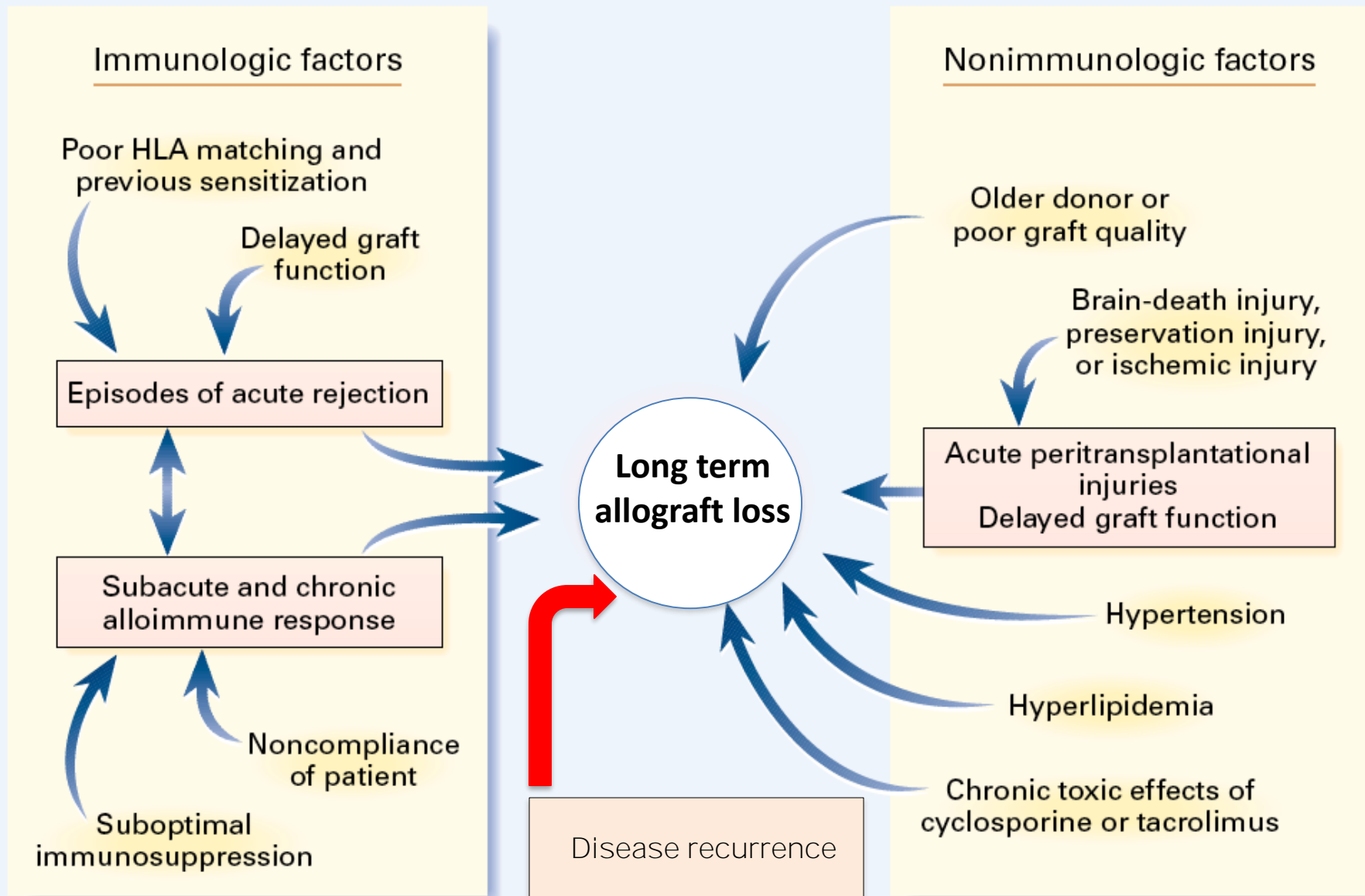


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Post-transplant kidney disease recurrence

Primary glomerular diseases

Systemic diseases

Metabolism diseases

Classifications of recurrent glomerular diseases

- **Clinical classification:**
 - True recurrence: native and recurrent disease are the same confirmed by histology,
 - Potential recurrence: occurrence of a post-transplant glomerular disease confirmed by biopsy without histological knowledge of native kidney disease,
 - De novo glomerulonephritis: occurrence of a new glomerular disease in the transplant kidney.

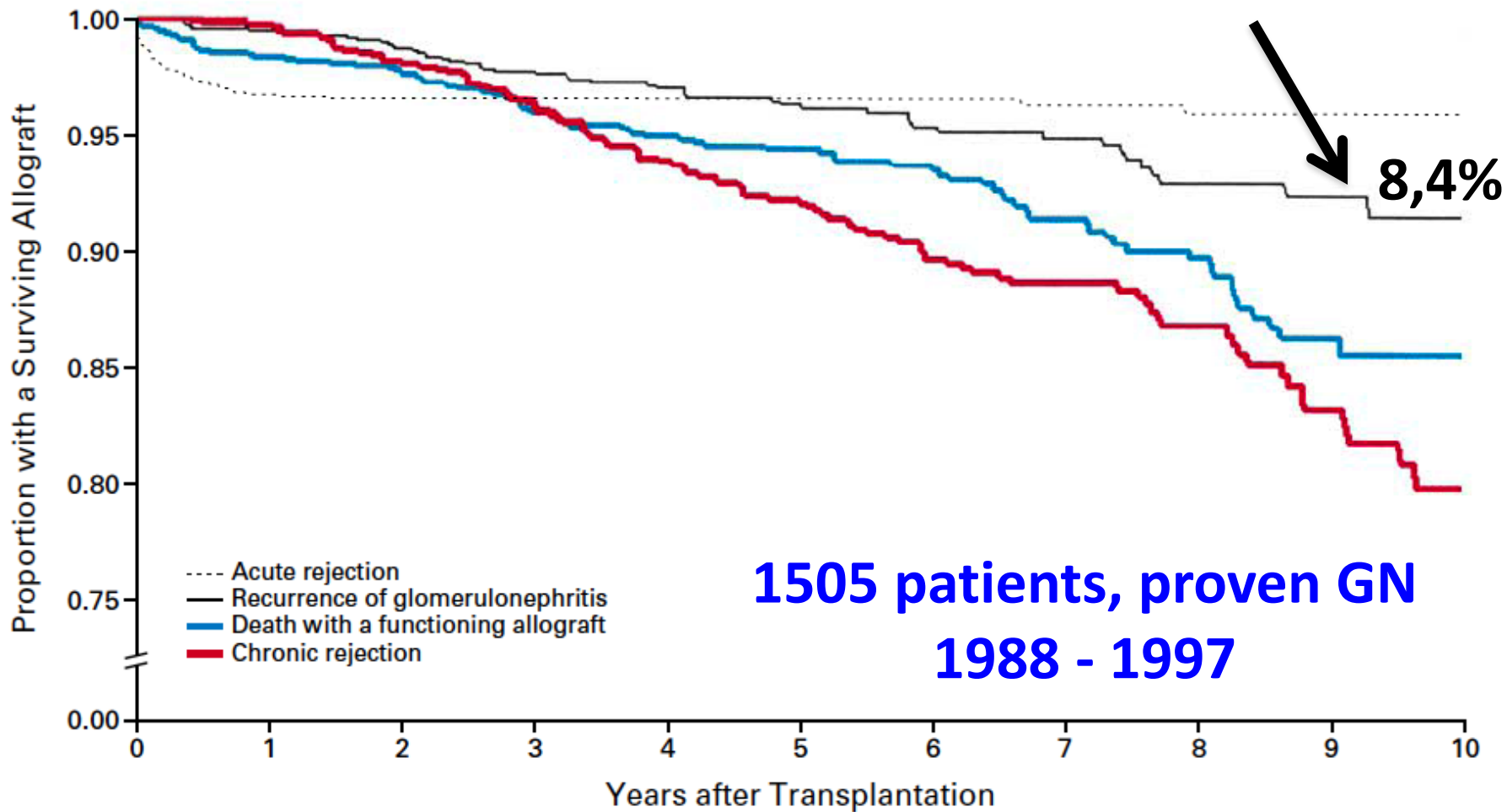
Limitations in recurrent glomerular disease Δ

- **Native kidney disease:**
 - Unknown in many patients with ESRD,
 - Difficulties at late stage of chronic kidney disease,
 - Primary versus secondary FSGS.
- **Indication for post-transplant renal biopsy:**
 - Protocol versus for cause biopsy,
 - Immunofluorescence and EM not routinely applied.

Table 2. Risk of glomerulonephritis recurrence and graft loss after kidney transplantation

Type of glomerulonephritis	Risk of recurrence (% of patients)	Risk of graft failure, 5–10 years (% of patients)
IgA	50–60 (Histologic), 7–30 (clinical)	1.6–19.1
FSGS	20–40 (Early)	20–27
Membranous nephropathy	10–40	20–50
MPGN, type I	20–60 (monoclonal-related)	70–100
MPGN, type II	50–90	34–66
ANCA-associated glomerulonephritis	0–0	0–10
SLE	2.4–41.6	14.3
Anti-GBM	<5	Rare
Fibrillary and immunotactoid	>50	Lack of data

Graft loss due to recurrent GN



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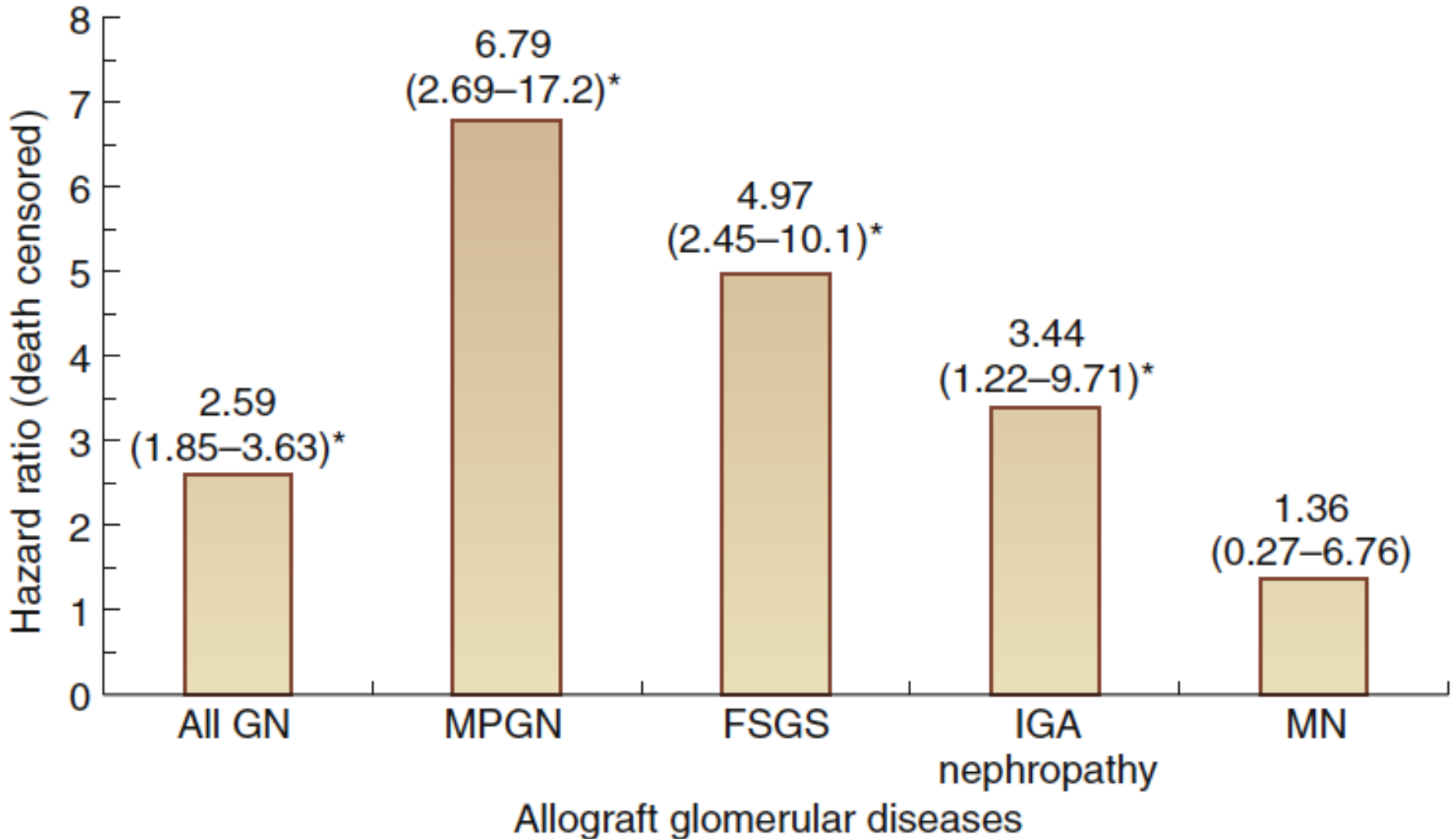
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Graft loss due to post-RT disease recurrence



Post-transplant glomerulonephritis recurrence

- **Focal and segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS)**
- Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (aHUS)
- Antiphospholipid syndrome (APS)
- Membranous nephropathy (MN)
- Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis (MPGN)
- IgA nephropathy

