Author’s response to reviews

Title: Gender-related differences in clinicopathological characteristics and renal outcomes of Chinese patients with IgA nephropathy

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To: BMC Nephrology

Cover letter

Dear Dr. Guillermo Garcia-Garcia,

Thank you very much for your affirmation of our manuscript entitled “Gender-related differences in clinicopathological characteristics and renal outcomes of Chinese patients with IgA nephropathy” (BNEP-D-17-00433R1). We thank the editor and the reviewers for their constructive comments and suggestions.

According to the reviewers’ comments and suggestions, we have requested the English language editing service from American Journal Experts. The language of this manuscript has been improved. We respond to the questions and comments point-by-point below.

We would like to re-submit this revised manuscript to BMC Nephrology, and hope it is acceptable for publication in the journal.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.
Sincerely,

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Responses to editor’s and reviewers’ comments

Editor Comments:

Thank you for submitting a clean version.

It is not yet clear if patients with kidney stone, urological malignancies or menstruating females were excluded or not, as mentioned in your response to the reviewers. Instead your write that “patients were excluded if they presented with secondary causes of mesangial IgA deposition, such as hepatitis B-related nephritis, Henoch-Schonlein purpura nephritis, lupus nephritis, transplantation-related IgAN and etc.

Re: Thank you for the comment. Patients who presented with kidney stone, urological malignancies, or menstruating females were excluded from this study. We have clarified this issue in the manuscript (Methods section, line 74-75, page 5).

Reviewer reports:

If improvements to the English language within your manuscript have been requested, you should have your manuscript reviewed by someone who is fluent in English. If you would like professional help in revising this manuscript, you can use any reputable English language editing service. We can recommend our affiliates Nature Research Editing Service (http://bit.ly/NRES_BS) and American Journal Experts (http://bit.ly/AJE_BS) for help with English usage. Please note that use of an editing service is neither a requirement nor a guarantee of publication. Free assistance is available from our English language tutorial (https://www.springer.com/gb/authors-editors/authorandreviewertutorials/writinginenglish) and our Writing resources (http://www.biomedcentral.com/getpublished/writing-resources). These cover common mistakes that occur when writing in English.

Re: Thank you for the suggestion. The current version of manuscript has been reviewed by American Journal Experts to improve the English usage.