Reviewer's report

Title: ACE2 Gene Expression is Up-regulated in the Human Failing Heart

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Reviewer: Chris Tikellis

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General

The authors have attempted to address all the issues raised by the reviewer's and I feel that the manuscript reads better and has been significantly updated with the addition of Ang 1-7 receptor in the discussion. Although no protein data for ACE or ACE2 has been presented I feel that the data on ACE and ACE2 genes in this study is still significant.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

These have been corrected.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The issue of ACE2 versus ACE mRNA levels has been adequately discussed.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Although extra data concerning protein expression would have been ideal I understand that most of the samples would now be unavailable.

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests: none