Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Do the mutations of C1GALT1C1 gene play important roles in the genetic susceptibility to Chinese IgA nephropathy?

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**Reviewer:** Jonathan Barratt

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This is a report demonstrating no association between a SNP in the promoter region of the C1GALT1C1 gene and either the predisposition to IgA nephropathy or the risk of progression in IgA nephropathy in a Northern Chinese population.

There is considerable interest in genetic factors predisposing to IgAN and study of this gene is of interest despite this essentially being a "negative" study.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'