Reviewer's report

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Minor Essential Revisions
Authors investigated the effects of ruscogenin in rats with streptozotocin-induced diabetic nephropathy. Authors conclude that ruscogenin suppressed the inflammation and ameliorated the structural and functional abnormalities of the diabetic kidney in rats might be associated with inhibition of NF-κB mediated inflammatory genes expression. I have only minor observations for Authors: in the discussion Authors should explain if and how their results can be applied to humans. Are there already studies in humans? If yes, which dosage of ruscogenin was given?

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.