Reviewer's report

**Title:** Gastrointestinal symptoms, inflammation and hypoalbuminemia in chronic kidney disease patients: a cross-sectional study

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This is a nice paper and I thank the authors for their patience and the responses to comments. Whilst I appreciate the authors do not wish to include endless tables there are important differences in the characteristics of those with GI symptoms and those without GI symptoms eg. gender, diabetes. In the table included in their responses there are no p values. I appreciate the goal of their study was not to compare those with GI symptoms to those without but within the paper much is made about the importance of GI symptoms and I would find it helpful to understand the significant differences.

My final comment concerns the generalisability of findings, as I had already commented and as is acknowledged by the authors this is a fat cohort.

**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