Reviewer’s report

Title: Urinary kidney injury molecule-1 is related to pathologic involvement in IgA nephropathy with normotension, normal renal function and mild proteinuria

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Major issues

1. This article was very similar to previous articles.
   BMC nephrolo 2013 14:139
   Clin Exp Nephrol 2013 17 359-364

   The object, design, method and results were very close to them.

   However, Hu et al showed urinary KIM-1 was correlated with Crescent. They should focus on this point.

2. They included only early IgA patients. According to Oxford classification, the histologic lesions of biopsy were small. Because of this, it does not seem to be sound this article. Why didn’t they include various stage of IgA nephropathy to confirm their hypothesis?

3. On Table 4, Why did they divid subgroup on early IgA nephropathy patients?

4. In their data, KIM-1 did not predict tubular change and respond with treatment. But, they concluded KIM-1 might be a nonvivasive biomarker for early assessment of IgAN. That didnot make it sense.

Minor issues

1. Some reference duplicated.
2. They should decrease the tables and figures.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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:

no competing interest below