Non-diabetic glomerulosclerosis in renal transplantation

Sir,

We read with great interest the work by Abdi et al. entitled ‘Nodular glomerulosclerosis in a renal allograft of a non-diabetic recipient’ [1] which was recently published in Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation. The authors report a renal transplant patient who developed idiopathic nodular glomerulosclerosis without diabetes mellitus in the long-term follow-up. In the conclusion, the authors affirm that this is the first case to show that histological changes. However, this case is similar to that previously reported by us in 1997 in a paper entitled ‘Nodular glomerulosclerosis after renal transplantation without diabetes mellitus’ [2] which has been overlooked. In both cases monoclonal immunoglobulin deposition disease had been excluded. Therefore these cases represent a new histopathological finding in renal transplantation. Several cases of this condition have been described in native kidneys. However, the pathogenesis remains unknown.

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