Reviewer’s report

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reviewed the manuscript “syrvival in dialysis patients is not different between patients with diabetes as primary renal disease and patients with diabetes as a co-morbid condition”

It is wrong to label Diabetes as a primary renal disease?it should be changed to diabetic nephropathy. The main problem is the authors have not provided a clear definition of Diabetes as a co-morbid condition. I copy and paste the authors "The diagnosis was based on the opinion of the physician, reflecting common clinical practice. We can not exclude that some patients could have been misclassified, especially in patients with diabetes as a co-morbid condition and a primary diagnosis of renal vascular disease." Apart from above problem how it is possible in patients with ADPKD and DM we exclude the possibilty of DN without biopsy if they develop ESRD. There are many other shortages that the authors themselves explained and this decrease the value of their conclusions. Plus many assumption like their glycemic control should have been comparable?