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**Running Title:** Prevalence of Renal Biopsy Diagnoses in Iran

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**Abstract:**

**Introduction:** Native renal biopsy reports in previous studies that are mostly originated in western countries, show various results in different parts of the world. In this study we aimed to determine the prevalence of renal biopsy disorders in Iran and compare it with other studies in the world.

**Methods:** This cross sectional study evaluated consecutive native renal biopsies performed in four centers in Isfahan, Iran from 2009 to 2014. We also reviewed other relevant studies in Iran and the world.

**Results:** Overall, 1547 renal biopsies were reviewed. 493 cases were excluded (transplant or re-biopsy cases), having a total of 1054 cases (43.3% female) included in our study with a mean ( $\pm$ SD) age of 33.1 ( $\pm$ 18.5) years. The first three most prevalent diagnoses were focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) (24.8%), minimal change disease (MCD) (14.2%), and membranous glomerulonephritis (MGN) (9.6%). IgA nephropathy (IgAN) was more prevalent among men, whereas lupus nephritis had a higher prevalence in women. In three out of six previous studies conducted in Iran, the most prevalent pathological diagnosis was MGN, in two others MCD predominates, and in the other study FSGS had the highest prevalence. In Europe and Western Pacific Region, IgAN was by far the most prevalent glomerulonephritis, while studies in other parts of the world show conflicting results.

**Conclusions:** The most prevalent diagnosis in our study was FSGS, which compared to previous studies in Iran, seems to have an increasing prevalence. It has been realized that having a national registry is crucial to determine current status, better planning and management of renal disorders.

**Keywords:** Epidemiology, glomerulonephritis, Iran, renal biopsy, review

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