Reviewer's report

Title: Bronchial asthma is associated with increased risk of chronic kidney disease

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The authors have examined the association between asthma and chronic kidney disease in a population cohort from Taiwan.

There are several major issues that require attention from the authors.

1. How asthma diagnosis was made?
2. Cigarette smoking data was not provided or included in the analysis and is a likely important factor in both asthma, and other risk factors such as heart disease and even CKD itself
3. Patient BMI or obesity was not included as a risk factor or data provided
4. The age of the patients suggests asthma diagnosis at an older age which means they may have another airway disease such as COPD and limited details on diagnosis was provided.

The abstract background provides no rationale for doing the study - why is it important to clarify this association

The discussion contains no reference to other studies in the research area or evidence to support the findings in this paper.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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 have no competing interests