Reviewer's report

Title: Patient and Provider experience and perspectives of a risk-based approach to multidisciplinary chronic kidney disease care: a mixed methods study

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This study is a mixed-methods evaluation of patient and provider experiences after implementation of KFRE risk stratification in CKD MDC clinics. The study is an important step in the implementation of risk-based approach to CKD care. Some suggestions for improvement:

# Please provide some additional background for the MDC clinics - how many patients are seen annually? After the KFRE implementation - how many patients were affected/discharged. Once patients are discharged, do all of them go to a new nephrologist or have the option of staying with the nephrologist associated with multi-disciplinary clinic?

# For qualitative interviews, please elaborate on the rationale why only the low risk patients were interviewed? At the time of interview, what was their average duration since discharge from the clinic (i.e. did they have enough time to experience CKD care outside of the clinic)?

# What was the consent rate - how many pts/providers were eligible for interview? Were there any pre-specified strata for patient/provider selection to ensure adequate representation of subgroups - such as age of patients, or years in profession/in ckd clinic for providers - heterogeneity in responses from such subgroups may be important to interpret and generalize the results

# Inclusion of family member - I would recommend to remove this participant from analysis as 1 family member's opinions are not going to be representative
# How long were the phone interviews?

# For the surveys - what was the response rate? How many patients were low vs high risk in post implementation phase? These factors may cause significant selection bias

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