Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of cinacalcet availability and formulary listing on parathyroidectomy rate trends

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The authors have addressed my comments. Once again, it seems a stretch to suggest that the introduction of cinacalcet could have had such a large effect on PTX above and beyond the changes in other medications that likely affected this just as much (calcium based binders). While it is true that PTX declined after the introduction of cinacalcet, this may be true and unrelated. I remain unconvinced of the argument overall, but would concede that PTX rates declined after the introduction of cinacalcet in the formulary. Whether this is causal at all is entirely unclear.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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