Reviewer's report

Title: Intensive procedure preferences at the end of life (EOL) in older Latino adults with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) on dialysis

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This manuscript examines the end of life invasive care preferences amongst older Latinos with end stage renal disease (ESRD) through a mixed methods study in subjects who are already on dialysis and those who were not.

They identify a few themes, show some comparisons between those on dialysis and those not on dialysis and provide some recommendations.

Several points need clarification

Did the patients not on dialysis have chronic kidney disease? or any other encounter with healthcare system?

The sample was drawn from LA County community dialysis canter and church - how representative is this group of the US Latino population. table 2 seems to suggest that these were from low socioeconomic strata, and poorly educated.

The themes have not been well described.

Some statements seem to be generalisation which requires more explanation.

Page 9, lines 34-35 - "In the non-ESRD group, dialysis was seen as improving or enhancing quality of life"
Page 10, lines 14-22 - "...PD participants shared that it would be worthwhile to continue all forms of treatment even if meant it would only add a few days of life.

There is some conflict between the themes in which the authors seem to suggest that the dialysis patients want to "continue all treatment" but also want to decrease the EOL care burden on family.

Page 11, lines 31-39. The differences in views on who should make a decision are not well explored.

The discussion does not critically analyse the study findings. There are many general, non-specific statements which do not arise out of the findings. Almost every sentence is from the context of another paper. It would have been nice to make - even if exploratory - some discussion on the determinants of the patient preferences. For example, the lack of trust described by the non-dialysis population has not been explored at all.

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