Reviewer's report

Title: Outpatient red blood cell transfusion payments among patients on chronic dialysis

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This is a well written paper about the economic burden of red cell transfusions in patients on chronic dialysis. It adds valuable information about the economic burden of hemotherapy in this special group of patients. The methods are appropriate and correctly shown. The data analysed are comprehensive and sufficient to justify the conclusions drawn by the authors. The manuscript completely adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition. The discussion is adequate with respect to the data and limitations of the study are clearly revealed by the authors. The fact, that infectious complications and iron overload had not been reflected in the study are clear limitations, because these complications can contribute substantially to the cost of red cell transfusions. These issues should be addressed in further studies including longer posttransfusional follow up periods.

The authors correctly refer to the relevant literature in the field.

The title and abstract accurately reflect the data of the work. The writing is correct and well.

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 have no competing interests to declare in relation to this paper.