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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a Review article Quality of Life in End Stage Renal Disease patients My comments include: - this is a high priority topic especially given the poor overall prognosis of the patient with ESRD - Recommend a better description in the methods as to what was actually done. The Authors state: We tried to understand carefully the dimensions and the items mentioned in most common QOL instruments giving special attention to SF-36, WHOQOL and kidney disease specific questionnaires like KDQOL-SF36. This is vague, the method of data collection requires better definition. Recommend that the data is arranged by categories and that statistics for a meta-analysis be done. Likewise the results section: Association of various factors with QOL. The results are presented in paragraph form with multiple references. The results are cumbersome to read. Recommend a table format for the results found in the various studies.

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It was with interest that I read the manuscript entitled "Quality of Life in End Stage Renal Disease patients". It is difficult to fit into a single manuscript a large review able to describe all the aspects influencing the QoL in ESRD patients, but the authors are good at doing this. Chronic kidney disease cover a wide range of aspects, but above all is influenced, as described by the authors, by the associated co-morbidities. The increasingly older age of ESRD patients, at least in Western countries, not self-sufficient, often uncover social, familiar and logistical problems that often go beyond the only clinical problem related to kidney disease, so that kidney disease often appears as a social, and not just clinical, problem. QoL, as described by the authors, is strongly influenced by several aspects and by the organization of the ambulatory renal unit (i.e. pre-dialysis team). The authors cite the Bahewell's manuscript indicating that QoL declines in patients on PD over time, among their 88 PD patients, but, on the other hand, in this review it is also reported that home dialysis may be associated with increase QoL. The aspect of illetterate people, palliative care in patients with multiple co-morbidities and bad prognosis, physical activities and QoL, represent other arguments that, to my opinion need to be more detailed. Secondly, the introduction is too much long and might be reduced. Among references, the fourth authors in ref. number 5 is Marcello Tonelli.

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This is an interesting topic. However, the manuscript is a "review" that is written in a more or less outline manner. In particular the depth of the review of the studies is that of an annotated bibliography. I would like to see mores discussion/ conclusion. Additionally, perhaps a table with the various studies/concluions.