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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The authors have made some changes in response to the reviewer’s comments. My own points are now addressed. I still see parts that might become improved.

Figure 1 should indicate the number of patients at risk during the follow up, i.e. the number of patients at 20, 40, 60 ... months.

Unfortunately, the follow-up of about 5 years is not sufficient enough to expect a hard endpoint as renal survival to demonstrate a significant difference between such groups of IgAN patients. The authors state that the analysis of progression was rather a minor point of this manuscript. However, the authors do state that the genotype did not correlate with prognosis. As the authors have no longer follow-up of their patients, I suggest that they either use a different prognostic surrogate parameter (i.e. doubling of creatinine or 50% decrease of GFR) or that they completely delete the passage regarding the prognosis/progression.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.