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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Hello. I read your article in detail. I have some suggestions that can improve your work.

The abstract alone is not representative your maniscrip. In the conclusion section, the final sentences of the case summary section are repeated. It is better to write abstract conclusions with short and concise sentences. In the case presentation , the chief complaint should be short and precisely the patient's words. The type of Chinese herbal medicine used and its dosage are not stated. Clinical improvement criteria are not mentioned. Patient recovery has not been compared with other studies. Tables are not explained. It has no measurement unit.

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I appreciate the great effort of the authors in conducting this study. The study discusses a further case report of PIG with a review of the previously reported cases (40). The article is well-written. I have the following notes to improve the presentation of the study: 1. Each word of the title should be started with a small letter except the first word and the letter "A" after ":" according to the style of the journal. 2. Abstract a.

Please avoid repetition like "Podocyte infolding glomerulopathy (PIG) is a newly described and rare glomerular disease." you repeated this sentence in the abstract, Core Tip, and introduction. b. Case summary: you should focus on the presentation of the case, diagnosis, treatment, outcome and follow-up. c. Conclusion: I advise you to rewrite it to be informative, i.e. you should focus on the case and its results. 3. Key Words: please add another word to be 6 in number according to the journal style. Besides, each word should be started with a capital letter. 4. Introduction a. I think paragraph 2 should be incorporated with the first paragraph because both are discussing the descriptive part of the section. b. These sentences " PIG can be made based on histopathologic findings. Its pathological feature is the presence of microspheres,

microtubules, or both in the glomerular basement membrane (GBM) under electron microscopy, and podocytes infolding into the GBM. The pathogenesis and progression of PIG are largely unknown due to the limited number of reported cases. Thus, integrated and definitive immunologic therapies are not yet available. Some case reports suggest that corticosteroids therapy can be used to treat this disease; however, it is difficult to assess its efficacy because of the limited number of cases and the lack of long-term follow-up of cases." need references. c. summarise→ summarize. 5. Case

presentation a. Chief complaints: please mention only the presenting chief complaint. b.

pulse is thin. → b. pulse is weak. c. Mild edema → mild edema d. Page 5 Line 21: urinary protein, 3+; → urinary protein = 3+,. Please do the same for other values. e.

Imaging examinations should be changed to histological examinations. f. Page 6 Line 8: please delete this "Under an electron microscope" because you already mentioned it. g. Page 6 Line 21: what kind of traditional Chinese medicine you used? h.

OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP: need more detail. 6. Discussion a. Paragraph 4: most of the information is a repetition of the Table 2 content. Please rewrite it again to explain the cause of the results from the previous studies. b. Paragraph 5: please see the above-mentioned note. c. Last paragraph: is it a repetition of what was mentioned in the case presentation? d. Are there limitations to your study? 7. Conclusion: "

Nonetheless, the results cannot be generalized as this is a case report, and there is scope for future research in prospective studies and case series. The more case reports on this disease that are published, the more experienced we will be to provide patients with better counseling." These 2 sentences belong to the limitation of the study. 8. Figures a.

Figure 1: please substitute panels B, C, and D with colored images. b. Figure 2: 24-h proteinuria→ A 24-h proteinuria. 9. Table 2 a. Please add two columns; one for the country of the study and the other for the year of the study. b. You should add the information of your case (case 41).



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## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Thank you so much for the authors in revising the manuscript. A few points need to be revised as below: 1. Introduction: Write the full term of the abbreviation "PIG" as it appeared first here. 2. Tables: Should be redesigned according to the journal style (Authors are required to provide standard three-line tables, that is, only the top line, bottom line, and column line are displayed, while other table lines are hidden. The contents of each cell in the table should conform to the editing specifications, and the lines of each row or column of the table should be aligned. Do not use carriage returns or spaces to replace lines or vertical lines and do not segment cell content.). 3. Discussion: Paragraph 8 is a repetition of the case presentation and it adds nothing to the discussion. 4. Please remove the unwanted blue figures from the reference list.