Reviewer's report

Title: Association between Smoking and Chronic Kidney Disease: a case control study

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This is an interesting paper dealing with an issue only scantily investigated so far in patients with chronic kidney disease. Very recently Yamamoto R and all published a study on Am J Kidney Dis. 2010 Aug;56(2):313-24, involving patients with IgA nephropathy and their conclusions were in keeping with the present paper. The Method Section should be implemented, clearly stating the nature of the study (ie cross sectional, length of follow-up and so on). The discussion could be shortened. There are many errors in spelling all over the manuscript.

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests