Reviewer’s report

Title: SERUM BTP CONCENTRATIONS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY HEPATIC DYSFUNCTION

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Reviewer: Amy Karger

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Overall the manuscript is improved. I still would like to see a more well-developed argument about why we should feel BTP is important for GFR prediction given the Mindikoglu paper - in other words, feel free to criticize the weaknesses of that paper to support interest in looking at BTP moving forward in this population! As written, that section (lines 26-36) ends rather abruptly and needs to be expanded.

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