Reviewer’s report

Title: Innate versus adaptive immunity in kidney immunopathology

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This commentary provides an excellent and thought-provoking synopsis of the development of concepts in immunology and their application to the field of nephrology. It nicely highlights the extent to which we do and do not understand the various contributions of innate and adaptive immunity to kidney diseases. It also emphasises the important challenges ahead in deriving therapeutic benefit from the knowledge gained. The writing is clear, informative, well referenced and concise and I do not think it can be significantly improved.

At the author’s discretion, it might be worth making brief mention of neutrophil infiltration as a component of the innate inflammatory responses and regulatory T cells as targetable elements of both adaptive and innate immune responses during kidney disease.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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