Reviewer's report

Title: Chronic kidney disease is associated with adverse outcomes among elderly patients taking clopidogrel after hospitalization for acute coronary syndrome

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General comments

This is a well written and presented manuscript on a theme of significant clinical interest. It includes novel data on outcomes after starting clopidogrel for ACS for those with and without chronic kidney disease.

Major Revisions

1. The relevance of the research question is not made very clear.
2. It is currently unclear how much of the observed trend in poorer outcomes with worsening renal function can be explained by ageing mechanisms other than decreasing glomerular filtration rate. It would be better if these analyses were corrected for age.
3. If it were possible to identify a matched group who were never prescribed clopidogrel, then this would be a much more revealing analysis. As it stands the paper lacks any pragmatic clinical relevance or message for clinicians as the conclusions are already well established.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.