Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessment of nutritional status in the maintenance of haemodialysis patients: a cross-sectional study from Palestine

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Reviewer: Tibor Fulop

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The papers review risk factors for malnutrition-inflammation (or protein-energy wasting, PEW) in a Palestine population. It affirms established risk factors, such as age, multiple medical illnesses (or presence of multiple medications needed), social isolation, etc. as risk factors for PEW. Certain other risk factors, such as the presence of residual renal function (albeit long dialysis vintage is the surrogate potentially for such) or total weekly dialysis time are not explored and potential weaknesses of the study. The paper would definitively needs some shortening - may be some in Introduction, and the Discussion is definitively too long, written up somewhat haphazardly... the Authors need to carefully think trough as what they think the key finding of their study and write up a succinct summary on how these finding add or reflect on teh existing literature. Avoid repetitions.

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