Reviewer's report

Title: Joint effect of mitochondrial DNA 5178 C/A polymorphism and alcohol consumption on estimated glomerular filtration rate in male Japanese health check-up examinees: a cross-sectional study

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Minor Essential Revisions

Careful correction throughout the manuscript is needed.

Title: “Joint…” may be replaced by “Combine.…”

Abstract; Pg 2, line 2 & 3, “…several…” is written twice. 2nd “several” may be replaced by “Numerous”

Pg 2, line 3, “recently’ should be deleted.

Pg 6, line 6: “In addition to these previous reports…” sentence is not understood.

Pg 6, line 10: “…we sought to investigate whether…” may be rewritten as “… we investigated…”

Page 6, line 23-24: “Due to glomerular hyperfiltration…” sentence may be rewritten meaningfully.

Page 7, line 6-8: 1st sentence of Clinical characteristics of subjects; appears incomplete.

Last sentence of Page 7 also appears incomplete.

Page 9, line 11: “However, although..” together appears irrelevant.

Last para of Discussion needs modification. For example, 2nd sentence can be written as: “First, the sample size is too small”. Likewise, modifications needed

Authors Name & References together should be avoided: such as References 4, 7, 8 & 32.

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