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There are the responses to Editorial Comments/Request:
Thank you for making the revisions in response to the peer-reviewers; however, additional revisions were identified during the second round of editorial review.

1) In the following paragraph, the % reduction reported by the authors seem slightly off. For example, the anti-GBM antibody reduction should be 123.7/ 210 = 58.9% rather than 61.9%. Please double check and correct these calculations or clarify how the % reductions were calculated.

Following the DFPP sessions, the concentration of anti-GBM-antibody declined significantly, from 210 to 86.3 RU/ml (P<0.01), a reduction of 123.7 RU/ml or 61.9%, as did the concentration of IgG, from 12.4 to 4.2 g/L, a reduction of 8.2 g/L or 62.7% (Table 4, Figure 1). Similarly, the concentration of anti-GBM antibody in the IA group declined from 199 to 57.0 RU/ml, a reduction of 142 RU/ml or 70.8%, and the concentration of IgG from 12.7 to 2.1 g/L, a reduction of 10.6 g/L or 82.5%.

We have checked the calculations and found no mistakes. Our calculations of the % reduction are as follows: we first calculate the % reduction of each patient, and then averaged each result. Because the antibody and the IgG before treatment were different, the mean of each percentage reduction was different from percentage of mean reduction and was more scientific.

2. We have changed the range of figures and the tables in the manuscript. All named authors have been contained in references. After repeated scrutiny we think the processes have been described clearly in the manuscript. So the figure 1 has been deleted as reviewer Dr. Hu suggested. The figures were uploaded in the forms of PDF.

We would very appreciate you considering for publication in BMC Nephrology after revision.