Focal and segmental glomerulosclerosis etiology

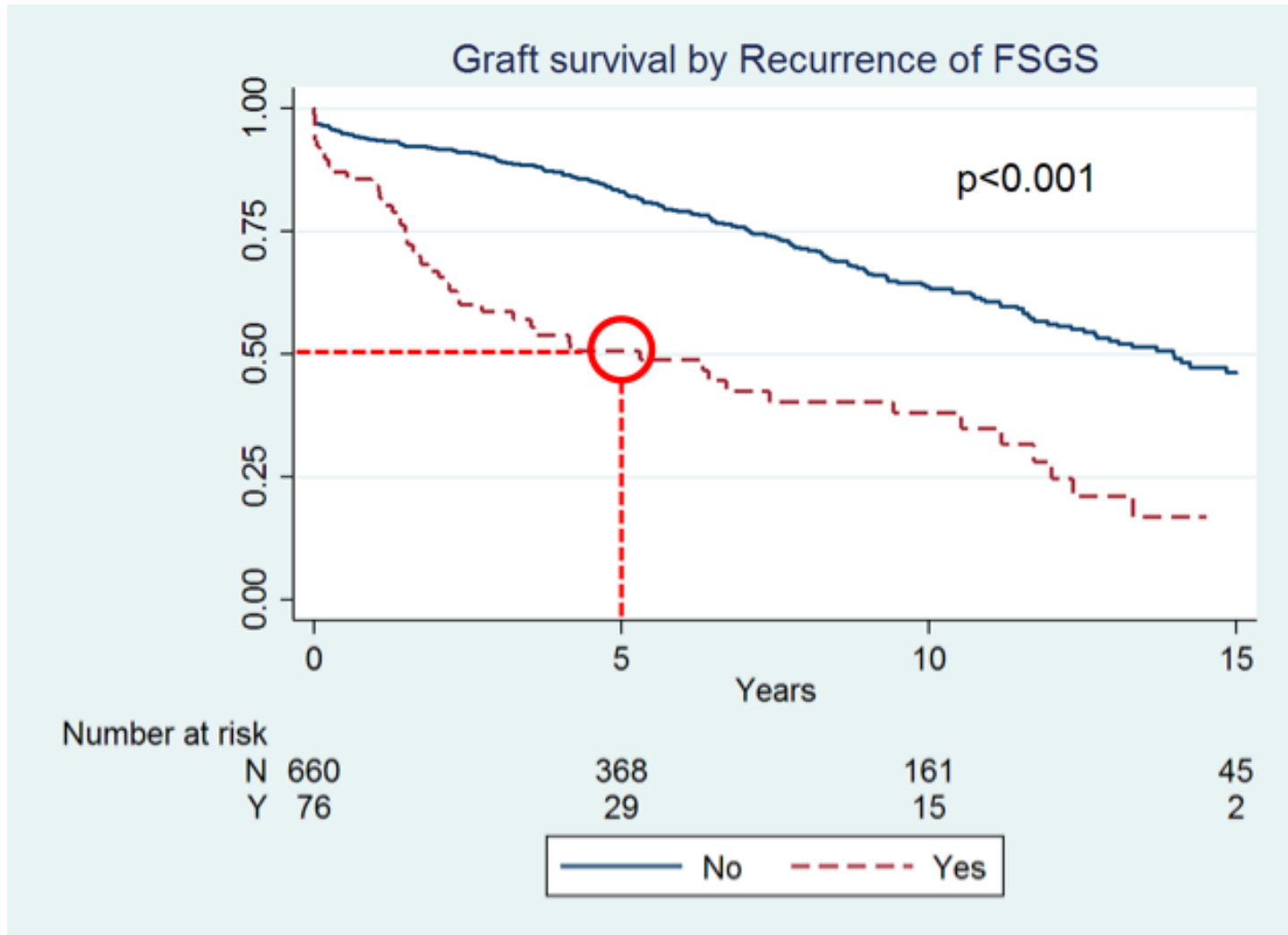
Secondary FSGS

Podocyte Genetic Disorders: Nephrin, Podocin, CD2AP, WT1...	Nephron Reduction
Podocyte Injury: HIV, Parvovirus B19, Pamidronate, IFN γ	Others: Obesity, Heart diseases

Primary FSGS

'Immune Disorder'

FSGS recurrence after transplantation

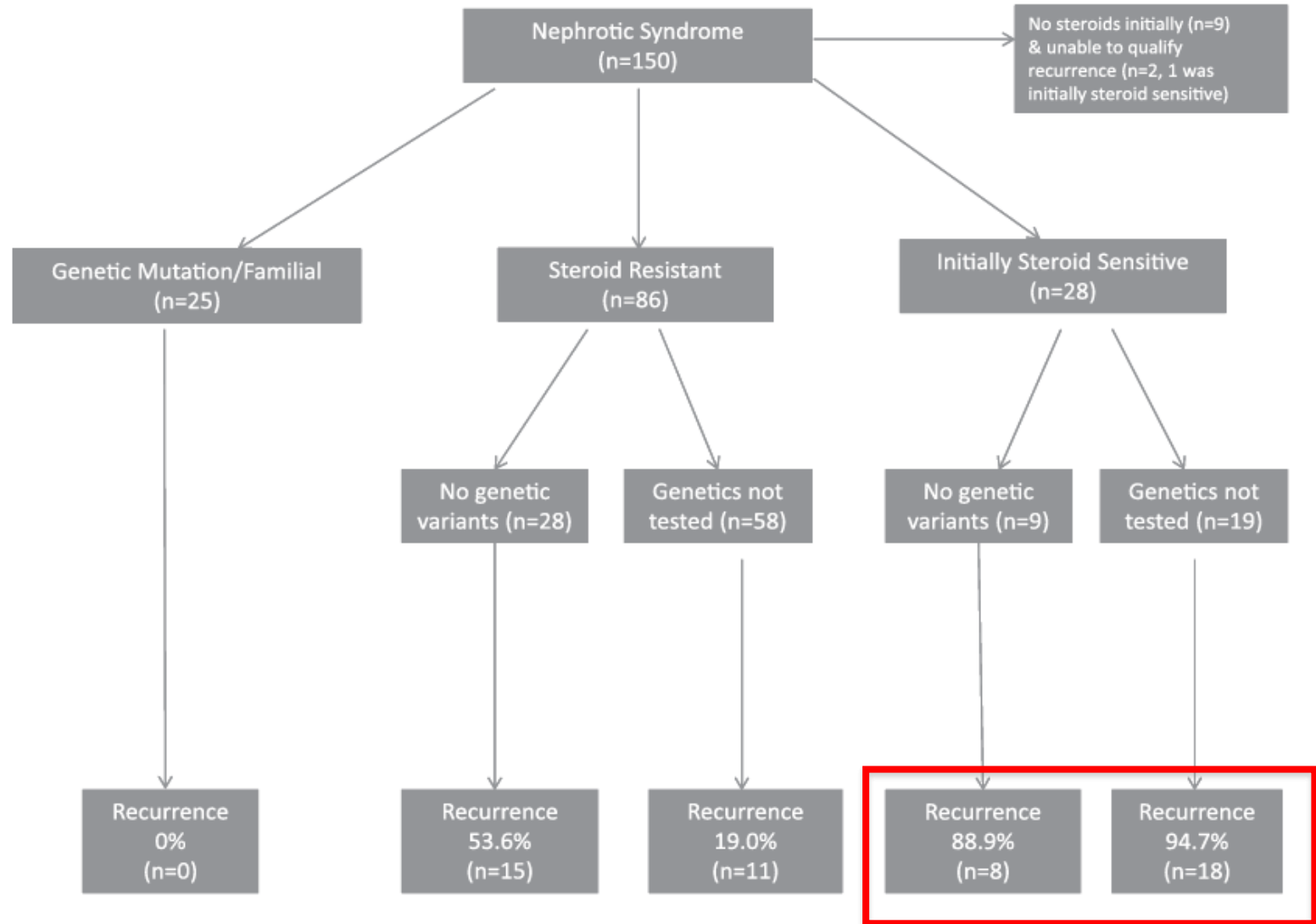


FSGS recurrence: risk factors

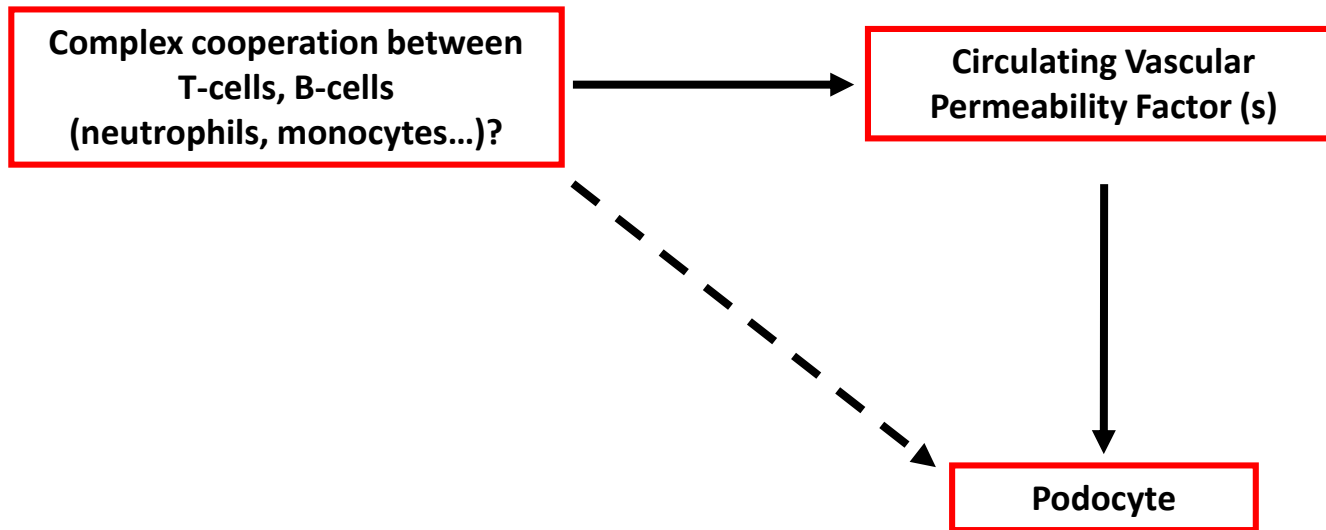
Table 1. Factors influencing the risk of recurrence of FSGS

Factors associated with increased risk of recurrence	Factors associated with low risk of recurrence
Second transplant after loss from recurrence	Familial FSGS
Childhood	Sporadic form with podocin mutation
Rapid progression to uraemia	Slow progression to uraemia
Mesangial proliferation in native kidneys	Non-nephronic proteinuria in the original disease
Living donation	
White race	
Elderly donor	

