Reviewer's report

Title: A Low Fractional Excretion of Phosphorus/Fgf23 Ratio is Associated with Severe Abdominal Aortic Calcification in Non Dialyzed Kidney Disease Patients

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This study suggests that a low phosphaturic response to FGF23 may be (by unknown mechanisms) conducive to vascular calcification.

The interest of this survey is of moderate degree. Cross-sectional studies can only generate hypotheses. The hypothesis generated by this study is not new. Purely associative studies with no mechanistic data insisting on pathogenetic hypotheses which have already been put forward are not front line clinical science.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests