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Reply to Referee 1 after Revision 1:

I have reinforced the paragraph on the limitations of the study by mentioning the 3 points you listed. The new paragraph is as follows:

<<The present study has some limitations: - the relative small size population should be balanced by the fact that HSP-nephritis represents at most 10% of all IgA nephropathies; - it is clearly a retrospective study but with prospective and homogenous collection of data in the patients chart similar to our prospective cohort of primary IgAN; - and this monocentric study warrants more homogeneity in the diagnosis and management of the patients than a multicentric study, which however will have permitted to include more patients.>>

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Reviewer's report:
I still have question about application of their scoring system to HSPN nephritis. Nevertheless, revised manuscript was much improved. I would like the authors to mention that this study has some limitations such as retrospective analysis, small number of patients, single center study, etc.
Level of interest: An article of limited interest
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
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I declare that I have no competing interests.