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Manuscript ID BEND-D-17-00287, entitled "The ratio of AGE to sRAGE independently associated with albuminuria in hypertensive patients"Dear Editor-in-Chief:Thank you for your kind review of our manuscript and for the valuable reviewer comments. We have read the comments carefully and revised the manuscript based on their suggestions. With best regards,Po-Hsun HuangEditor Comments:1. We strongly encourage all authors to share their raw data, either by providing it in a supplementary file or depositing it in a public repository and providing the details on how to access it in this section. If you do not wish to share your data, please clearly state this in this section along with a justification. Data availability statements can take one of the following forms (or a combination of more than one if required for multiple datasets):

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Response: We’ve included all of comments for the authors and responded the comments accordingly.

Jennifer Logue (Reviewer 2): Thank you for responding to my previous comments. The paper is much improved and I have no further comments.

Response: Thank you.