Reviewer's report

Title: Severe refractory autoimmune hemolytic anemia with both warm and cold autoantibodies: complete response to Rituximab

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Reviewer: Matthew Morgan

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

Novel use of existing therapy to treat existing disease.

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

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?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

My original comments have been addressed. There is a new problem with the reporting of the renal biopsy.

"On outpatient follow up, proteinuria decreased from 15 g/24h to 5.5 g/24h. Renal biopsy was performed and demonstrated nodular glomerulosclerosis with no evidence of immune complex deposition. On two-year follow-up after the initial Rituximab therapy the patient continues to be transfusion independent and his last
hemoglobin was 12.5 g/dl. Renal biopsy was performed and demonstrated nodular mesangial widening with increased matrix and tubular basement membrane thickening without deposits on light microscopy. Based on the findings of light and electron microscopy and immunopathology a diagnosis of nodular glomerulosclerosis with no evidence of immune complex deposition was made."

One biopsy or two? If one (as I suspect) the first sentence "Renal biopsy was performed and demonstrated nodular glomerulosclerosis with no evidence of immune complex deposition." should be removed. If two biopsies this should be clarified.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.