Reviewer's report

Title: Canadian Society of Nephrology Survey confirms clinical equipoise for using warfarin in hemodialysis patients with atrial fibrillation

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Reviewer: Patrick Saudan

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Dear Sir,

Juma et al. performed a survey in order to determine what is the practice of warfarin prescription among Canadian nephrologists to HD patients with AF and on account of the uncertainty of their answers, they concluded that a RCT would be useful to their practice and that most of the nephrologists would agree to enroll patients in such a trial.

Major comment: Though it is an original and well-made survey, I doubt whether BMC nephrology is the place to publish these results on account of “low priority”. This issue is a hot topic nowadays in Nephrology and we already wait eagerly for more science in this area, whatever would have been the results of this survey. I have no doubt that the authors would be top investigators in implementing this trial.

Minor comment:

-Most of the nephrologists come from Ontario and Quebec. Is this sample truly representative of the whole Canadian renal physicians’s community?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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