Reviewer’s report

Title: Pre-dialysis patients’ labor participation, perceived autonomy and self-esteem: Associations with illness perceptions and treatment perceptions. A cross-sectional study

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Major Compulsory Revisions
In the background there are’t data usefull for comparation of results, only general results.
Sample: it’s small considering that the study was performed in 25 clinics. Data are quite old (2006). I suggest to include patients treated until 2009. Response rate is quite low, it could be a bias. Average age is quite high, with 58% of participants who could be formally retired. Education level is quite low, which was their work before renal disease? I would like to have some comparations with a healthy population.

Minor Essential Revisions
Measures: insert min-max value of CASP, Current Rhoughts Scale, IPQ...

Discretionary Revisions
Discussion/conclusion with more clear indications for multiprofessional team.

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

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