Author’s response to reviews

Title: Long-term prognosis of clinically early IgA nephropathy is not always favorable

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Dear Editor,

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Enclosed please find copies of a manuscript entitled “Long-term prognosis of clinically early IgA nephropathy is not always favorable” by H Lee, et al. that we are submitting to the original article session of BMC Nephrol.

The clinical courses of IgAN patients are highly variable, ranging from simple hematuria with or without proteinuria, to a rapidly progressive loss of renal function. Early IgAN patients who present with minor urinary abnormalities and normal renal function have been known not to progress to end stage renal disease (ESRD). However, information about the long-term outcome of these early IgAN patients presenting with minor presentation is scarce.

Our results evoke awareness that IgAN patients can have malignant renal or patient outcome, even though their initial presentation is clearly benign. Our data also demonstrated that pathologic change including interstitial fibrosis can be important to predict renal risk prediction in clinically early IgAN patients.

The entirety of this work is original, and all of the authors have agreed to submit this manuscript to the BMC Nephrology. We do not intend to publish any part of this work elsewhere without permission if it is accepted by the BMC Nephrology.

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in Journal. We hope that it will be reviewed favorably.

Sincerely,

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