Reviewer's report

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

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Major Compulsory Revisions
Background:
Background is useful for understanding the research problem. Even if data about previous study are used in literature, I suggest to include some more data in literature revision for clarify the entity of this problem.

Method:
You stated that "PREPARE-2 is a prospective observational study, started in 2004 and is now operating in 25 pre-dialysis...", but how many units were active at the time of the study?

Discussion:
I suggest to change the order and begin with the discussion of sample characteristics.
Add to limitation a clear statement about sample size and participation rate limitation.

Discretionary Revisions
The article is very long. It could be useful to reduce it a little because it's very difficult to read.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests' below