Reviewer's report

Title: Diastolic function is a strong predictor of mortality in patients with chronic kidney disease

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Dr Farshid and colleagues have conducted a sound and interesting study. I don't think any major or minor essential revision is required.

A discretionary revision worth considering is acknowledgement that diastolic impairment and hypertension are closely related. 85% of the study cohort had a history of hypertension. Control of hypertension or hypertension as a risk factor for death/MACE was not addressed in this study.

The echo finding of diastolic dysfunction may be a marker of poor blood pressure and other risk factor control.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests