Reviewer's report

Title: Ethical issues relating to pre-diabetic living donor kidney transplantation

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  1) page 4, first paragraph: chronic kidney failure may also be treated with dialysis
  2) the second half of the first paragraph should be revised and perhaps placed later in the background. The third paragraph would be more appropriate.
  3) are there studies out there that have shown that pre-diabetes is not a risk favor for DM2? If so, could you mention these as well to present a balanced argument.
  4) as there is evidence on both sides of the increased risk, the discussion should be organized differently. It is difficult to follow.
  5) the paragraph beginning with “In the hypothetical case…” should be removed. It distracts from the argument.
  6) on page 7, you bounce back and forth between the difference increased risks of pre-diabetes. Perhaps, organize each risk into it’s own sub-heading with logical argument flow.
  7) what do you mean by “the use of a kidney from a living-donor pre-diabetic” is of “questionable beneficence” on page 10? That kidneys from this population do not have the same outcomes as other kidneys? Do you have outcome data that supports this?

- Minor Essential Revisions
  1) “renal receptor” should be replace with the terminology “renal recipient”
  2) The section title “cultural difference” is deceiving, as I took it to mean only socio-demographic cultural differences. Perhaps another title would be more appropriate.
  3) page 11, last paragraph: do you mean “prohibit the donation from minors etc.” and not “to minors”??

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.