Reviewer's report

Title: Tubulointerstitial Nephritis and Uveitis Syndrome Complicated by IgA Nephropathy and Graves' disease: A case report

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Reviewer: Stuart Smith

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

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?: 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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is an interesting case report that recaptulates the previous observation that IgA nephropathy is associated with a variety of autoimmune diseases and as such is worthy of publication to expand our existing clinical understanding.

I have the following comments:

1. The incidence of IgA nephropathy, TINU and Graves disease in Japan in relation to the rest of the world should be mentioned and commented on.

2. The natural history of IgA should briefly be discussed in the introduction.

3. The precise indication for steroid treatment in this patient should be expanded and discussed further in the context of the current guidelines.
4. The final comment in the discussion suggesting that Strep infection lead to a breaking of tolerance and a flare of disease is interesting and could be expanded.

5. Some discussion could be made regarding the need to hold a high clinical suspicion for other autoimmune mediated diseases in patients with IgA could be added to the discussion.

6. The histology images need scale bars and would benefit from more detailed legends and arrows to guide the reader.

7. Please include any historical information regarding the patients renal function or urine analysis available from her family practitioner or comment that this was unavailable.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare I have no competing interests