Reviewer’s report

Title: Cystic Fibrosis and Renal Disease

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Reviewer: Ibrahim Shatat

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: New associations or variations in disease processes

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General

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Revisions necessary for publication

The authors report an 11 year old with Cystic fibrosis (CF) and minimal change disease nephrotic syndrome (MCD NS). As they point out, the NS in this patient with CF could be a coincidental finding or an associated pathology related to the underlying disease.

Page 2, Line 1: Please add "is" before the word predominantly.
Page 3, Last paragraph: Expand on how proteinuria was checked (random urine sample?, 24 hour urine collection?) and whether steroids were used or not during that admission?
Page 4, Line 4+5: The authors need to report the serum creatinine value or the calculated GFR, and if the patient had RBCs/RBC casts in the urine collection.
Page 4, Line 7: Renal biopsy result and treatment offered: Please report if there was any interstitial fibrosis on the kidney biopsy and its degree. For how long was he treated before achieving remission, dose of prednisone and course/ follow up since then, if available? Please include the medications which the patient was receiving.
Page 5, Line 1: please rearrange words to read as "nephrotic syndrome in this patient with cystic fibrosis could..."

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published