Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Sandra SE Reznik

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General Comments: This brief clinical report describes an interesting observation regarding a never before seen relationship between minimal change disease (MCD) and anemia. The anemia is accounted for by decreased erythropoietin production secondary to altered renal function associated with MCD. The report is generally clear and well written. Several minor changes, however, would be required before publication would be recommended.

Revisions Necessary for Publication:

Figure 2 B says “Figure 2” in the bottom left-hand corner on at least one of the images. These words should be removed. The abnormality in figure 2B, the effacement of foot processes, should be indicated in the figure, perhaps with an arrow pointing to the basement membrane. Alternatively, an electron micrograph of a normal kidney, illustrating normal foot processes, could be shown for comparison.
There are several grammatical errors throughout the paper. The manuscript would benefit by a careful proofreading by a native speaker. The errors listed below, at a minimum, should be corrected.

Abstract, para 1, line 3: effacement, not “enfacement”

Abstract, para 1, line 5: …minimal change disease, who presented…

Abstract, para 2, line 1: 60-year-old

Abstract, para 2, line 10: effacement, not “enfacement”

Introduction, para 2, line 3: “the” is missing

Introduction, para 2, line 6: “this” is missing

Case Presentation, para 1, line 1: 60-year-old

Discussion, para 3, line 2 data suggest

Discussion, para 5, line 6: “the” is missing

Figure legends, Fig. 2, shows 100 percent “effacement” of foot processes

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.