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Title: Pulmonary renal syndrome in a child with coexistence of anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies and anti-glomerular basement membrane disease

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Cover letter

Reviewer 1
The authors might want to underline why a additional case report of the coexistence of ANCA and ant-GBM is important to publish. It would be of value to delineate how it impacted on diagnosis, treatment or delineation of prognosis.

The presented case differs from almost all other reported pediatric patients by relatively mild renal disease which resolved clinically under immunosuppressive treatment; furthermore, pulmonary hemorrhage responded well to corticosteroid therapy, and completely resolved with addition of immunosuppressive drugs. All other pediatric patients were treated with plasmapheresis and immunosuppressive drugs for severe lung and/or renal disease. The outcome in our patient was better than in at least the 6 out of 7 reported pediatric patients. These differences were highlighted both in first and revised version of the manuscript (p.3: Abstract-Conclusion, in red; p.4:Background, in red; pp. 11,12,14:Discussion, in blue)

Lastly, this rare case prompted us to present a brief review of literature on the topic, hoping this would be of educational value (as noted in criteria for Case reports). This kind of review is lacking in pediatric nephrology literature.

We feel that Case report section, supported by review of pediatric cases and Conclusion section offers a clue to diagnosis, treatment and delineation of prognosis in cases with the same or similar clinical-pathological presentation.

The discussion is very long and could be reduced by about one-third.

The discussion encompasses all aspects of this entity, with review of pediatric reports, necessitating an extensive discussion pointing to each issue regarding pathogenesis, diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis.

In revised manuscript discussion is reduced in the extent still enabling   to retain the complete picture of the topic.

The reductions were made on pages No  8,9,10,11,and 12 of  the first version of manuscript.

Figure 2 is not that helpful

Although the pulmonary hemorrhage is substantiate by X-ray and CT-scan pictures, this figure is to give an additional proof of this. However, it could be removed.

Reviewer 2

Please change the word survey at last sentence of the introduction with the word review

The requested change was made (p. 4).

A table with the major findings of the patients of the articles that were included at the discussion should be added.
Besides six articles containing pediatric cases, presented in Table, we reviewed additional 15 articles on adult cases or case series. A table containing major finding in these patients, although helpful, would be very huge and Discussion section would be enlarged (In this context, we are faced with two opposite requirements from reviewers). On the other hand, all findings relevant to various aspects of the topic were cited in narrative review.

The authors' remark
In order to emphasize that this article is a kind of “case based review”, we enlarged the title adding “report and literature review”

All other changes we have made in the revised version are marked in red.