Reviewer's report

Title: Glomerular tip adhesions predict the progression of IgA nephropathy

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the presence of glomerular tip adhesions as the predictive factor of progression in IgA nephropathy. It is a topic of interest to the researchers in the related areas but the paper needs some improvement before acceptance for publication. My detailed comments are as follows:

1. Why these 57 out of 229 patients were included in this study should be further clarified.

2. I wonder why the generally recognized prognostic factors affecting IgA nephropathy such as proteinuria, tubular atrophy, interstitial fibrosis and so on were not identified as significant factors in this study, if possible, explain the differences with previous studies.

3. Try to explain why cholesterol may affect glomerular tip adhesions