Reviewer’s report

Title: Barriers to Successful Care for Chronic Kidney Disease

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Reviewer: Bryce Kiberd

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Table 2 and 3 calcium-phosphate rather than calcium-phosphate

Please explain why 5/9 goals not achieved was used as the outcome variable in the logistic analysis. Did the conclusions (figure 2) of the analysis differ if 3/9, 4/9 or 6/9 were used as the outcome variable. Noting this would make the analysis more robust.

Table 3 shows that some targets were not affected by short or long term follow up but others were (ie BP, CaxP, P, and albumin). Were some targets dependent on race, diabetes, and non-attendance related? is this of interest.I.E. phosphorous diets harder or easier to achieve in blacks (diet related less or more dairy products)

Page 12 To explain why better achievement of anemia goals in hemodialysis. Not only better adherence (less non-compliance), IV iron (is that what is meant by injectibles)? Sentence structure should be improved.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

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