

Management in immunoglobulin A nephropathy

To the Editor— I read with interest the article by Cheung et al,¹ who stated that there is still no effective treatment for immunoglobulin (Ig) A nephropathy. Some points need to be clarified however. Firstly, combination of angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor and angiotensin receptor blocker is first-line therapy to preserve glomerular filtration rate and reduce proteinuria.^{2,3} Secondly, oral corticosteroid can reduce proteinuria and postpone end-stage renal disease in IgA nephropathy for up to 10 years.^{2,3}

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