Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluating the Feasibility of a Pharmacist-Guided Patient-Driven Intervention to Improve Blood Pressure Control in Patients with CKD

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This is a clearly written paper on an important topic. The background is supportive of the need for supported self-management for this high risk population and that the current care processes cannot meet the needs of these patients. This paper describes a role for the clinical pharmacist to augment the care for this vulnerable group.

I did not find the objectives to be clearly stated.

"We present our experience in implementing clinical evidence into practice within a subspecialty clinic at a major academic medical center. We piloted a pharmacist-guided patient-driven self-titration protocol and standardized dietary counseling to improve BP control in the CKD clinic at University of Colorado Hospitals (UCH). "

As written, it seems that the paper was an "after the fact" undertaking rather than an a priori designed pilot study with clear objectives from the outset. The authors should consult the new pilot and feasibility studies (PASF) guidelines for these kinds of studies to draft a set of feasibility objectives.

With these clear objectives in mind, could the information in the results be presented in a Tabular form to be able to appreciate the feasibility aspects. The more granular the data the better. For example, how many person-days of BP data were entered into the EMR. Could the patient change data be linked to the patient adherence information. Statistical analyses are not needed just a patient-by-patient descriptive presentation like a multiple single subject design. As there are only 17 subjects, a person based analysis would be informative even linking in baseline clinical data, and age and sex. The data presentation could be first stratified by sex and within sex by race. The two graphs are not very informative as none of the lines are linked to any characteristics.

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