Reviewer’s report

Title: Cost-effectiveness analysis of timely dialysis referral after renal transplant failure in Spain

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Reviewer: Marta Trapero-Bertran

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Dear author,

Thank you very much for your carefully revision of both reviewers’ comments. You have addressed all my comments, though I will appreciate if you could consider the following minor points:

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Regarding my first and second comments (2nd Reviewer) about the variability in results (costs and outcomes), I am convinced that there might be a reason that will explain your variability. I don’t think you can justify this variability saying that you “strongly believe”...the assumption of the 10% always adds uncertainty into the model, but not really that much to generate this dispersion in results. Check all the parameters you are using in the model, and make sure you suggest or point and explanation in the paper!

2. I will strongly recommend that monetary values expressed in Euros have the sign € after the number;

3. In Table 2, the 95% CI lower and upper bounds could be placed next to the mean, in brackets, to shorten the table and probably will look clearer:
   i.e. Per-patient annual cost (Euros)
   Mean 4,591 (4,568-4,614)
   Make sure in the title you state that information between brackets corresponds to the 95%CI. In addition, I don’t think you need the legend on Table 2, you could probably delete from here;

4. Probably, in Figure 4, you could move the vertical axe to the very left to help readers to see the numbers on it!

Thank you very much for your hard work addressing all the comments.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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