From Sidney to Mobile: A podocytopathy revisited

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Abstract

With advances in medical knowledge, the understanding of disease pathophysiology is in constant evolution. Disease entities are frequently revisited or reclassified, and new entities continue to be described—some with unknown causes—that do not fit within previously established categories. In some cases, clinical presentations together with histologic and ultrastructural findings may appear ambiguous, and classified as evolving stages or variants of known diseases.

A prime example of this process is the case presented here, which received multiple potential diagnoses based on findings from several renal biopsies performed between 2009 and 2019. Initially presented at the Ultrapath XXI meeting in Sydney, the case was later re-evaluated following the astute observation of a renowned renal pathologist. Subsequent studies performed on the patient's most recent renal biopsy led to reclassification and confirmation of a diagnosis consistent with a recently described entity.