Reviewer's report

Title: Design and Implementation of the First Nationwide, Web-based Chinese Renal Data System (CNRDS)

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This is an excellent, well written article. The reader would be interested in more data about the BBS online forum, how many messages are exchanged in what period of time, what types of messages, has the BBS had a positive influence on patient care, can this be numerically documented, is there a rigorous effort to evaluate the positive effect of these communications? The term BBS is no longer much used in the rest of the world. It causes one to remember a time of much slower dialup connections to the Internet when the Web was still young, Is the term BBS still widely used in China? It only needs to be changed in this report if the term is not widely used today in China.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.