Reviewer's report

Title: Bone Morphogenetic Protein (BMP)-7 expression is decreased in human hypertensive nephrosclerosis

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The authors have made major changes to the manuscript, including addition of significant new data. The manuscript will be a valuable contribution to the field and I look forward to seeing it online. The following editorial changes need to be corrected before publication.

Bottom of page 12, 4th line up from the bottom "(Figure 4)" should be "(Figure 5)".

Figure 6 legend. The next to the last sentence needs clarification.

Figure 7. It was unclear what the concentrations of BMP7 and TGFb were when they were used together.

Figure 11. The caption should be "TNF-a + BMP-7" not "TGFb + BMP-7".

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.