**Reviewer’s report**

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

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The manuscript is quite interesting and deserves publication. However, careful proof reading should be done to correct multiple grammar and style errors. Better to engage native English-language speaker to revise the manuscript. In addition, the abbreviations should be shown in the bottom of each table.

With regards to the content, cohort of patients is mentioned in the discussion several times. However, this is a retrospective study; therefore it is not a cohort in fact, but rather group of patients. Beyond that, describing outcomes, ESRD or doubling of serum creatinine is indicated. However, it is not clear, whether the authors mean ESRD or doubling of serum creatinine from the time of biopsy to the end of follow-up period, as it is shown in the results, or any other period of time. In addition, discussion contains many repetitions of the same statements, like "We found that male patients presented with worse clinicopathological features", which is repeated at least 3 times within two pages. That might be expressed in the different way, if needed. And finally, the conclusions postulate, that despite the worse clinical and pathology presentation, males have the same long-term renal survival as females. This paradox should be briefly explained in the end of Conclusions section, otherwise those who will read only the abstract might be confused.

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