Reviewer’s report

Title: Trends In The Histopathology Of Childhood Nephrotic Syndrome In Ibadan Nigeria: Preponderance Of Idiopathic Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis

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This manuscript presents data from a series of cases of childhood nephrotic syndrome from Nigeria. The main findings of the study are that the underlying histopathological diagnoses have changed over several decades. The paper is therefore of potential interest to readers of the journal.

Overall, the manuscript is of suitable content with no major scientific issues given that it is a simple retrospective review of a large clinical series with all of the potential methodological issues that are inherent in such a study design, such as referral bias etc.

- Major Compulsory Revisions

My main specific suggestions would be whether the authors can provide more information regarding any specific FSGS subtypes, in particular features such as collapsing glomerulopathy and HIV associated nephropathy within this context.

- Minor Essential Revisions

I would remove the graph of sex distribution instead replace it with the graph showing the data from tables 1 and 2 which would therefore graphically demonstrate the histopathological patterns found, these being the main findings of this study.

Otherwise, the overall manuscript is acceptable although will require some significant editorial input throughout in terms of the language and style used but the overall content is acceptable.

Overall therefore I have no major scientific reasons why the study not be published following these suggested changes.

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

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'