

## Peer Review File

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**Comment 1:** Some revision of the English language is needed. There are some parts of the paper where it is quite difficult to make sense of some sentences.

**Reply 1:** Sorry for our ambiguous writing of these sentences. We have carefully revised some sentences in our text.

**Changes in the text:** Page 2, line 45-46; page 2, line 47-48; page 3, line 93-99; page 8, line 300-301.

**Comment 2:** Term "renal" should be discouraged. For example, "renal fibrosis"

**Reply 2:** Thank you for pointing this out. We have replaced the term "renal" with "kidney" in some sentences.

**Changes in the text:** Page 3, line 95.

**Comment 3:** The investigators should described more on the applications of this study? what is next steps?

**Reply 3:** Appreciation on the Reviewer's suggestion. We have added the description on how to follow up our findings in the Discussion section.

**Changes in the text:** Page 13, line 492-495.

**Comment 4:** Footnotes after tables should be provided for abbreviations.

**Reply 4:** Thank you for pointing this out. We have added the abbreviations in footnotes of each table.

**Changes in the text:** See table 1 in page 18.