Reviewer’s report

Title: Renal Ultrasound Provides Low Utility in Evaluating Cardiac Surgery associated Acute Kidney Injury

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I ask this question every time I get a renal consult on one of my patients and no one ever has the answer - other than "we always order it". I think this will be an interesting and important paper in the area and will help guide decision making. My only minor comment is regarding the description (and table) of the initial patient population in which they describe the number of patients with Kidney disease and the number with stage III disease. Can this be expanded to be more comprehensive regarding the specific severity - if any - of the other patients. The assumption - and my potential take home message is that if the kidney disease was either none or minor going into a cardiac operation, then if there is AKI, then renal ultrasound is of limited value - inclusion of more specifics regarding the baseline status of the kidney function would help clarify this.

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