Reviewer’s report

Title: Low documentation of chronic kidney disease among high-risk patients in a managed care population: a retrospective cohort study

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Guessous I et al reported the low documentation of CKD among high-risk patients in a managed care population in USA. Results are confirmatory of others, however it is important to raise the awareness of CKD in their region. It is unbelievable that the information of race is not available in the records. This reviewer does not understand why they studied eGFR 10-59 ml/min/1.73m2 (stage 3 and 5, not stage 3 and 4 in the first session of the Discussion). According to the KDIGO, CKD stage 5 is less than 15 ml/min/1.73m2.

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Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'