Reviewer’s report

Title: Relation between duration of the prodromal phase and renal damage in ANCA-associated vasculitis.

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Reviewer: Davide Catucci

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Dear authors,

The topic of your study is really interesting and is an important issue to clear. However, I think, as you partially specified, that a retrospective collection of symptoms doesn't allow to precisely date the beginning of symptoms and not even it is possible to precisely correlate symptoms with subsequent onset of renal vasculitis. Moreover, in my opinion a precise diagnosis requires an histological diagnosis of renal vasculitis, with an histological scoring of glomerular, interstitial, tubular and vascular acute and chronic lesions. To assess the short and long term outcomes in terms of renal survival, proteinuria and patient survival it is of great importance to specify exactly the treatment course prescribed after the diagnosis, that in this work was not even mentioned. It is important to specify if in all patients that was the first episode of renal vasculitis and to specify the mean GFR before the onset of symptoms; it would be even interesting to describe for the study groups baseline data differentiating p-ANCA and c-ANCA associated vasculitis.

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