Reviewer's report

**Title:** A Case Report: Familial Glucocorticoid Deficiency associated with Familial Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis.

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**Reviewer:** Nils Krone

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The authors described a case report of Familial Glucocorticoid Deficiency with Familial Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis. This is potentially interesting, but the paper has a few shortcomings.

It would be important to known the type of FGD the patients are suffering from. Therefore, the results of a molecular genetic analysis should be included in the paper. It should be possible to find a research collaboration on this issue.

Due to the genetic nature of the condition(s) and the described consanguinity I would regard a detailed pedigree as very useful.

The paper needs to be carefully checked for typos and grammar.

The title suggests an association between the two conditions. I would regard it rather as a coincidence in this family. Thus this should be changed in the title and throughout the paper. I would suggest to discuss this item more carefully.

**Introduction:**

There have been cases of FSGS and the listed endocrine conditions. However, there is no association between these conditions and FSGS as it is not a commonly observed phenomenon.

**Case presentation:**

Please clarify what prompted a change of diagnosis (clinical symptoms, lab results)?

**Discussion:**

There is a lack of focus and it remains unclear what the authors want to say here. The findings should be brought into context of the literature.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.