Reviewer's report

Title: The coincidence of IgA nephropathy and Fabry disease

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The authors reported a rare coincidence of IgA nephropathy and Fabry disease in two Czech patients. Only two case reports of the coincidence of IgAN and FD have been published in Caucasians.

1. The manuscript is needlessly long as a case report.
2. In page 3 line 3, and page 6 last sentence, the authors described that they administered ACE inhibitor because epithelial crescents were occurred by hypertension. I wondered epithelial crescents had occurred by IgA nephropathy. Are there any reports that epithelial crescents had occurred by hypertension?
3. Are there IgAN susceptible genes near the alfa-galactosidase A locus, which could be a cause of IgAN and FD co-incidence?
4. The authors found two point mutations (Pro362Leu and I317T) of the alfa-galactosidase A. How often occur these mutations?
5. In the last sentence of Page 3 and a legend of Figure 1, ‘homozygous’ would be inappropriate. ‘hemizygous’ is appropriate.
6. The manuscript could be improved by providing a glossary of abbreviations, ANA, ENA, ANCA, ELISA, and so on.

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.