Reviewer's report

Title: Age-related associations of hypertension and diabetes mellitus with chronic kidney disease

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Reviewer: Claudine T Jurkovitz

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The authors have greatly improved their manuscript since their last submission. They have addressed all the reviewers’ previous recommendations and made all the suggested changes except one last one regarding the issue of the prevalence of CKD among the non-exposed (those without hypertension or diabetes).

In their answer to the reviewers, the authors state that these results are presented at the bottom of table 1 and table 3. However, tables 1 and 3 describe the prevalence of risk factors among those with and without CKD or albuminuria and not the prevalence of CKD among those with or without these risk factors.

In addition, the 2 paragraphs in answer to comment number 2 (pages 8 -9 of the "Answer to the reviewers” document) do not refer to the same prevalence. The first one refers to the prevalence of CKD, the second one to the prevalence of hypertension/diabetes.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'