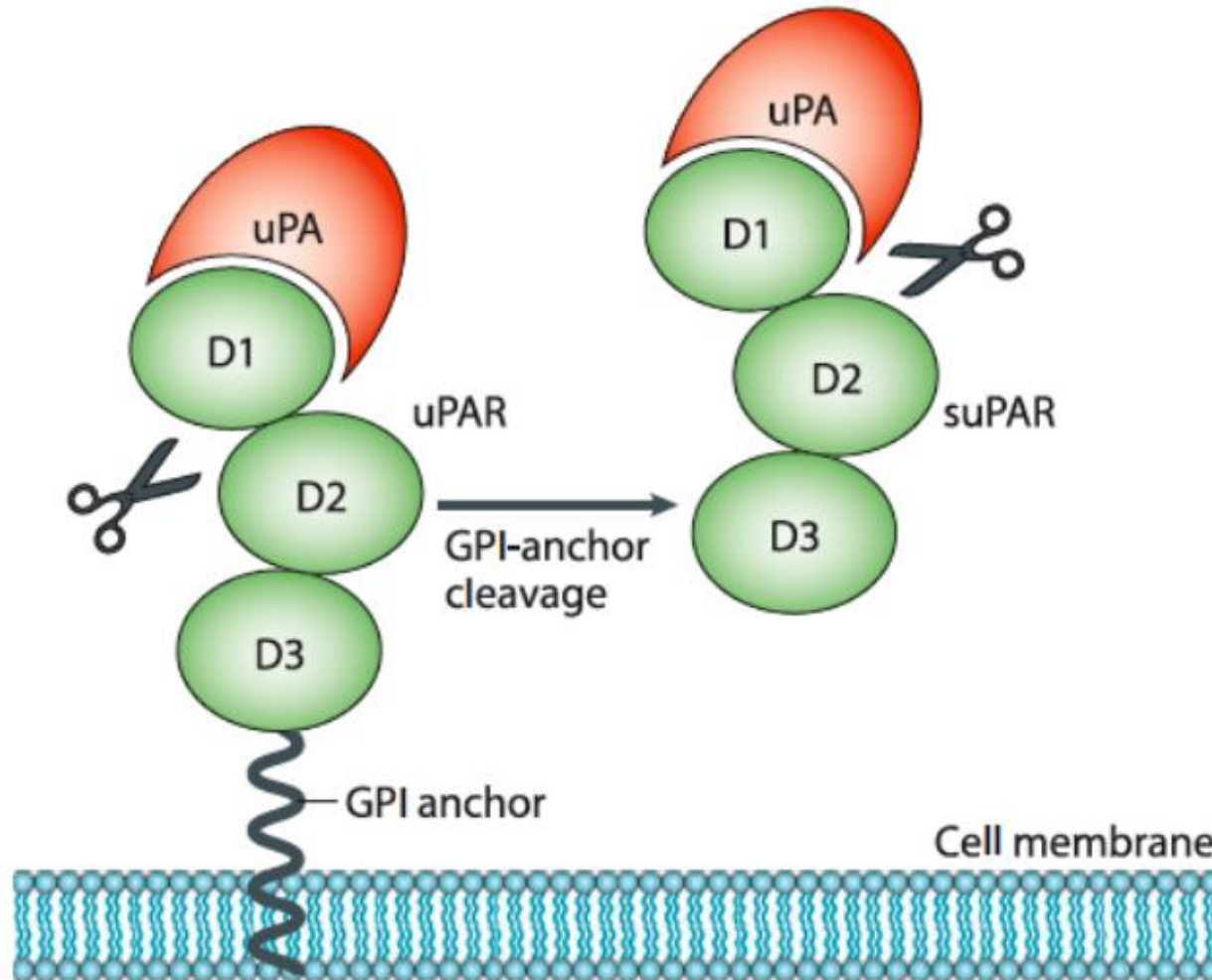
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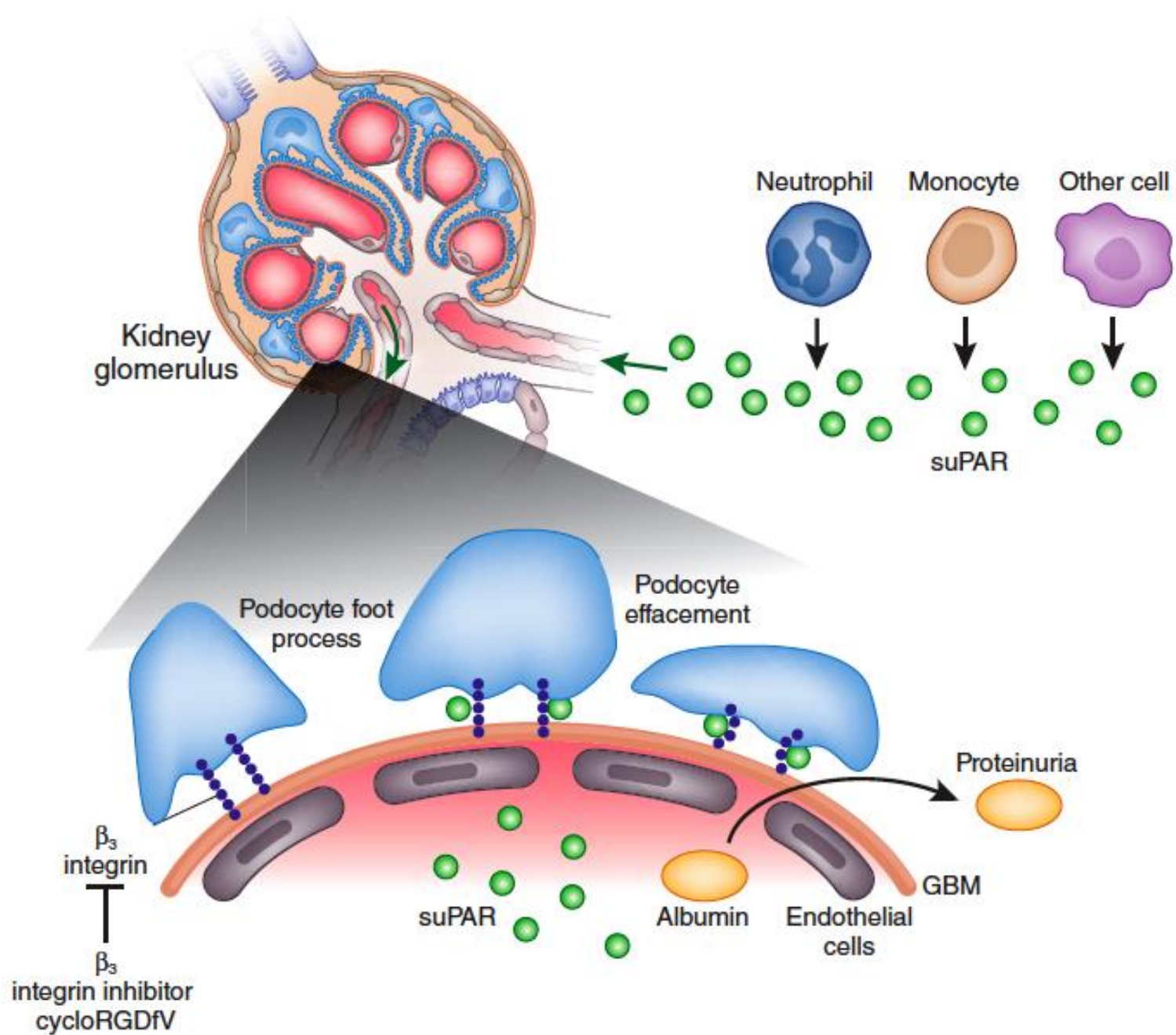


FSGS: « three players »



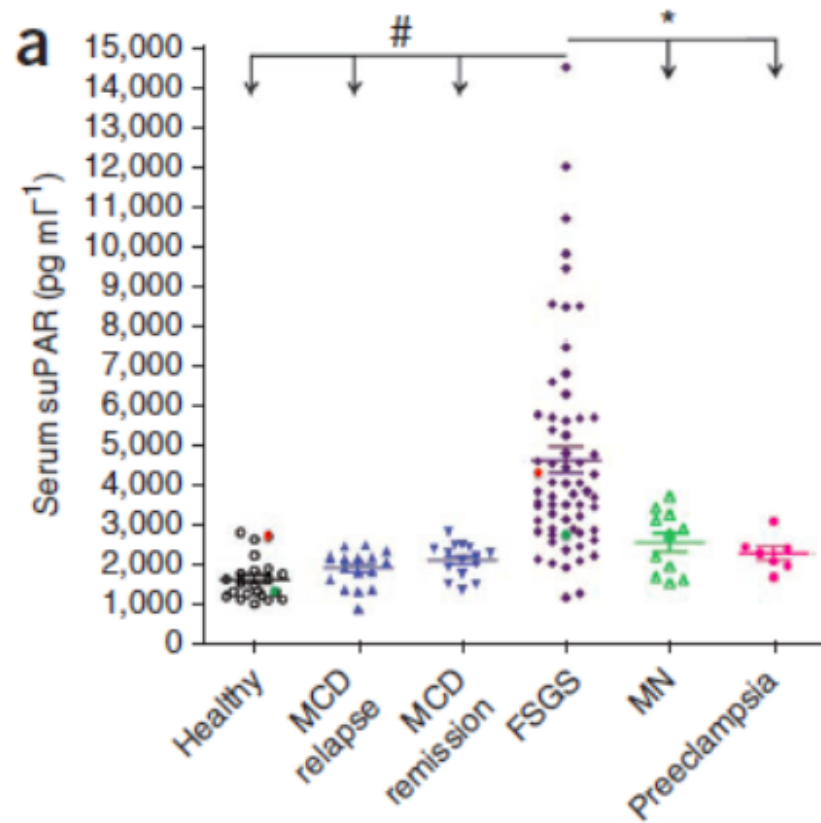
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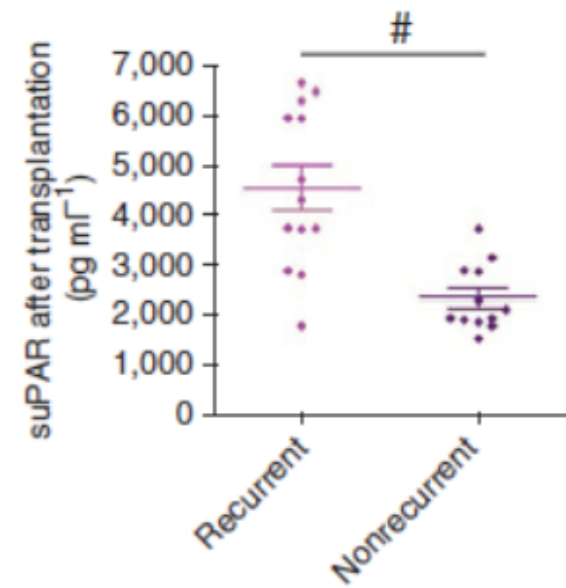


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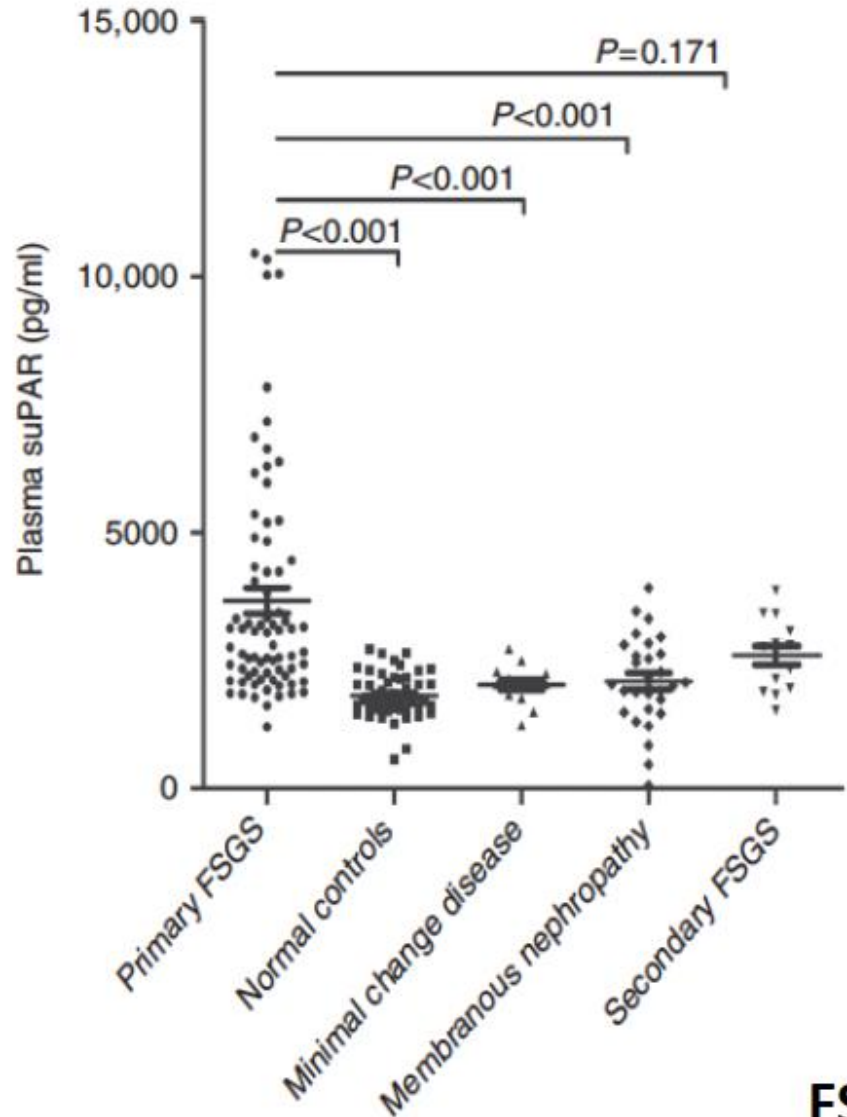
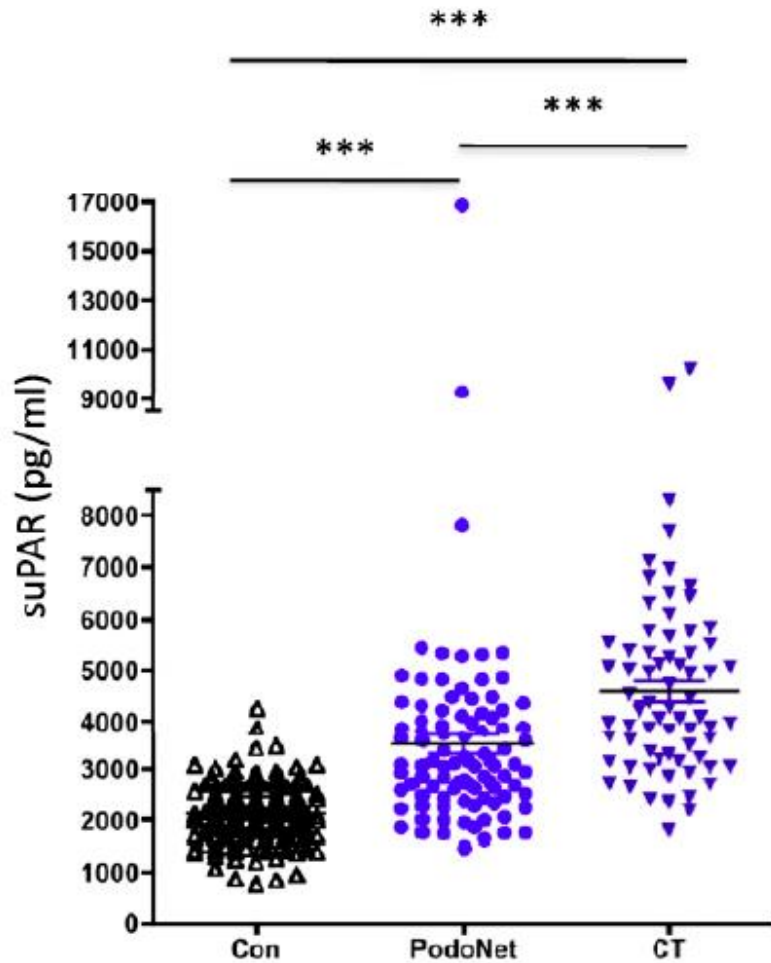


