Reviewer's report

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

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The manuscript presents a useful insight into nutritional status of patients treated in Nablus, northern West Bank region. The manuscript is well written and provides a helpful analysis and information on patients with otherwise limited amount of information available. Overall, I am concerned about the N in the manuscript being very small and also that these patients were not randomly selected. I would avoid stating the "B" coefficient in the manuscript because it's unclear whether that the result from linear regression. There are some wording revisions that need to be done:

1. There are more than 350K dialysis patients in the US

2. I would avoid using the term "occupied" territories since it's not up to the medical journal to provide this information

3. It's unclear what 80% increase in the number of HD patients really mean - this can only occur due to how "counting" of patients happen

4. The sample size calculation sounds unclear - not really sure why is it done

5. Page 6 - vintage is not in hours

6. Page 8 - I would be careful using terms such as "led to " since these are all simply correlations

7. page 9 - B coefficients are unclear

8. table 1 - it's hard to believe most patients have <3 comorbidities
9. table 3 - I would present this table in a graphical form

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