Reviewer's report

Title: Lower serum prohepcidin levels associated with lower iron and erythropoietin requirements in hemodialysis patients with chronic hepatitis C

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This manuscript can be accepted for publication with minor changes:
1- In the end of “Background” of abstract section, change hepcidin to pro-hepcidin
2- The variables “total iron received” and “ESA resistance index” presented a normal distribution? If not, give the results as median and (P25-P75).
3- The results of hs-CRP are lower in HD patients, when compared with healthy volunteers (table II). How the authors explain these result.
4- The authors says that “… lack of available laboratory methods for quantifying circulating hepcidin…”; However, currently this is not true because there are some ELISA commercial kits to measure hepcidin serum levels.

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.