Reviewer's report

Title: CDKD: A Clinical Database of Kidney Diseases

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General Comments to authors:

This paper presents a new, clinical database, CDKD, for following patients with kidney disease, in India.

The DB has a publicly accessible front page and shows general statistics of the overall contents (already contains data for more than 10,000 patients) to the casual visitor -- this is useful, because it gives an overview of the extent of kidney disease across India. Detailed records and charts are accessible only for registered users, which is of course as it should be.

The authors propose their CDKD as a free tool for patients and for physicians following these patients and also for the patients themselves. Restriction and partitioning of access modes seems to be set up according to proper division of responsibilities, in the respect of patient privacy. The user interface is adequately described in the paper, as are the data sources and security measures.

Overall, this looks to me like a highly useful tool that could make a significant contribution to care of Indian kidney-disease patients, if it is indeed adopted by the medical community. In fact, it looks like an example that should serve as inspiration in European countries as well.

Major Compulsory Revisions: none

Minor Essential Revisions

The English should be corrected -- throughout the paper, there are many dropped articles and other awkward constructions. The paper is nonetheless readable, with no troublesome ambiguities, but is not up to professional standards for English language scientific papers.

Discretionary Revisions: none

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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

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