Reviewer's report

Title: serum cystatin C is a determinant of central pressure augmentation index measured by oscillometric method in renal transplant recipients

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1) Major Compulsory Revision:
   You should better explain the methods. Do you analyze also a control group? The text is not clear in this setting.
2) Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
3) Are the methods appropriate and well described? Please, explain better the methods (see above), especially if you used a control group
4) Are the data sound? Yes
5) Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes, but the tables should be more clear (ok the p value, but in which context? what is your control variable?) like so the methods (see above)
6) Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Adequately
7) Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes
8) Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? No, the references are poor. You should explain better, into the discussion, the clinical context and the appropriate papers in this setting
9) Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes
10) The writing acceptable? Maybe an English editing should be considered

In conclusion, this paper can be candidate to publication in BMC Nephrology, but with major revisions

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