Reviewer's report

**Title:** Older renal cell cancer patients experience increased rates of venous thromboembolic events: a retrospective cohort study of SEER-Medicare data

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**Reviewer:** Adam Metwalli

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With all due respect to the authors decision to omit p-values for their confidence intervals, a brief search of similar manuscripts in BMC Cancer clearly demonstrate that including p-values along with 95% CI is standard for this type of analysis (see below):


Since you are trying to make these data as accessible to your readers as possible, I would recommend to the authors to also include p-values with the HR results in Tables 3-5.

The reworking of the tables is well done.

All in all I think this is a valuable contribution to the literature and I appreciate the changes that were made from the first version.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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