Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of prior CKD management in a renal care network on early outcomes in incident dialysis patients: a prospective observational study

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The authors have addressed comments from a prior review. I have only minor additional comments:

1. There are some grammatical issues that will still need to be corrected.
2. The legend on figure 3 should be checked - both lines are labeled as control.
3. Although minor and not taking away from the conclusions, the sample size analysis used an assumption of decreasing the primary endpoint from 20% to 5% - exceedingly optimistic, since essentially no intervention comes close to that effect in ESRD patients.

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

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.