Reviewer's report

Title: The Relation of C-Reactive Protein to Chronic Kidney Disease in African Americans: The Jackson Heart Study

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* Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Include MDRD in the list of abbreviations and introduce the abbreviation on page 6, line 3.
2. Introduction: Provide a justification why albumin was investigated. It is not sufficient to write: "We examined the cross-sectional association of CRP ....".
3. Page 5, para 1, line 5 and 6 from below: check the commas and semicolons.
4. Page 9, para 2: Which factor eliminated the CRP-albumin association?
5. Page 11, para 2, line 5: Find a better sentence for some experts suggest (only one reference - one expert?).
6. Tables 2 and 3. Legend: change "hormone therapy replacement" by "hormone replacement therapy".

* Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

- none

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.