Reviewer’s report

Title: Predicting cardiovascular disease morbidity and mortality in chronic kidney disease in Spain. The rationale and design of NEFRONA: a prospective, multicenter, observational cohort study.

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This is a well designed study which aims to examine the role of non traditional risks factors on the evolution of cardiovascular disease in CKD. The authors intend to stage CKD using the MDRD equation. It would be interesting to repeat the analyses using the CKD-epi formula which is suggested to better identify those with early CKD (stage 3A) who are at risk of complications including CVD.

I may have missed it but it would be valuable to collect data on the use of ACEi and ARB (not just antihypertensives) because of the potential effect of these drugs on vascular modelling

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