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Title: Delayed Diagnosis of Acromegaly in a Patient with Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis: A Rare Case Report and Literature Review

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It is very rare to have focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) in patients with acromegaly, vice versa. This report by Zheng et al presents a 63 year old man with 2 history of nephrotic syndrome refractory to prednisone. While kidney biopsy indicated FSGS, physical examination suggested acromegaly with MRI showing pituitary macroadenoma. Surgical removal of the tumor led to a partial remission of proteinuria, suggesting FSGS in this case is most likely secondary. The authors went on to discuss the relationship between FSGS and acromegaly, and the possible mechanisms how growth factor excess could contribute to kidney injuries. This is a very well presented rare case, which reminds us nephrologists of the possibility of primary growth factor disorders in patients presented with nephrotic syndrome.

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