Author's response to reviews

Title: High levels of mannose-binding lectin are associated with lower pulse wave velocity in uraemic patients

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Dear Editor-in-Chief

Thank you for the review of our manuscript with changes and for the opportunity to resubmit to BMC Nephrology

We are grateful for your consideration of publication of our manuscript as an original article and the manuscript has been revised according to the comments of the Editor and we find the manuscript much improved by these revisions.

We have added a sentence stressing the importance of lectins in the pathogenesis of inflammatory diseases together with an important reference suggested by the Editor.

The revised manuscript is in accordance with manuscript preparation guidelines of your Journal. We will, however, be pleased to assist if you or the referees need supplementary information or changes. All authors have read and approved the final version of the revised manuscript.

We hope that you will consider this revised version of our paper for publication in BMC Nephrology

Yours sincerely,

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Authors’ response to the Editorial Request:

Below we have responded to the comments from the Editor giving a detailed point-by-point answer:

Editorial Request:
The authors have addressed the comments from the reviewers in the revised version of the paper
However I would underline the importance of lectine in the pathogenesis of several inflammatory diseases and add the following paper to the references
Circulating serum lectins of patients with IgA nephropathy stimulate IL-6 release from mesangial cells.
Libetta C, et al

Authors reply:
We agree with this important point and have added the following sentence and reference at page 10, lines 224-226:
‘This and other observations support the notion that MBL may be important to maintain cardiovascular homeostasis, particularly during chronic inflammation, including the importance of lectins in the pathogenesis of several inflammatory diseases’ (reference: Circulating serum lectins of patients with IgA nephropathy stimulate IL-6 release from mesangial cells.
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