Reviewer's report

Title: Autoantibodies against Angiotensin II Type 1 Receptor-positive Patients with Heart Failure Have Better Clinical Efficacy to Perindopril Treatment

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Reviewer's report:

1. The title is not changed and does not reflect the work that was done and conclusions.
2. English is improved but still the article is not easy to read. Some typing mistakes in figures (contract instead of contact).
3. It is not acceptable to calculate ELISA results based on negative controls from the previous study. I appreciate the reference on Chinese but I cannot read it. I also don’t see that it is cited. The authors may recalculate data based on the blank values. Perhaps ODblank + 2-3 Standard Deviation of the blank replicates should be taken as cutoff value, and that should be precisely stated.
4. References 8-10 are not Chen et al (in fact only ref. 10 is Chen RF et al., but as I can judge from the title it is detection of rat anti-AT1-AR antibodies).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests