Reviewer’s report

Title: The association of tumor necrosis factor superfamily 13 with recurrence of immunoglobulin A nephropathy in living related kidney transplantation

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The authors present an interesting association with TNFSF13 and the risk of recurrence of IgA nephropathy. The manuscript is generally well written. The main issue with this manuscript is the low number of patients. The interpretation of the results in both the title and abstract are hugely overblown. This study merely shows an association of TNFSF13 and recurrence. It cannot possible be used to predict and certainly no statistics to assess prediction eg ROC curves are presented. The statistics done are equally overblown. Creating multivariable models with 7 variables when the outcome of interest occurs in only 11 subjects is not justifiable. The risk of overfitting and type II errors are huge. I think the results are best presented simply as ratios. They are hypothesis generating at best.

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