Reviewer's report

Title: Comparison of Quality-of-Care Measures in Patients with End-Stage Renal Disease Secondary to Lupus Nephritis vs. Other Causes

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This is a very interesting manuscript comparing the quality-of-care measures in ESRD due to lupus versus other causes. The manuscript is well-written and addresses an important question. The analyses are well described and tables are comprehensive.

Major compulsory revisions:

1. A large number of patients (~246K) were excluded from the analyses for access to transplant because of age #70 years. Given that the population of elderly ESRD patients starting dialysis is rapidly growing and more than 40% of those receiving renal transplant in the recent years are 70 yrs or older (Trends in kidney transplant outcomes in older adults. J Am Geriatr Soc. 2014), it would be important to NOT exclude this group. I would suggest to the authors to re-do this analysis, perhaps by using a higher age cut off.

2. Please specify the duration of pre-ESRD care if known

Discretionary revisions:

1. Was there a difference in the outcomes if pre-ESRD care was 6-12 months versus >12 months

2. Fig 1 is hard to follow, probably because the total numbers in each category described in the text are not stated in the Fig.

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