Reviewer’s report

Title: The Current Status of Chronic Kidney Disease in India: First Report of the Indian CKD Registry

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
None.

- Minor Essential Revisions
1) As per STROBE, please state that this is a cross-sectional study either in the title or abstract, and in the methods.
2) In the first paragraph on the Introduction some descriptive ranges of prevalence of CKD in India and developed countries would be helpful.
3) Can the specific locations of the study nephrologists been included in supplementary figure 1.
4) The specific study periods for each region should be stated in the methods.
5) Rate of incident CKD per general population, overall and in each region, would be relevant to add to the results.
6) Footnotes should be added to tables that report means and standard deviation or standard errors to indicate specifically what they are.
7) All tables need the abbreviations expanded in footnotes.
8) Some pointed recommendations for future research is needed. For example, the authors mention rural residence as a possible barrier to health care. Would the authors recommend dividing the 4 regions into rural and urban sub-regions for more precise exploration?

- Discretionary Revisions
1) The authors focus on 6 main variables: region, stage, year, etiology, income, public or private hospital. With surveys, it is nice to see each cross-tabulation for each pair of important variable. Given that region was the initial focus and stage was found to be an important focus, I would recommend two tables similar to Table 2, complete with age, sex and each of the other important variables. Along with a 3X2 matrix of barcharts to depict the remaining cross-tabulations.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being
published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.