Reviewer’s report

Title: Kidney stone formers have more renal parenchymal crystals than non-stone formers, particularly in the papilla region

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I think the study has multiple major limitations that may impact the validity of the results:

1-I do not think that patients with RCC are not good sample for general SF patients because RCC is systemic disease and may have (confounding) impacts on the functions of the tubules.

2-The study compared 2 groups depending on the presence or absent of stone at time of diagnosis of RCC and did not mention if any of the patients have past history or family history of stone formation,

3-multivariate analysis is needed to detect factors contributing to stone formation.

4-were there any difference in Tumor site, size, location?

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