Reviewer's report

Title: Perceptions about hemodialysis and transplantation among African American adults with end-stage renal disease: inferences from focus groups

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Overall, this is a good manuscript. The research question posed by the authors is well defined, and the methods are appropriate and well described. The data appears sound, and the figures appear to be genuine, i.e. without evidence of manipulation. The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition and the discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data. The authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished and the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found. The writing is excellent.

Major Compulsory Revisions

The authors should not in their limitations section why they did not choose to use qualitative data analysis software, rather than code the data manually.

Minor Essential Revisions

None noted

Discretionary Revisions

None noted.

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