Native kidney



Transplanted kidney

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FSGS

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Serum-soluble urokinase receptor levels do not
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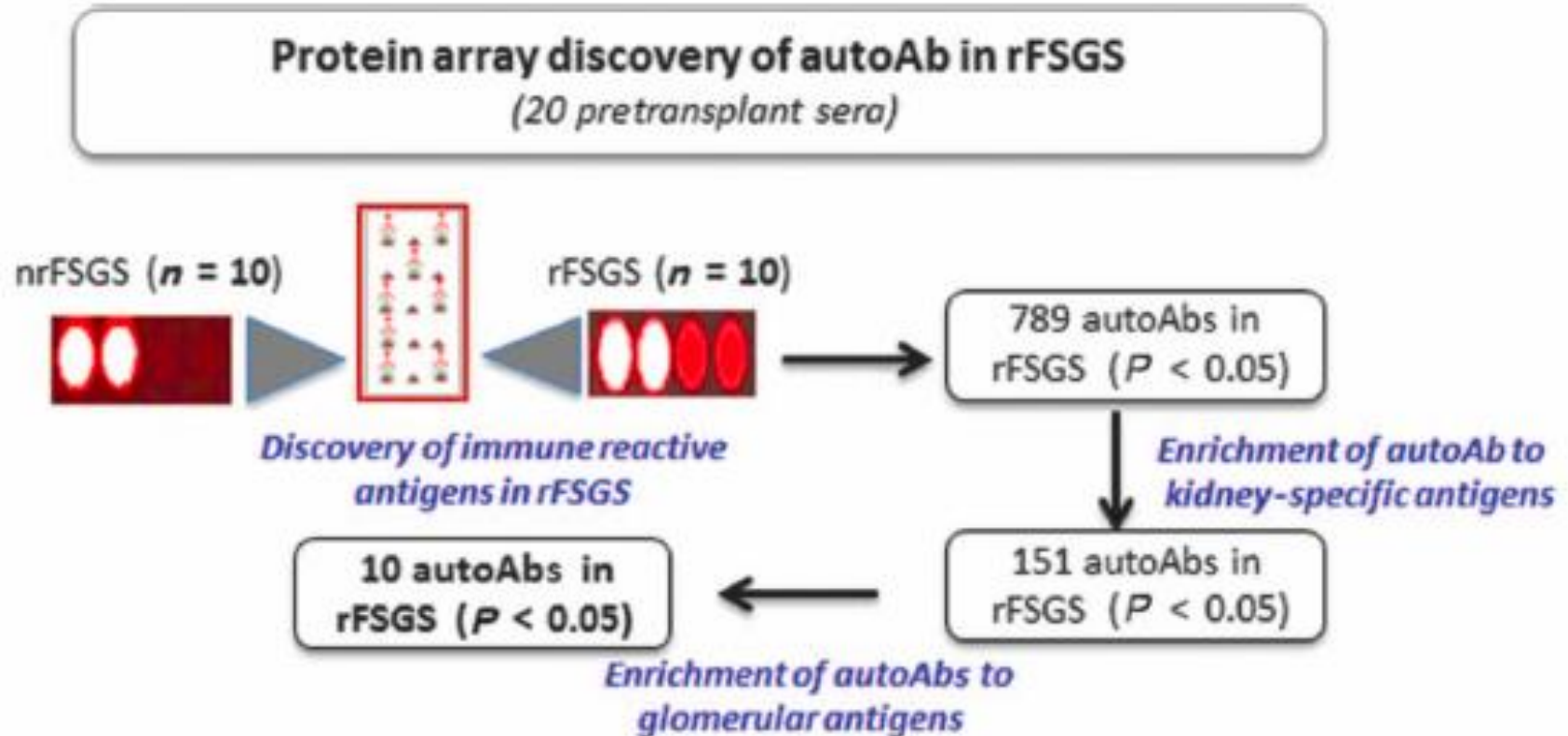
Soluble Urokinase Receptor and Chronic Kidney Disease

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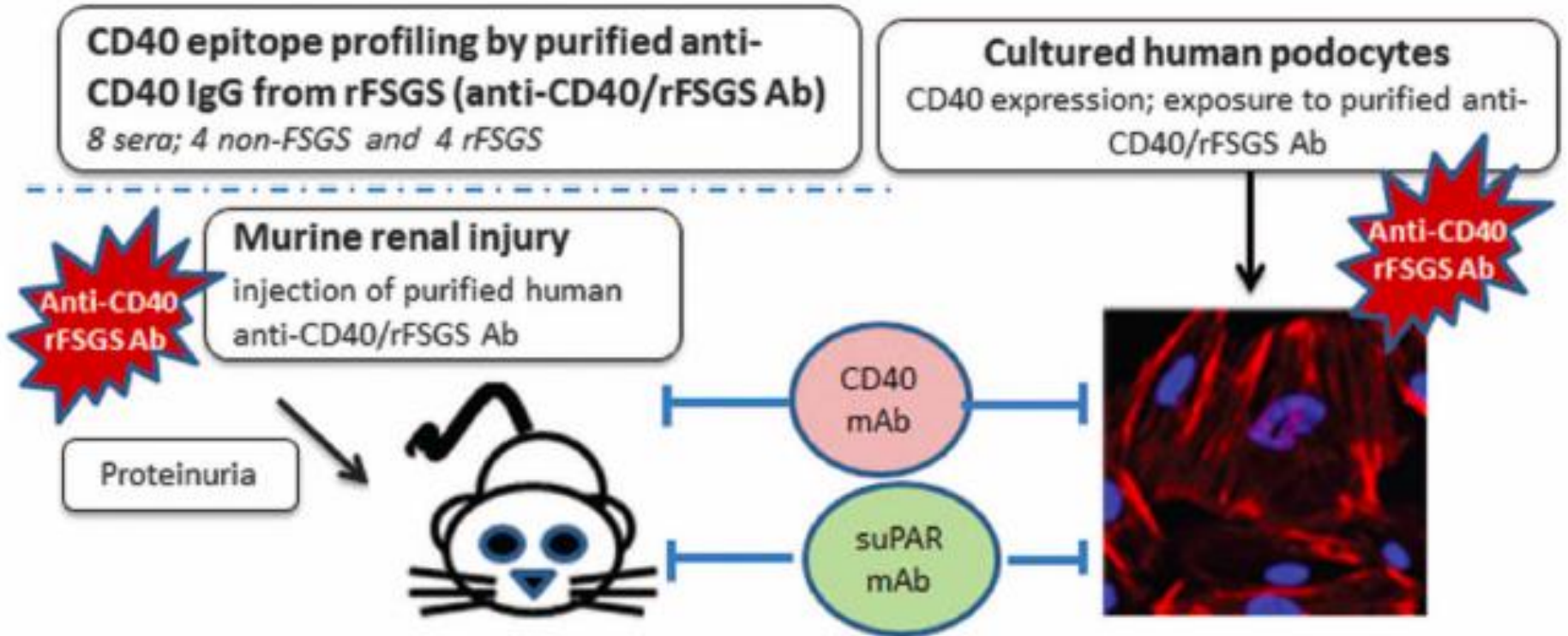
CONCLUSIONS—An elevated level of suPAR was independently associated with incident chronic kidney disease and an accelerated decline in the eGFR in the groups studied. (Funded by the Abraham J. and Phyllis Katz Foundation and others.)

SuPAR # biomarker of chronic kidney disease

Which permeability factor?



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Soluble CD40 ligand directly alters glomerular permeability and may act as a circulating permeability factor in FSGS

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FSGS recurrence treatments

- **Plasma exchange**
- Anti-CD20 antibodies
- Abatacept
- Others

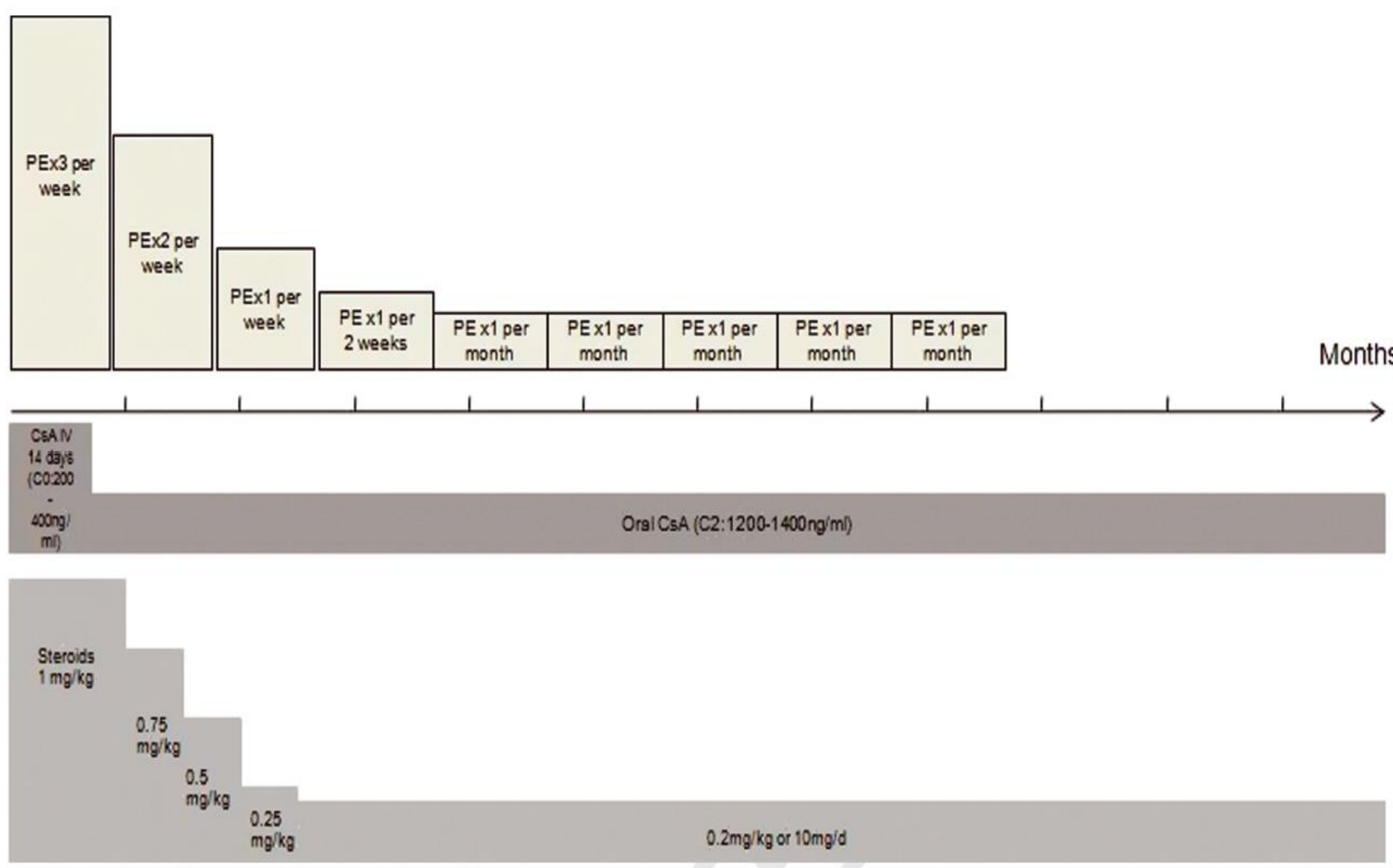
Table 2: Patients treated for FSGS recurrence during the 1997–2005 time period (control group)

Patients	Treatment	Histological finding	Outcome	Proteinuria remission
1	CsA IV	FSGS on M12	Return on dialysis on M24	No
2	Cyc + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M80	Complete and sustained
3	FK + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M47	Complete and sustained
4	Steroids + FK	FSGS on M12	Last follow-up M52	No
5	CsA IV + PE	FSGS on M18	Return on dialysis on M36	No
6	Steroids + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M61	Partial
7	CsA oral + PE	FSGS on M6	Return on dialysis M24	No
8	Steroids + PE	FSGS M12	Return on dialysis on M34	No
9	CsA oral + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M92	Partial
10	CsA IV + PE	FSGS on M6	Return on dialysis on M6	No
11	CsA IV + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M55	Complete and sustained
12	PE + Cyc + Rituximab	FSGS on M12	Return on dialysis M18	No
13	CsA IV	FSGS on M9	Return on dialysis on M48	No
14	CsA oral + PE	FSGS M18	Return on dialysis on M40	No
15	PE + Steroids + FK	FSGS M24	Return on dialysis on M24	No
16	FK + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M60	Complete and sustained
17	PE + Steroids + Rituximab	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M38	Partial
18	PE + Steroids	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M85	Complete and sustained
19	CsA IV + PE	FSGS on M24	Return on dialysis on M48	No

42% complete remission at 3 months

27% complete remission at one year

Time of recurrence



Combined IV CsA 14d + high dose steroids + plasma exchanges

Table 3: FSGS recurrence and treatment characteristics

Patient	Previous graft	Day of recurrence	Proteinuria at time recurrence (g/day)	Delay to remission (day)	Proteinuria month 3 (g/day)	Proteinuria month 12 (g/day)	loexhol GFR at 1 year (mL/min)	Follow-up after remission (months)	Total of PE sessions
1	0	2	4	18	0.05	0.05	86	21	25
2	0	12	5.4	24	0.1	0.1	58	19	25
3	0	55	7.1	28	0.3	0.3	75	16	25
4	0	1	7.9	29	0.15	0.07	84	18	25
5	0	2	5.6	18	0.20	0.05	94	17	25
6	0	4	7.7	20	0.22	0.1	41	14	25
7	0	4	22	10	0.3	0.05	61	16	25
8	2	1	8.7	23	0.04	1	85	15	39
9	0	1	40	33	0.05	0.1	56	13	25
10	0	1	12	26	0.2	0.1	45	9	25
<i>Mean</i>		8.3	12.0	22.9	0.16	0.19	68.5	15.8	
<i>SD</i>		16.8	11.1	6.7	0.09	0.29	18.6	3.3	

