Reviewer’s report

Title: Validation of two prediction models of undiagnosed chronic kidney disease in mixed-ancestry South Africans

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Reviewer: CHARLOTTE OSAFO

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This is a well written manuscript by Amelie et al describing the validation of two prediction models of undiagnosed chronic kidney disease in mixed ancestry South Africans.

The question of whether these prediction models of undiagnosed CKD can be used in mixed –ancestry South Africans is well defined and the Methods used are appropriate and well described.

The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data disposition and limitations are clearly stated.

The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found. Writing is acceptable however there is the need for a statistician to review the data and figures presented.

Needs some language corrections before being published

Examples:
Line 236 should read “ … our study suggests…”
Line 247 reads … across subgroups in our study may simply differences in the distribution of the disease. There is a word missing between …. ‘Simply’ and ‘differences’
Line 258 …. Unacceptable rates of rate referral … should read ‘unacceptable rates of referral’
Line 261…. Africa therefore is therefore broad should be Africa therefore is broad
Line 273 …early diagnostic should be … early diagnosis
Line 283 should read “the limitations of this study need to be mentioned

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.