Type 2 Diabetics, which is a better approach.

Is the question posed original, important and well defined?
The review topic is relevant to Diabetic nephropathy (DN) and requires meta-analysis to provide the information on association of this gene with DN.

Are the data sound and well controlled?
Authors have used appropriate selection strategy and statistics for this analysis.

Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the data?
The manuscript is well written and results derived have been discussed based on this information. Authors have provided necessary references in their manuscript.

Extensive statistics has been used and the manuscript may be reviewed by an additional reviewer with statistical expertise. My specific comments for this article are:

Discretionary Revisions
1. Authors should discuss the significance of positive association of eNOS 4b/a polymorphism with DN.
2. Did authors compare the data for duration of diabetes in DN vs DM? Or corrected for this variation?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.