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100% complete remission at 3 months
 90% complete remission at one year
 90% complete remission at 2 years

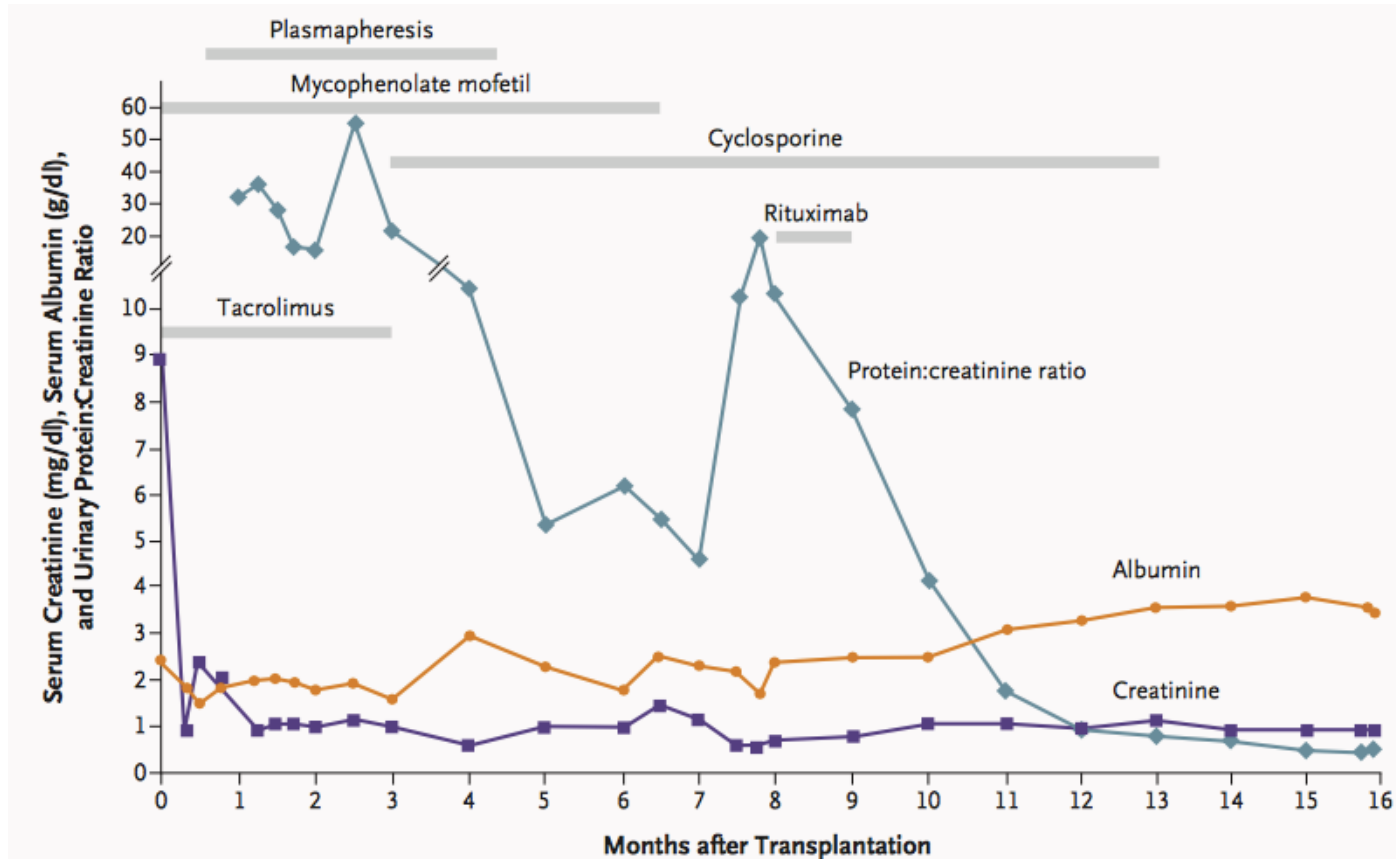
FSGS recurrence treatments

- **Preemptive plasma exchange: not convincing**
- Anti-CD20 antibodies
- Abatacept
- Others

FSGS recurrence treatments

- Plasma exchange
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FSGS recurrence and anti-CD20mab: the first case



FSGS recurrence and anti-CD20mab

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Rituximab for Recurrence of Primary Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis After Kidney Transplantation: Clinical Outcomes

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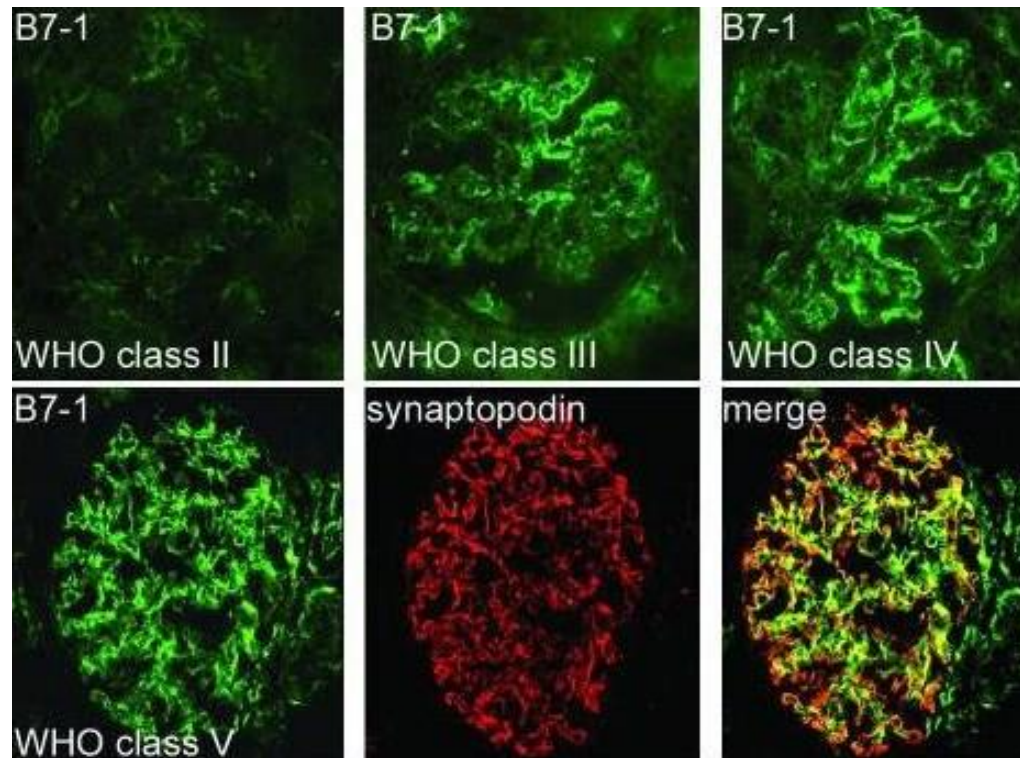
Background. Rituximab has shown encouraging results for the treatment of kidney transplantation recipients with focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) recurrence. However, the correct, opportune, and safe use of rituximab for this indication remains to be determined. **Methods.** This multicenter retrospective study reports on 19 new cases aged 35 (15-66) years who developed FSGS recurrence at 12 (1.5-27) days posttransplantation. Initial treatment consisted of plasma exchanges (PE), high doses of calcineurin inhibitors, and steroids. Rituximab was introduced either immediately (N = 6) or after failure of the initial treatment (N = 10) or failed attempted weaning from PE (N = 3). **Results.** Overall, we observed 9 of 19 complete remissions and 3 of 19 partial remissions. Estimated glomerular filtration rates (Modification of Diet in Renal Disease 4) were significantly higher in the responding patients than in nonresponding patients at month (M)12, M36, and M60. Overall, kidney survival at 5 years was 77.4% (95% range, 41.9-92.7). The 5-year graft survival rates in the responding patients and the nonresponding patients were 100% and 36.5%, respectively ($P = 0.01$). A further course of rituximab was required for 4 patients as a result of FSGS relapse, with good results. During the first year after renal transplantation, 14 patients developed severe infections (16 bacterial, 4 viral, 1 parasitic). **Conclusions.** In kidney transplantation recipients with recurrent FSGS, rituximab therapy may be a recommended treatment for cases that have failed either the initial treatment or weaning from PE.

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FSGS recurrence treatments

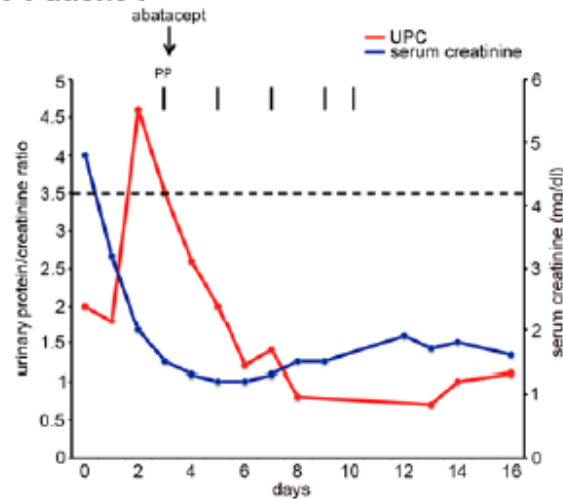
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- Anti-CD20 antibodies
- **Abatacept**
- Others

B7-1 is expressed on injured podocytes

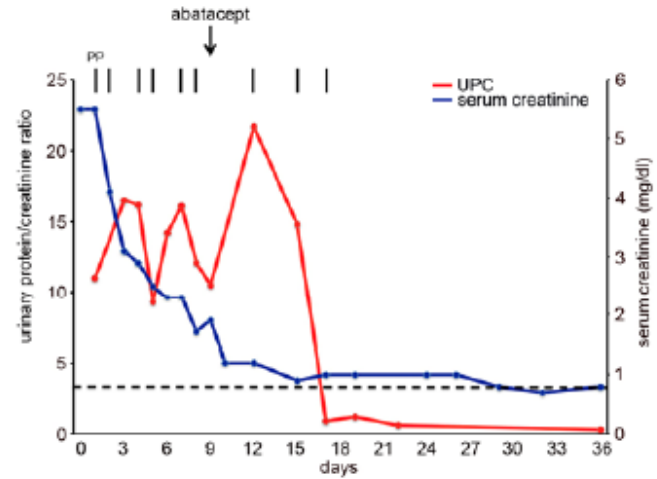


Abatacept treatment = efficacy?

