Reviewer's report

Title: Healthcare decision-making in end stage renal disease-patient preferences and clinical correlates

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Reviewer: Lori Harwood

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this article.

1. There is one minor essential revision and that is on page 5 line 112 and 117. I believe the reference number should be 22 and not 25-Please review prior to publication.

Discretionary Revisions

I enjoyed reading this well written paper.

1. I would suggest the authors consider a sentence linking their background to the study objectives. For example, why out of all the factors they discussed affect decision-making did they research autonomy.

2. Are there any limitations to using a backward step-wise selection data-driven vs. theory-driven analysis?

3. The clinical vignettes did not seem very well described in the paper and thus Figure 3 is not clear.

4. Figure 4 is difficult to read in black and white.

5. There is qualitative research that you may consider including which supports your claims of complexity, highly personal decisions (not a 'one size fits all') and gender differences in modality decisions with women being more active in the decision-making process (Harwood, L and Clark, A.M. 2014).

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.