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1-In line 24-25 needs exact revision regarding aim of study.

2-In line 29-30 the definition of albuminuria is not clear .more than 30mg/g or 300 mg/g?

3- What was your formula for sample size and what was the method of your randomization?
4-although the authors also point it as a limitation but the sample size in each group is low and increase the chance of error.

5-The duration of intervention and also placebo is so long. is there any reference or reason?

6-topographic errors such as have on in the line 24 and 50 and 76 …. need revision. it's better that we say effect of instead of the effect that have on.

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