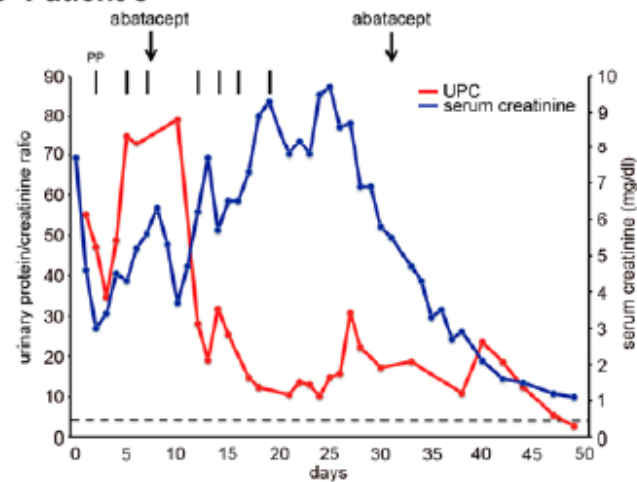
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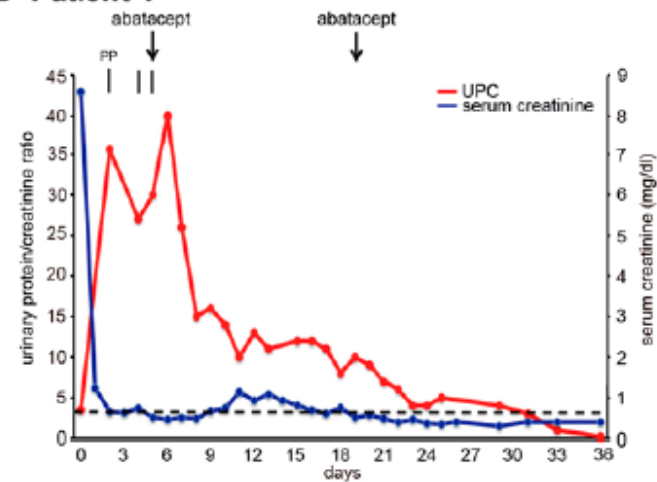
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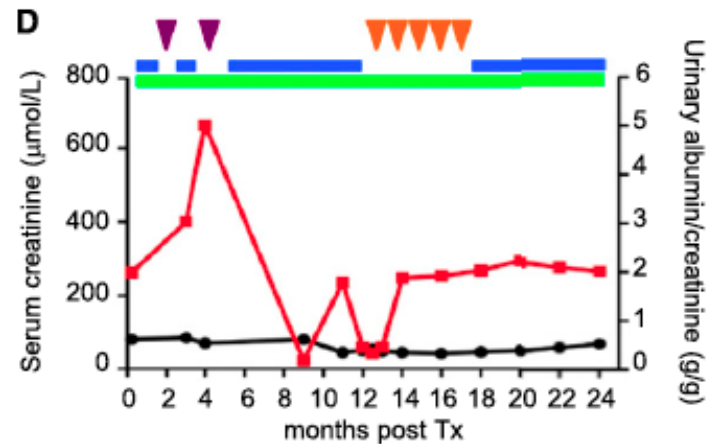
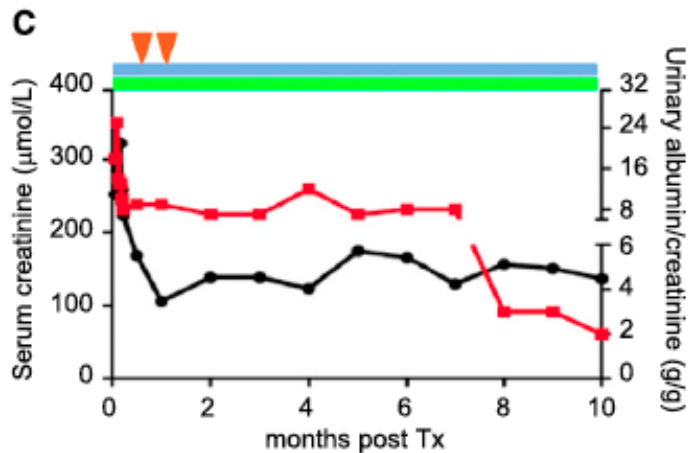
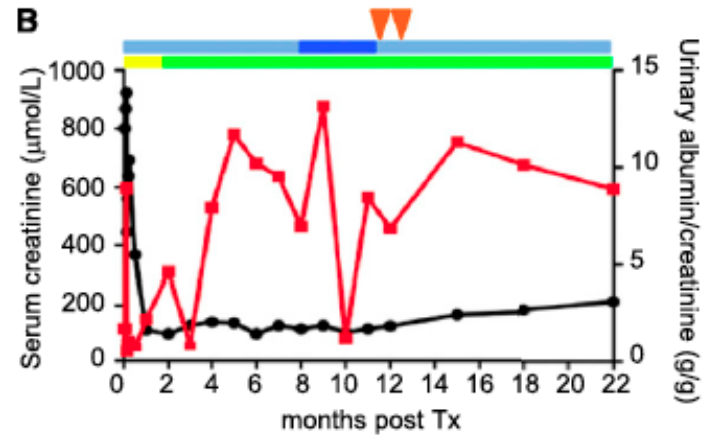
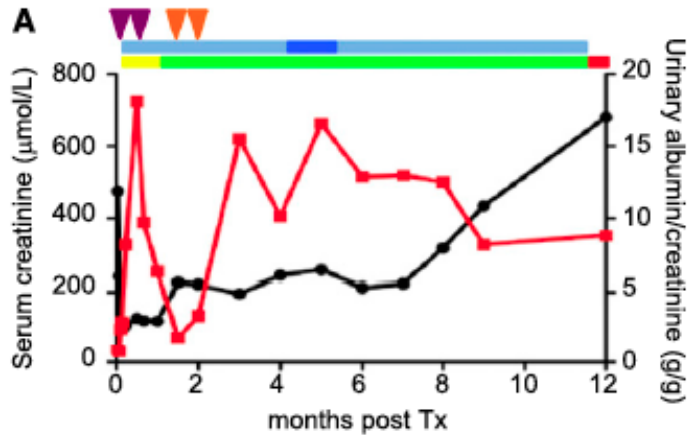
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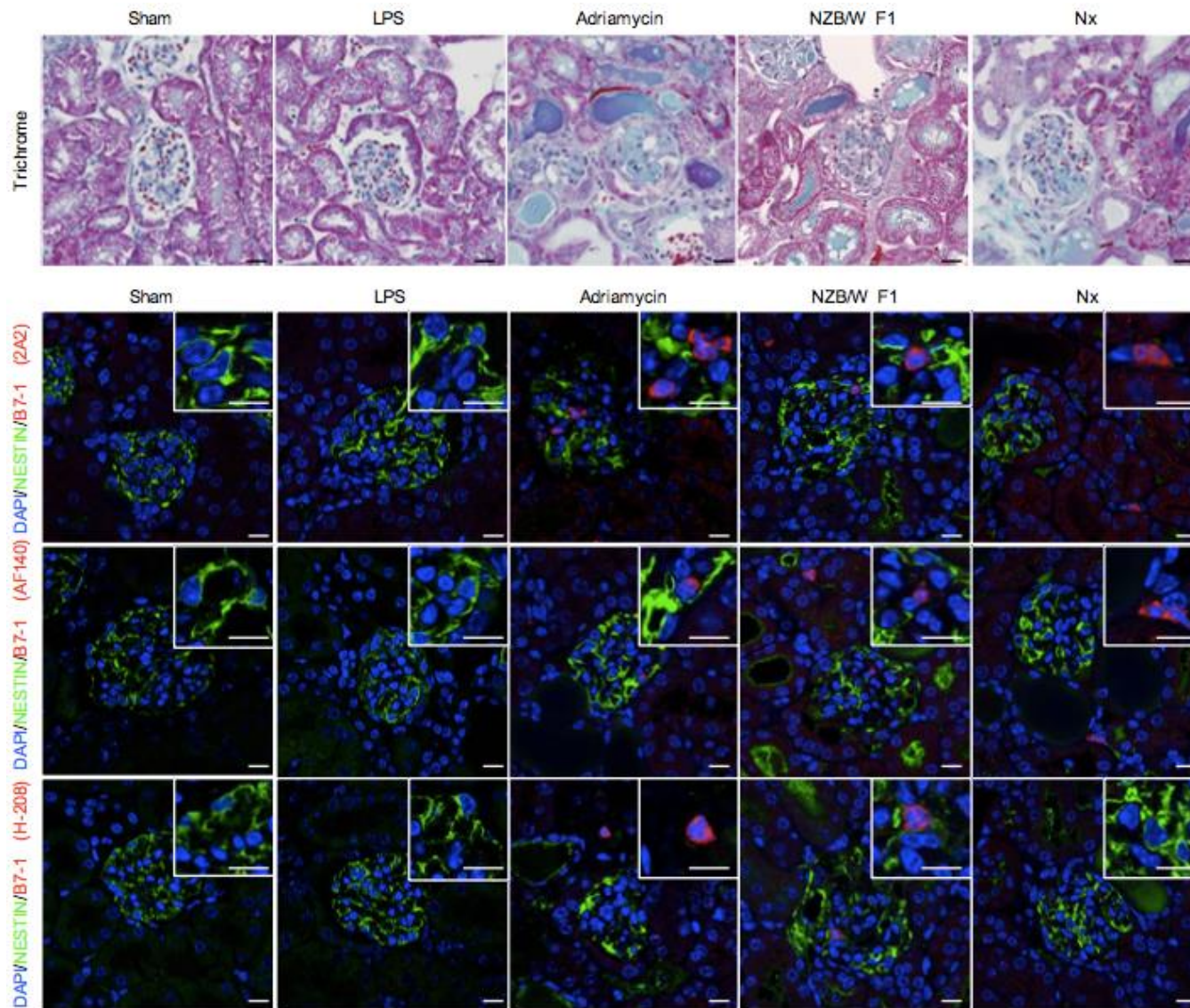
D Patient 4



Abatacept treatment = efficacy?



No B7-1 on injured podocytes



FSGS treatments

- Plasma exchange
- Anti-CD20 antibodies
- Abatacept
- **Others:** galactose, anti-TNF alpha

Post-transplant glomerulonephritis recurrence

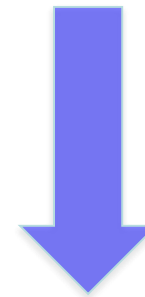
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B. Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndromes (aHUS)

Mechanical hemolytic anemia +
Peripheral thrombocytopenia +
Acute renal failure (AKI).



Typical
Shiga toxin



Atypical
Complement

Driving force



CFH/CFHR1

CFH

C3

CFB

Isolated *CFI*

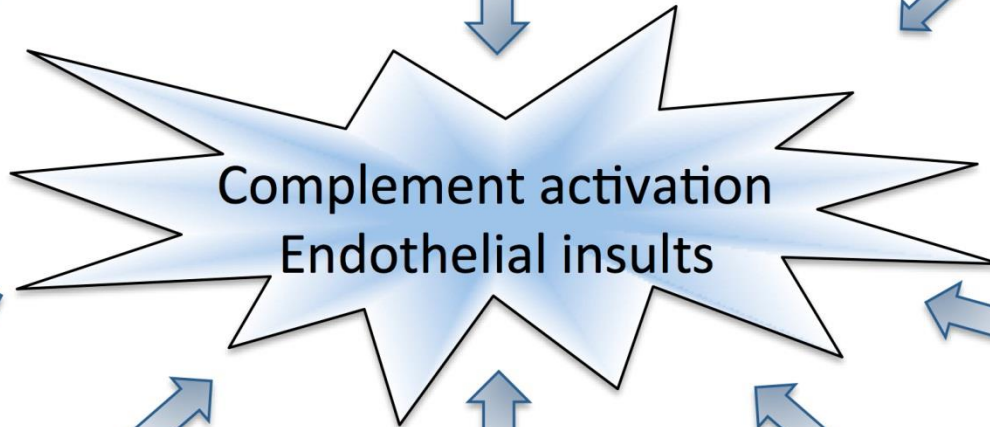
Positive anti-*CFH* Ab

Homozygous *gtgt* *CFH*

Combined *MCP*

Isolated *MCP*

Negative anti-*CFH* Ab



Complement activation

Endothelial insults

Brain death



I/R injury



Rejection



IS drugs



Infections



Precipitating factors

TMA etiology in 86 biopsies

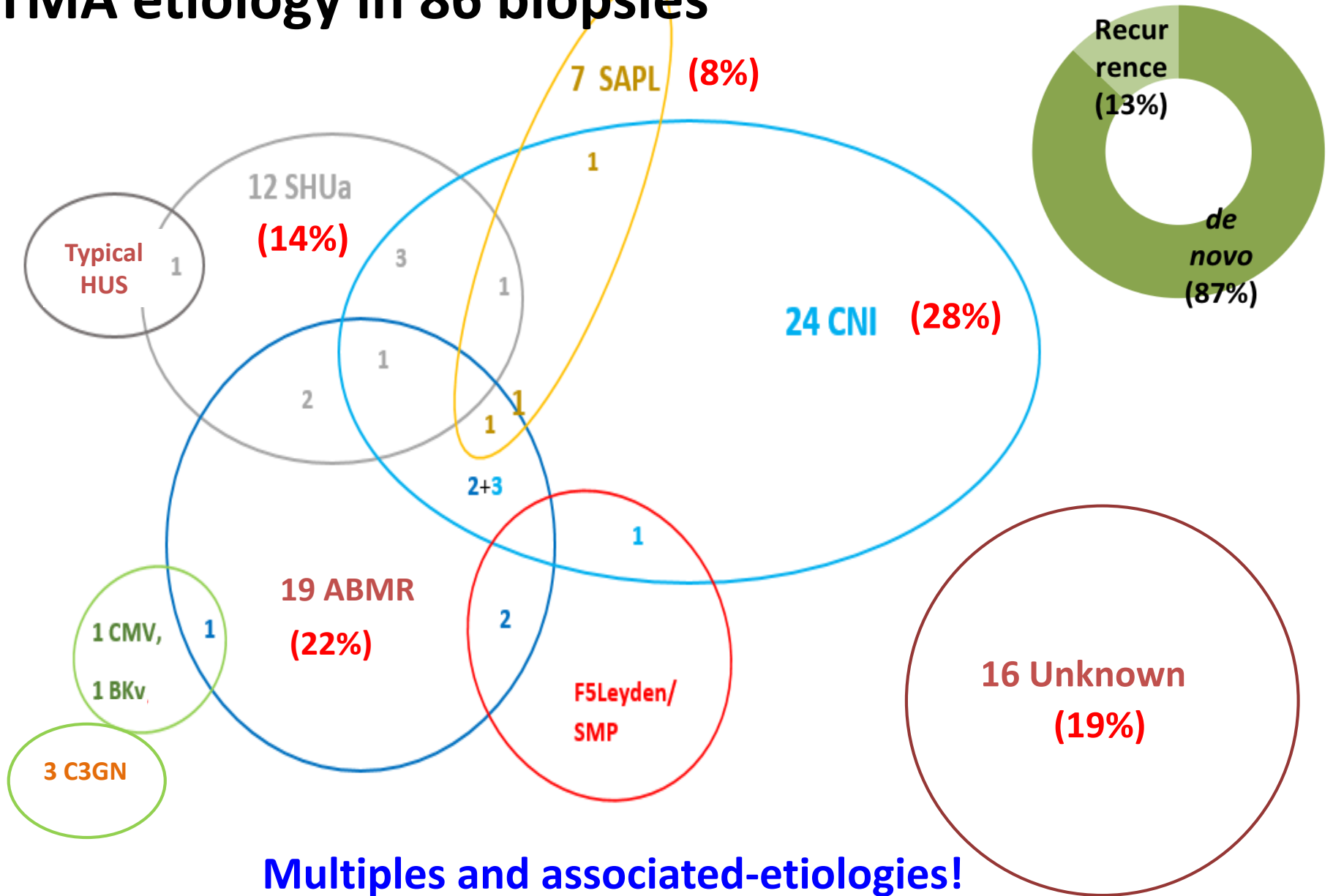
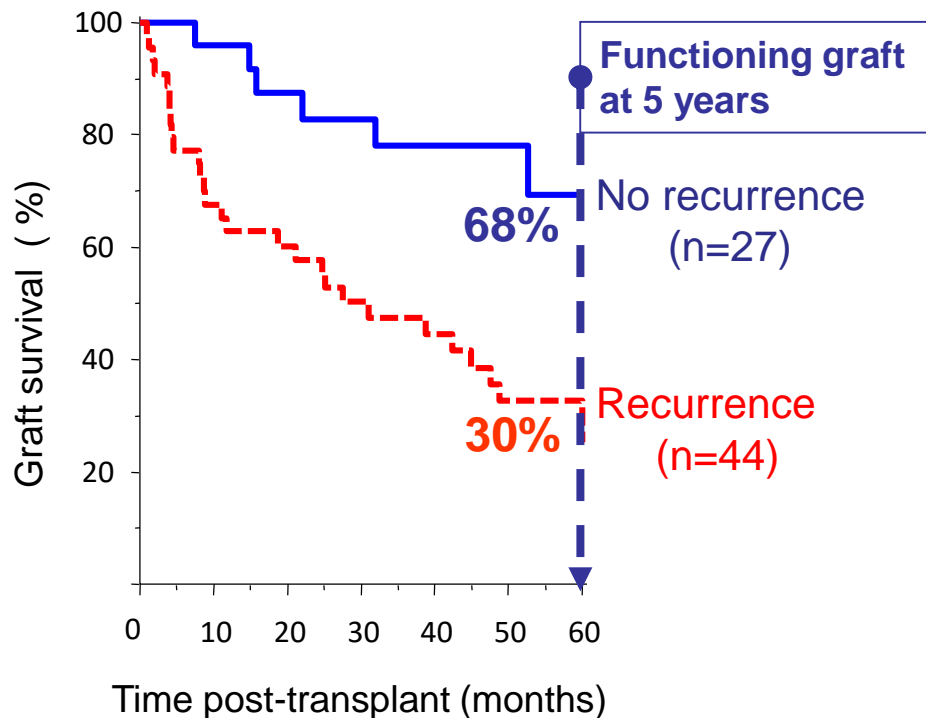


