Reviewer's report

Title: Association of C-reactive protein, tumor necrosis factor-alpha, and interleukin-6 with chronic kidney disease

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In this manuscript, Lee et al have reported an interesting study on the associations of some inflammatory biomarkers that include CRP, tumour necrosis factor-alpha and interleukin-6 with CKD. In a multivariate adjusted model they demonstrated independent and graded associations of these biomarkers in the patients with CKD as compared to the control group. The study is well done, the methodology was sound and the analytical approach was appropriate.

The main limitation is its lack of novelty as the associations of these markers in patients with CKD (and cardiovascular disease) is very well demonstrated in the literature. This should be clearly mentioned in the discussion as a major limitation.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'