Author’s response to reviews

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Dear reviewers and editors,

Thanks for your constructive comments for our manuscript, "HIF-1α contributes to Ang II-induced inflammatory cytokine production in podocytes" (PHAT-D-19-00021R2). To further improve my manuscript, some modifications were made in the revised version. According to requirements, we submitted a clean version of our manuscript without track changes or highlighting. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer’s comments are as flowing:

1. Response to the Editor Comments:
   Improved the funding information, described as “The funding sponsored the design and the experimental reagents of this study, data collection and analysis in this study is also funded” in page 12, line 235-237.

2. Response to PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS: listed the blood pressure data of the animals that have been used in this study. described as “Blood pressure changes (0 weeks, 2 weeks, 4 weeks, 8 weeks) were measured and recorded at different time points using a rat tail non-invasive blood pressure
meter” in page 4, line 73-75. “The blood pressure increased gradually in the Ang II infusion group and the difference was statistically significant at the end of the experiment compared with the normal control group (Supplementary 1)” was added in page 5, line 130-133. The figure was provided and described in the supplementary material.

Other changes:

Some modifications were made to improve the description of the background in the Abstract. Thanks again to the reviewers and editors for your selfless help. If there is any part that needs to be revised, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will make further improvements.

Sincerely,
Hao Huang and Guohua Ding.