Table 1 | Risk of aHUS recurrence according to the implicated genetic abnormality

Gene	Protein location	Functional impact	Mutation frequency in aHUS (%)	Recurrence frequency after transplantation (%)
<i>Mutation</i>				
CFH	Plasma	Loss	20–30	75–90
CFI	Plasma	Loss	2–12	45–80
CFB	Plasma	Gain	1–2	100
C3	Plasma	Gain	5–10	40–70
MCP	Membrane	Loss	10–15	15–20
THBD	Membrane	Loss	5	1 case
<i>Genetic polymorphism (frequency in control populations)</i>				
Homozygous <i>CFHR1del</i> (3–8%)	Circulating	Undetermined	14–23 (>90% in patients with anti-CFH antibodies)	NA

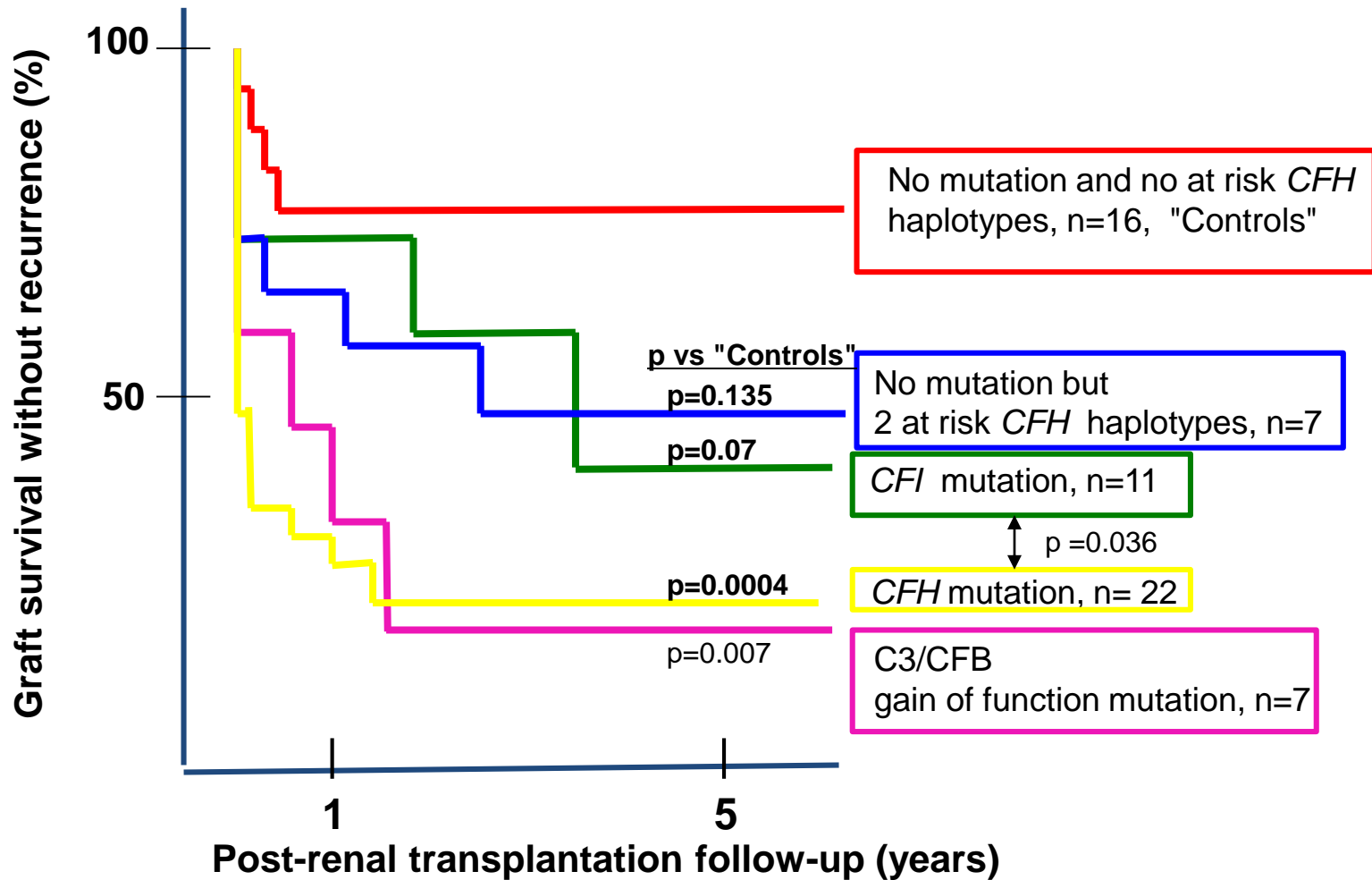
2/3 of aHUS patients experienced post-transplant recurrence which significantly impaired graft outcome

71 kidney grafts in 57 aHUS patients (>18 y at onset) transplanted in France between 1995 and 2009

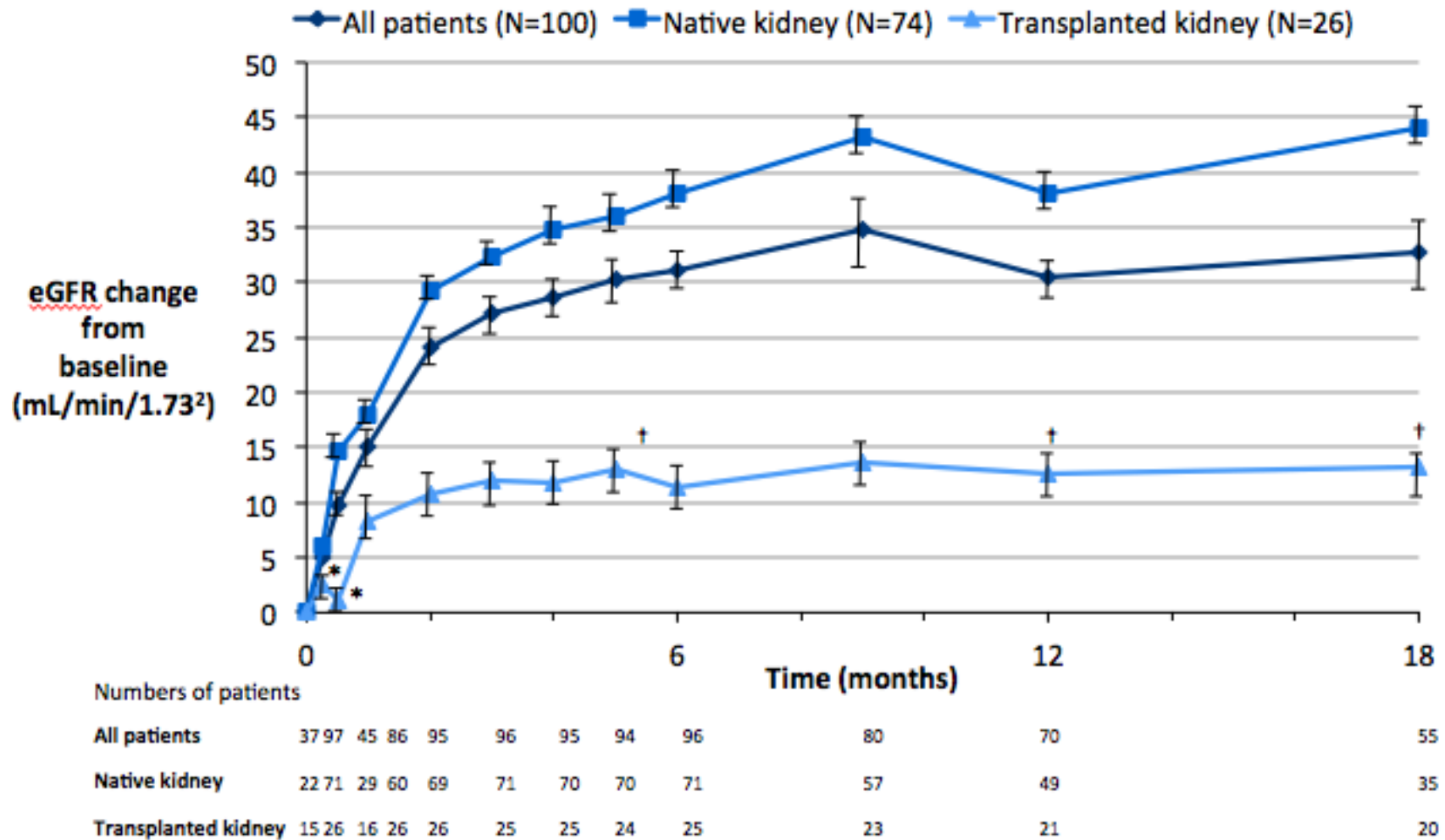


- Post-transplant recurrence occurred in 44/71 grafts (62%)
- At 5 years, graft survival was 30% in patients with recurrence versus 68% in patients without recurrence
RR 4.89 (1.30-13.81), p=0.001

Pre-transplant assessment of post-transplant recurrence risk relies on genetics



Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome: renal function



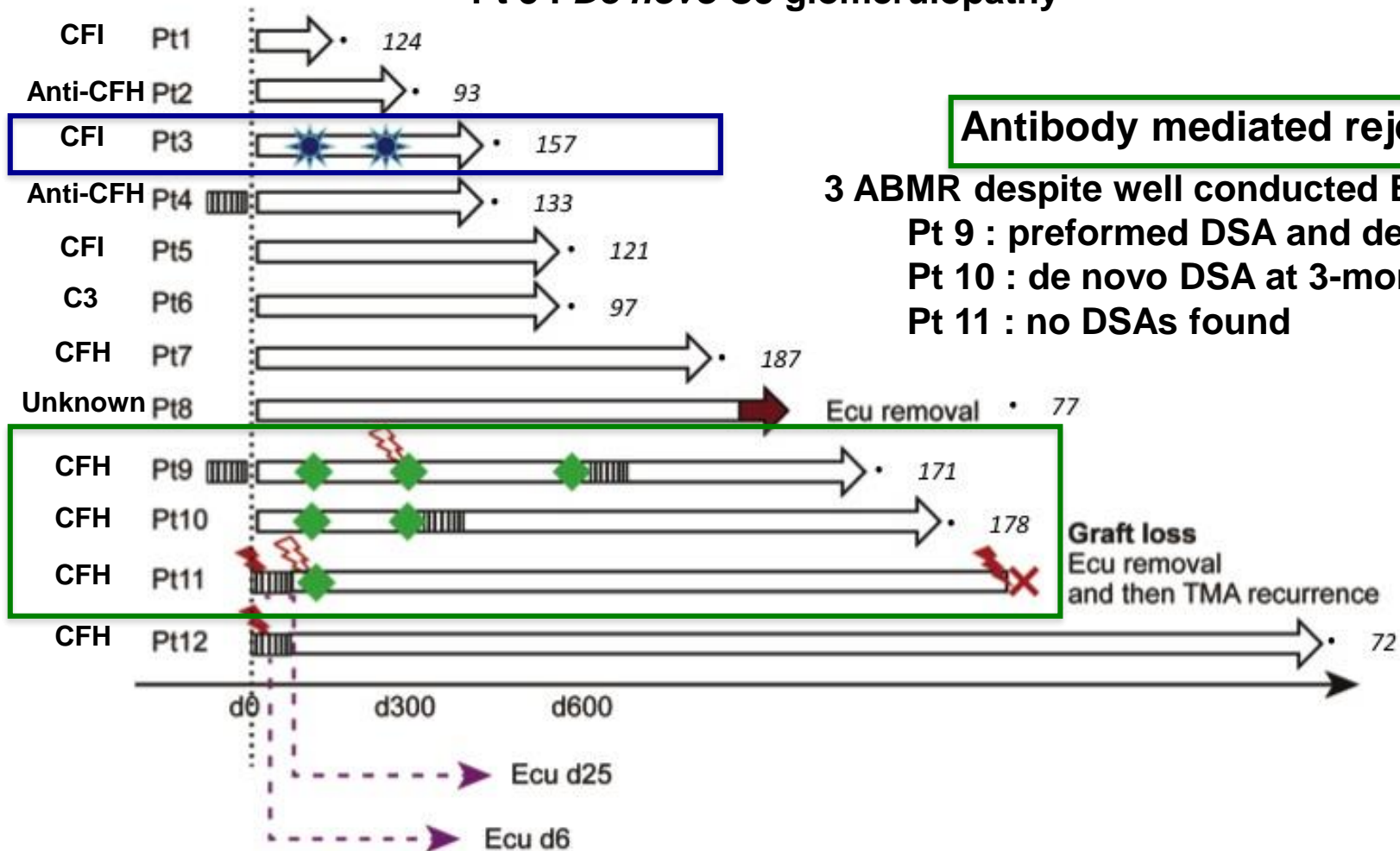
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Necker's experience

De novo C3 glomerulonephritis

Pt 3 : *De novo* C3 glomerulopathy



No prevention with eculizumab?

