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

The article is within the scope of the journal. And the problem described is interesting. It is well written and the case study is clearly described. However, it cannot be accepted in the current state: a) The article should be rewritten to follow a standard structure: Introduction, Materials and methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusions. b) It is necessary to carry out a study of the art of the problem dealt with. c) The results obtained with similar works should be discussed in such a way as to show the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal and the experiment carried out. d) The bibliographic base used is very limited. More bibliography should be analyzed to support the proposal made.

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this manuscript, the authors report a case of IgA nephropathy treated by professor Zou's method using traditional Chinese medicine (TCM). They conclude that this method is an effective therapy in patients with IgA nephropathy. This case report is clinically useful for readers interested in Chinese medicine. However, the following points need to be addressed. Major comments: 1. The urinary findings (proteinuria and hematuria) are very important prognostic factors in patients with IgA nephropathy. Therefore, the authors should show the course of the urinary findings before and after treatment. 2. The authors should describe the histological findings more precisely. 1) What is the percentage of sclerotic glomeruli? 2) Are there any tubulointerstitial lesions? Minor comments: 1. There are some typing errors. 1) "blood urinary nitrogen" should be changed to "blood urea nitrogen". 2) "uric acid" should be changed to "serum uric acid". 2. Because this paper is a case report, the authors should show serum cystatin C levels before and after the treatment to clarify the efficacy of TCM.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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

The paper can be accepted in current form.