Reviewer’s report

Title: Association of incident dialysis modality with mortality: A protocol for systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials and cohort studies

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Marshall and colleagues describe a protocol for a systematic review and MA of RCTs and cohort studies assessing mortality outcomes for HD vs PD.

The rationale is clearly and convincingly described and the methods are appropriate. The manuscript is well-written.

Minor comments:

Page 3, Line 85: "Since, new evidence...’ is missing words.

Page 5: PICO tables and eligibility criteria: For clarity, I suggest breaking this down into P-I-C-O subsections.

Page 8: Page 8, Line 198 - should reference GRADE at first mention.

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