Reviewer's report

Title: The risk for chronic kidney disease in patients with heart diseases: a 7-year follow-up in a cohort study in Taiwan

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Minor Essential Revisions
This is a very interesting study presenting substantial cohort of patients. The big advantage is also the analysis of Chinese population. In my opinion is necessarily to define cut off point of CKD based on eGFR. Very often the CKD diagnosis is based only in a single plasma creatinine level measurement, which did not reflect the real kidney function. I realize that may be difficult since there is a retrospective study. On another hand this kind of analysis made this study fruitful and crucial.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 declare that I have no competing interests' below