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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16777-review.doc).

**Title:** "Costimulatory blockade: a novel approach to the treatment of glomerular disease?"

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Methodology*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

REVIEWER 1

1. The author needs to specify the source of information listed in Table 1 (is there source a website or text book??).  
*As suggested we added a reference for Table 1*
2. The author needs to add a reference in page 4 (highlighted in yellow color in the attached manuscript).  
*We added a reference as suggested by the reviewer.*
3. One sentence in page 7 needs re-writing as it is not clear to the reader (highlighted in yellow color in the attached manuscript).  
*We changed the sentence as suggested*
4. In page 8 the authors need to specify who approved the use of the drug Abatacept. Was it approved by FDA/USA??  
*It was firstly approved by FDA in the late 2005. We added this information in the paper.*
5. In page 8, the authors need to re-write one sentence as it is not clear to the reader (highlighted in yellow color)
6. In page 9, the authors need to re-write one sentence as suggested in the attached manuscript.  
*We changed the sentences as suggested*

*Moreover we added references where requested.*

### REVIEWER 3

The topic of the present review is interesting as a recent research point. The authors could cite 43 relevant references to make the work as quite complete as possible. However, the deep discussion and presenting a rationale of the previous results, including a clear emphasis of the present and/or lacking knowledge of underlying molecular mechanisms in glomerulonephritis and other conditions, were obviously lacking.

*The considerations of the reviewer are correct, but our paper isn't a review on pathogenetic mechanisms of glomerulonephritis. Our intent was to present an editorial providing an overview on a specific topic, i.e. the current evidence of costimulatory pathways as therapeutic target in glomerular diseases (as clearly stated in title of the paper). Therefore, deep discussion on molecular mechanisms of glomerulonephritis and other immune-mediated conditions was beyond our scope.*

3. References and typesetting were corrected and abbreviations were explained.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Methodology*.

Sincerely yours,  
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