Reviewer’s report

Title: Awareness and current implementation of drug dosage adjustment by pharmacists in patients with chronic kidney disease: a web-based questionnaire in Japan

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Kondo and colleagues evaluated the awareness and implementation of dose adjustments in chronic kidney disease by Japanese community and hospital pharmacists. Using a web-based questionnaire, 284 pharmacists, they found out, that nearly all of the responding 190 hospital pharmacists, while only about half of the responding 94 community pharmacists have implemented dose adjustment service. One explanation might be, that hospital pharmacists have more experience of adverse drug events.

The authors raise an important question regarding clinical pharmacists services. The research question and the used methods are appropriate and the results clearly described.

Major comments:
- the text is somewhat difficult to understand, due to improper English # proofreading of a native speaker recommended
- please comment on the portion of responding pharmacists as compared to the total number of hospital and community pharmacists in Japan # is the survey representative?
- Please comment on the limitations of the study

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests: I have no competing interests to declare in relation to the reviewed paper.