Author’s response to reviews

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Re: Manuscript BNEP-D-17-00582 R1

Dear Professor Henderson,
Thank you very much for your letter dated October 5, 2018, regarding our manuscript entitled “Development of anti-glomerular basement membrane glomerulonephritis during the course of IgA nephropathy: a case report”. We thank you for your willingness to reconsider our manuscript provided the suggested revisions are made. We have revised the manuscript in accordance with the referee’s valuable comments, and are submitting a revised version of the manuscript. In this version, we have highlighted all the changes that were made to the previous (first revision) manuscript in yellow. We have also attached a list of itemized responses to the reviewers’ comments.

We hope that we have answered the referees’ questions adequately and that you will find our revised manuscript acceptable for publication in BMC Nephrology. If you have any questions, please contact me at the E-mail address shown below. Thank you very much for your kind consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Responses to the Editor’s comments
We sincerely thank you for your helpful suggestions. We have now incorporated all of your suggestions into the revised manuscript.

1. "Abstract (Background): We feel this section is too brief. Can you expand this to provide more context, in addition to why this case should be reported and its novelty".

Response:

Thank you for the valuable advice. In accordance with the advice, we have added several descriptions regarding the rarity and significance of this case to the Abstract (page 3, lines 4-7; page 4, lines 10-13).

2. "Histological and Immunofluorescence images: Please can you include scale bars on these images".

Response:

In accordance with your suggestion, we have changed the light microscopic and immunofluorescence staining images to those with scale bars.

3. "Figure Titles: On all uploaded images, can you please remove the figure title/number, as we just require a clean copy of the image file".

Response:

In accordance with your suggestion, we uploaded revised images without figure titles and numbers.
Responses to Reviewer 1

We sincerely thank you for your helpful suggestions. We have incorporated all of your suggestions into the revised manuscript, as follows.

1. "I would delete the word ‘lumpish’".

   Response:
   In accordance with the advice, we deleted the word “lumpish” from the manuscript. We also changed the word “lumpish” in figure legend to “granular” (page 14, line 9) following your advice.

2. "I would change didn’t to did not".

   Response:
   In accordance with the comment, we changed “didn’t” to “did not” (page 7, line 13).

3. "Please include the reference values for CBC in Table 1".

   Response:
   In accordance with the advice, we included the reference range for CBC to Table 1.