Reviewer's report

Title: Frailty And Falls Among Adult Patients Undergoing Chronic Hemodialysis: A Prospective Cohort Study

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The study is timely focusing on a major problem. With the numbers of ESRD patients undergoing hemodialysis exceeding 500,000 patients and the increased prevalence of falls, this kind of research trying to understand the factors associated with falls are very crucial. The authors had 2 questions; is frailty an independent risk for falls in the hemodialysis population, and if there is an association, is it across all ages.

To adjust for comorbidities, the authors listed several factors that may contribute to falls. However, there are so many other factors that may contribute to falls related to the hemodialysis process itself that the authors ignored; hypotension, bone metabolic diseases, anemia, arrhythmias, access-related infections, metabolic acidosis, etc.

The authors recognized the small cohort sample limitation, but also the short duration of the study is another limitation. Another major problem with the manuscript is the lack of a thorough discussion, moving from results to conclusion without analyzing their data.

I do not think that this manuscript is acceptable in its current format. I will be happy to review if a significant changes are done on the design and a thorough discussion of the findings are supplied.