**Author’s response to reviews**

**Title:** Relationship between estimated glomerular filtration rate, albuminuria, and oxidant status in the Japanese population

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Dear Editors:

Thank you for the letter indicating our paper should be changed in some points before the further reviewing process. According to the comments, we describe point by point how we changed or added some sentences in this revised version.

Sincerely,

Nobukazu Ishizaka, MD

Response to Queries

Q1

Consent Statement - Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

Response to Q1

Thank you for the comment. As the study is targeting the essentially healthy people who underwent general health screening, Ethics Committee did not require written informed consent from each subjects; the study was following Ethical Regulation for Epidemiological Studies. On the other hand, we were mandated to, and actually we do, publicize with poster for the potential study subjects to notice that we are performing certain studies, such as this study. This action will also ensure that the potential participants are not to be included in the study when they express disapproval or disagreement of the study.

Nevertheless, as the reviewer pointed out, when potential participant is less than 20 years old, consent from a parent or guardian may be required. We checked the age of the study participants, and confirmed they were 21 years or older.
Thus, we do not attach the consent form of the each individual. To clearly state this point, we changed or added the following sentences in the revised version.

In the original manuscript
The study population comprised 8335 individuals (2958 women, 5377 men) who underwent a general health screening test and including the measurement of serum markers for oxidant.

In the revised version of the manuscript
The study population comprised 8335 individuals aged ≥ 20 years (2958 women, 5377 men) who underwent a general health screening test and including the measurement of serum markers for oxidant.

In the revised version of the manuscript
This study was following the Guideline for Epidemiological Studies; therefore, written informed consent was not taken from each potential study participants.

Q2
Author's Contribution - Please include an 'Authors' contributions' section before the Acknowledgements and Reference list.
Response to Q2
We added the following sentences in Authors' contributions' section before the Acknowledgements and Reference list.

Authors' contributions
YI performed the statistical analysis.
MY have been involved in drafting the manuscript or revising it critically for important intellectual content.
MT made substantial contributions to acquisition and interpretation of data.
AT made substantial contributions to acquisition and interpretation of data.
NI participated in the design of the study.

Q3
Acknowledgements ?
Response to Q3
We write the Acknowledgements in the separated page.