Reviewer’s report

Title: Age as an effect modifier for renal transplantation in Canada’s Aboriginal Peoples

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The manuscript repeats information that the younger Aboriginals are less likely to receive a renal transplant compared to their Caucasian counterparts, even after adjustment for comorbidity. The underlying reasons for these discrepancies need to be investigated and reported. The authors should go back to the CORR and/or the USRDS and study the underlying factors such as non-adherence, lack of logistical support (transport), education, employment status or yet unknown variables that may be contributing to this serious issue. Perhaps there are religious or cultural issues which may need to be examined and suitable interventions instituted to remove barriers to obtaining kidney transplantation. Only then, we will have equitable distribution of transplant organs and a just society.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.