Reviewer's report

Title: Pulmonary Function and Exercise Tolerance in Pre-dialytic Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease: A Cross Sectional Study.

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The changes that have been made have improved the manuscript substantially. There are still several minor points which require further consideration.

Minor Essential Revisions

Methods Page 6 final paragraph
Please identify in the text that VO2 max is a predicted value. I suggest changing the word "determined" to "predicted" in the sentence beginning "Peak oxygen consumption maximum....."

Final paragraph of results.
Please replace “e” with “and” throughout this paragraph.

Discretionary Revision
Results Paragraph 2
Follow-up time suggests time since a treatment or intervention was initiated. This is not the case in this study. My personal preference is to use the phrase “time since diagnosis” to indicate disease duration.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.