

Dear editors and reviewers:

Thanks very much for taking the time to review this manuscript. we appreciate all your comments and suggestions! Please find my itemized responses below and my corrections in the re-submitted files.

Responds to the reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1:

Specific Comments to Authors: This is an interesting study of guiding significance of serum β 2-MG, HbA1c, and VEGF levels and evaluating patients with diabetic nephropathy. The study is well performed and the results are well discussed. The References list is updated. Tables should be moved to the end of the manuscript.

Response: We appreciate you very much for your suggestion, and we have done it according to your ideas. All the tables were moved to the end of the manuscript.

Reviewer #2:

Specific Comments to Authors: Excessively elevated HbA1c indicates the worsening of hyperglycemic injury in patients, increasing the influence of hyperglycemia on the development of microvascular lesions. VEGF

reflects the development of capillary malformations caused by pathological changes to a certain extent, and the degree of kidney disease can be revealed by analyzing the development of renal microvascular malformations. In this study, the authors examined the relationship between the expression of serum β 2-MG, HbA1c, and VEGF and the evaluation of patients with DN, providing a scientific basis for clinical treatment and analysis of therapeutic effects. The study is well designed and the results are interesting. Overall, this study is acceptable. However, the limit of the study should be discussed. And a minor editing is required.

Response: Thank you for your constructive suggestion that makes the manuscript more complete. The limitation of our study was added at the end of the discussion part.

Science editor:

After the authors revised the manuscript according to the reviewers' comments, the manuscript can be accepted.

Response: Thank you very much for this comment.

Company editor-in-chief:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic

publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments, and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. The title of the manuscript is too long and must be shortened to meet the requirement of the journal (Title: The title should be no more than 18 words). Authors are required to provide standard three-line tables, that is, only the top line, bottom line, and column line are displayed, while other table lines are hidden. The contents of each cell in the table should conform to the editing specifications, and the lines of each row or column of the table should be aligned. Do not use carriage returns or spaces to replace lines or vertical lines and do not segment cell content. Before final acceptance, when revising the manuscript, the author must supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript. To this end, authors are advised to apply a new tool, the RCA. RCA is an artificial intelligence technology-based open multidisciplinary citation analysis database. In it, upon obtaining search results from the keywords entered by the author, "Impact Index Per Article" under "Ranked by" should be selected to find the latest highlight articles, which can then be used to further improve an article under preparation/peer-review/revision. Please visit our RCA database for more information at:

<https://www.referencecitationanalysis.com/>.

Response: Special thanks to you for your good comments. The title was shorted for 16 words according to the comment. Moreover, the three-line tables have been supplemented and the article highlights were added to the latest cutting-edge research results. According to your suggestion, we utilized the RCA database for our literature searching work. It has the advantages of wider and fast document collection and a more friendly interface so that we can find the latest highlight articles to further improve our manuscript.

Best regards,