Reviewer’s report

Title: The Impact of IgM Deposits on the Outcome of Nephrotic Syndrome in Children

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Reviewer: Guido Filler

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The editor and this reviewer asked for the inclusion of those patients who were diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome in the same setting during the same study period, and this request was not considered.

The exact criteriae for performing a renal biopsy still remain elusive.

It is highly unusual that an institution like yours continued to use the Jaffe method during the long study period of 2000 to 2015. Please provide documentation that your creatinine measurement is still not IDMS-traceable.

Your conclusions must stop after the first sentence, everything after "however" is not justified by your results. There was no difference between patients with IgM positivity and those without. The cumulative steroid dose was identical. There were no significant differences with regards to cyclosporine and MPA levels. The null hypothesis was rejected.

It would be good to include the MPA levels. That information has never been published in the literature on childhood nephrotic syndrome.

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