Author's response to reviews

Title: The first report of severe anemia associated with acute renal failure and adult minimal change disease: A case report

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Dear Editor:

I am here re-submitted the revised version now. We have carefully verified all the data and addressed all the questions. They are attached here.

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration!

Sincerely yours,

Yimei Qian, MD

Questions:

1) Send my comments (attached) to authors for further revisions

2) The authors have adequately address the reviewer’s concerns and the ms does not need to be sent back to them

The authors have done a good job of responding to most comments, but some issues should be addressed.

P2-3; The abstract should be limited to 250 words, otherwise it will be truncated by PubMed. Also, the case presentation in the abstract should include mention of Epo, as the conclusion discusses the role of Epo therapy.

P2: Acute kidney injury is now the preferred term for acute renal failure.

P3, bottom: It would be useful to know what pathological features you are referring to.

P4: spell out BUN at first use. Diltiazem is misspelled. Were orthostatic blood pressures obtained?

P5: Spell out CT at first use. How did weights change during the time her hematocrit fell?
Did she receive IV fluids that could account for the change?

P6: Adult should not be capitalized.

P9: The discussion is not balanced, as it focuses entirely on the role of Epo and the possible role of steroids in remission of the anemia is not mentioned. In fact the timing of anemia remission matches closely the timing of proteinuria remission. I conclude that remission of MCD is at least as likely as a cause.

P10: Delete the sentence about the consent being available to the Editor.

Answer:

P2-3: revised the abstract into 248 words

P2: changed

P3: changed

P4: changed

P5: spelled out CT at the first use.

Patient went to emergent hemodialysis (HD) after admission. She was anuria/oliguria during hospitalization. Her urine output recovered after discharge. Fluid was taken out during her first hemodialysis for slightly fluid overloaded and fluid balance was monitored closely thereafter. Patient chart reviewed again and it showed that minimal IVF was administered and weight was stable..

P6: changed

P9: steroid therapy for MCD was widely studied and reported. A brief summary sentence is added here.

P10: deleted.