Reviewer's report

Title: Rapid decline of renal function in patients with type 2 diabetes with heavy proteinuria : A Report of Three Cases

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This is a manuscript by Lim et al on the matter of rapid unexpected decline in renal function in T2DM patients. While the concept is interesting and may be true to some degree, the presence of interstitial nephritis is a confounding factor. This suggests that most likely there was AKI superimposed on CKD mostly likely due to concomitant infections or antibiotic administration. In addition, the authors brought out the fact that there could be intake of nephrotoxic herbal medications or volume depletion (diuresis or poor oral consumption) or administration of contrast dye for CT scans. I suggest to address these issues in their discussion. Below are some other suggestions which may make the manuscript more readable.

1. There are a lot of lab values and dates that are mentioned one after another with no sequential listing. Please make tables with dates and lab values in columns to identify which lab value corresponds to which date so that the reader can identify a serial decline in creatinine/eGFR. One table can be made for each case. While describing the case, the same should be done. Mention the date of the event/lab and under that describe the lab values, blood pressure etc Making one table for each case would also mean that the current table is redundant and can be removed

2. It may be helpful to identify the biopsy pictures with the patient number

3. If serology was done such as for post-infectious GN, it should be described. There is some mention of serology for one patient. Was serology done for all patients? if yes, and negative, that would add more value to the argument against other GN's, although interstitial nephritis cannot be refuted
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