Table 3. Follow-up After Kidney Transplantation



Pt No.	F/U, mo	Kidney Function at End of F/U			aHUS		Rejection	No. of Antihypertensives	Current Immunosuppressive Therapy	Complications and/or Adjustment of Immunosuppressive Therapy
		Scr, $\mu\text{mol/L}$	eGFR, mL/min/1.73 m ²	Proteinuria, mg/10 mmol Scr	Recurrence					
1	68	132 ^a	39	0	No	No		2	Tac/MMF	Pred discontinued because of psychological problems
2	66	80	71	0.06	No	No		1	Tac/MMF/Pred	
3	66	106	46	0	No	No		2	Tac/Aza/Pred	MMF discontinued because of diarrhea
4	63	104	65	0.1	No	No		2	Tac/MMF/Pred	
5	45	76	72	0.07	No	No		2	Tac/Aza	MMF discontinued because of diarrhea; Pred discontinued because of weight gain and mood disturbances
6	43	158 ^a	39	0.27	No	No		3	Tac/Pred	BK nephropathy; MMF discontinued
7	32	84	59	0	No	No		2	Tac/MMF/Pred	
8	32	91 ^a	64	0.05	No	Yes (biopsy proven)		2	Tac/MMF/Pred	Rejection treated with methylprednisolone/ATG
9	25	166 ^a	36	0.12	No	Yes (no biopsy)		3	Tac/Pred	Rejection treated with methylprednisolone; lymphocele with compression of transplant; MMF discontinued because of HSV infection
10	14	143	35	0.05	Yes	No		2	Tac/Pred	aHUS recurrence treated with eculizumab; MMF and Aza discontinued due to gastrointestinal symptoms
11	9	151 ^a	30	0.14	No	Yes (biopsy proven)		3	Tac/Pred	Rejection treated with methylprednisolone/alemtuzumab; BK nephropathy; MMF discontinued because of diarrhea; Aza discontinued because of BK nephropathy
12	7	140 ^a	51	0.09	No	No		3	Tac/MMF/Pred	Hypercalcemia due to tertiary hyperparathyroidism
13	7	67	86	0.06	No	No		2	Tac/MMF/Pred	
14	13	77	76	0.31	No	No		2	Tac/MMF/Pred	
15	22	145	50	0.10	No	No		2	Tac/MMF/Pred	
16	10	79	72	0.17	No	No		2	Tac/MMF/Pred	
17	7	175 ^a	28	0.44	No	No		2	Tac/Pred	Chronic norovirus infection, MMF discontinued

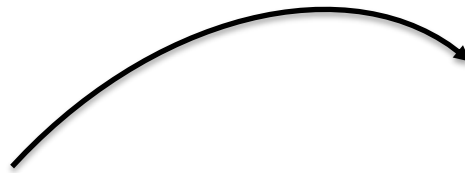
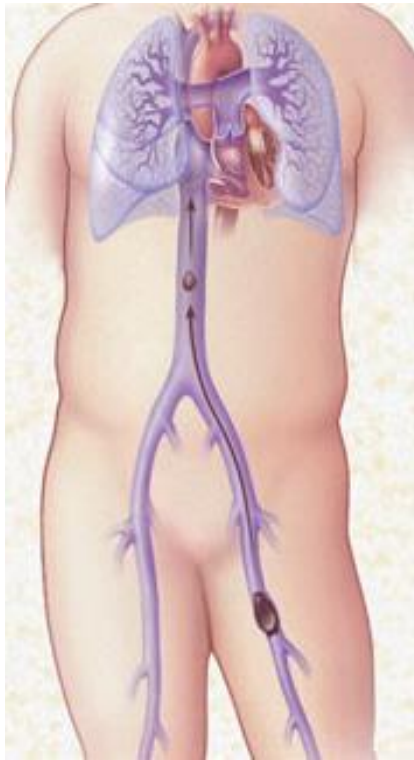
Abbreviations: aHUS, atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome; ATG, antithymocyte globulin; Aza, azathioprine; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; F/U, follow-up; HSV, herpes simplex virus; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; Pred, prednisolone; pt, patient; Scr, serum creatinine; Tac, tacrolimus.

^aThese patients had complications other than aHUS and/or lower kidney function than expected (eGFR < 45 mL/min/1.73 m²) and are described in [Item S2](#).

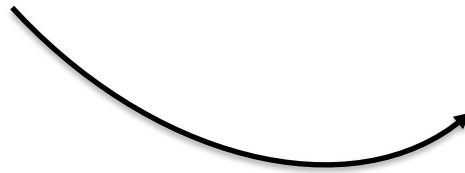
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APS may recur after trasplantation

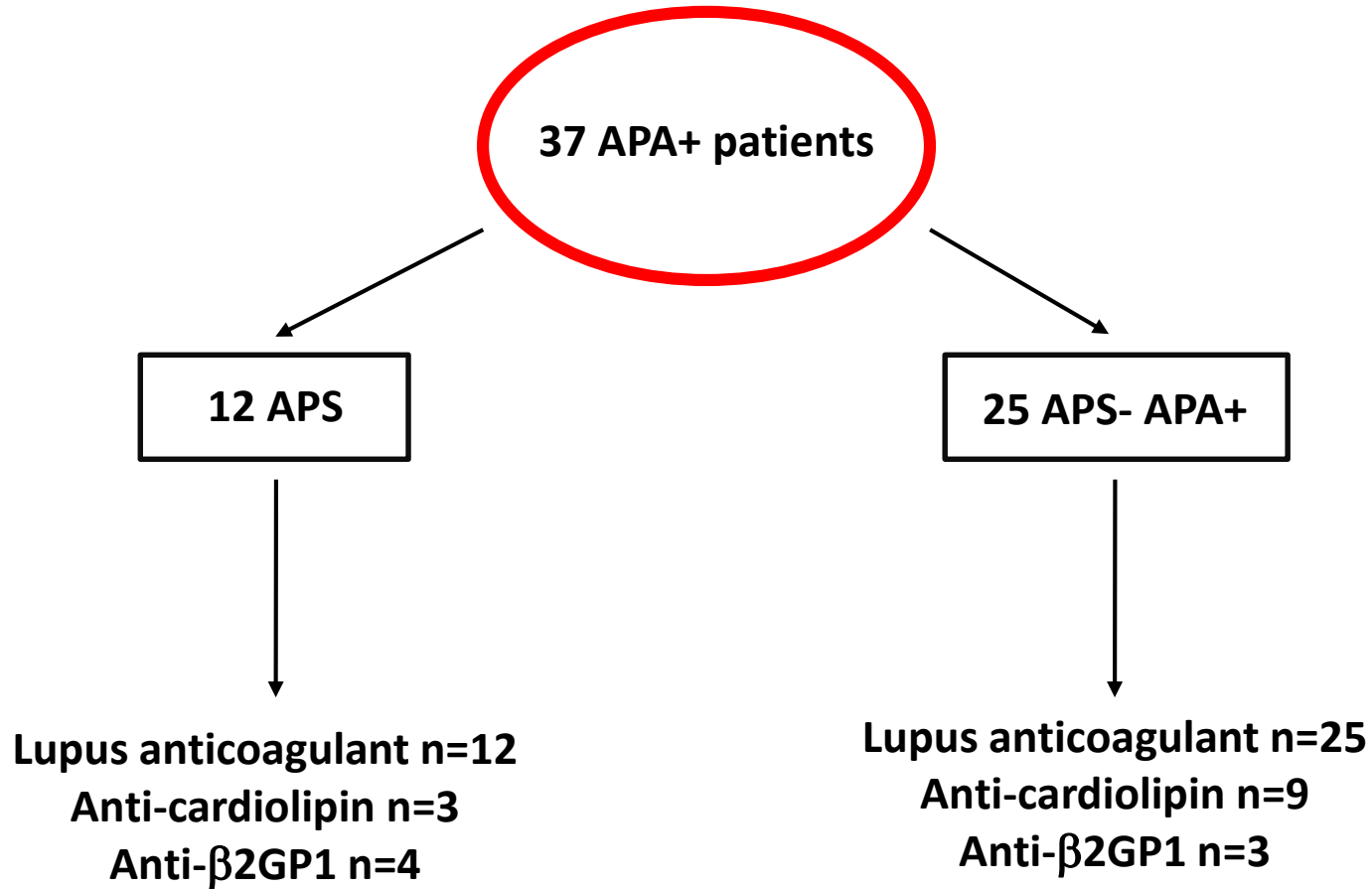


- **Thrombosis**
- **Pregnancy loss**



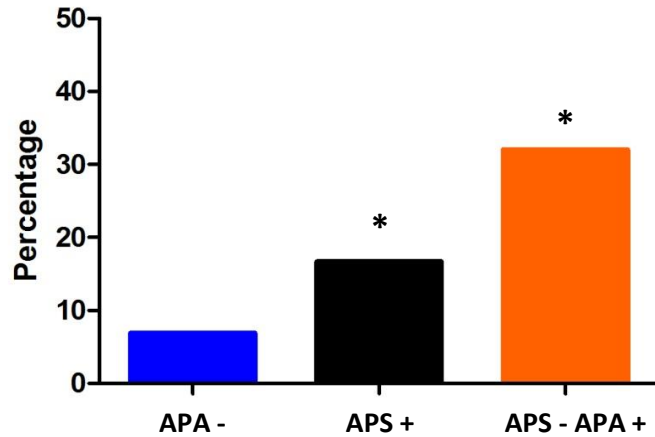
- **Anti- β 2GPI**
- **Anti-cardiolipin**
- **Lupus Anticoagulant**

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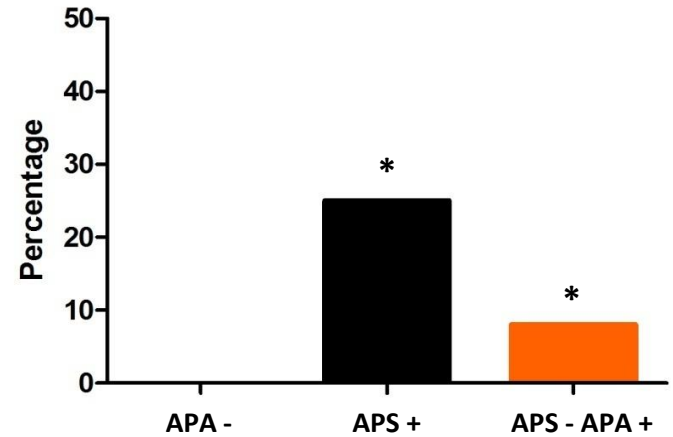


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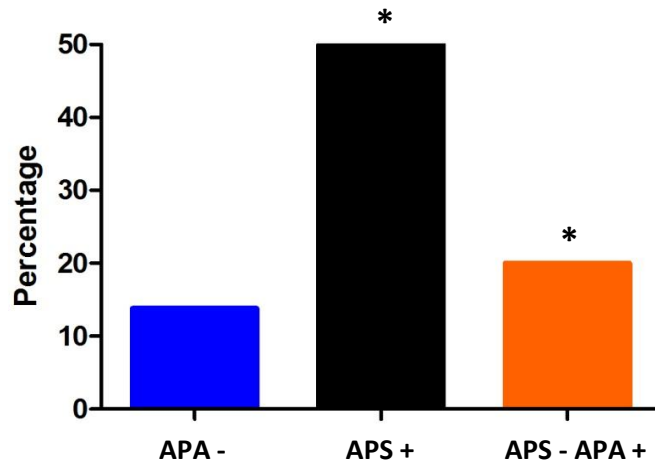
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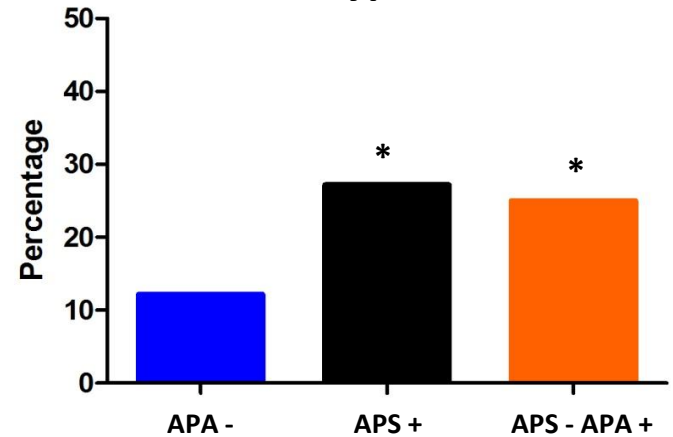
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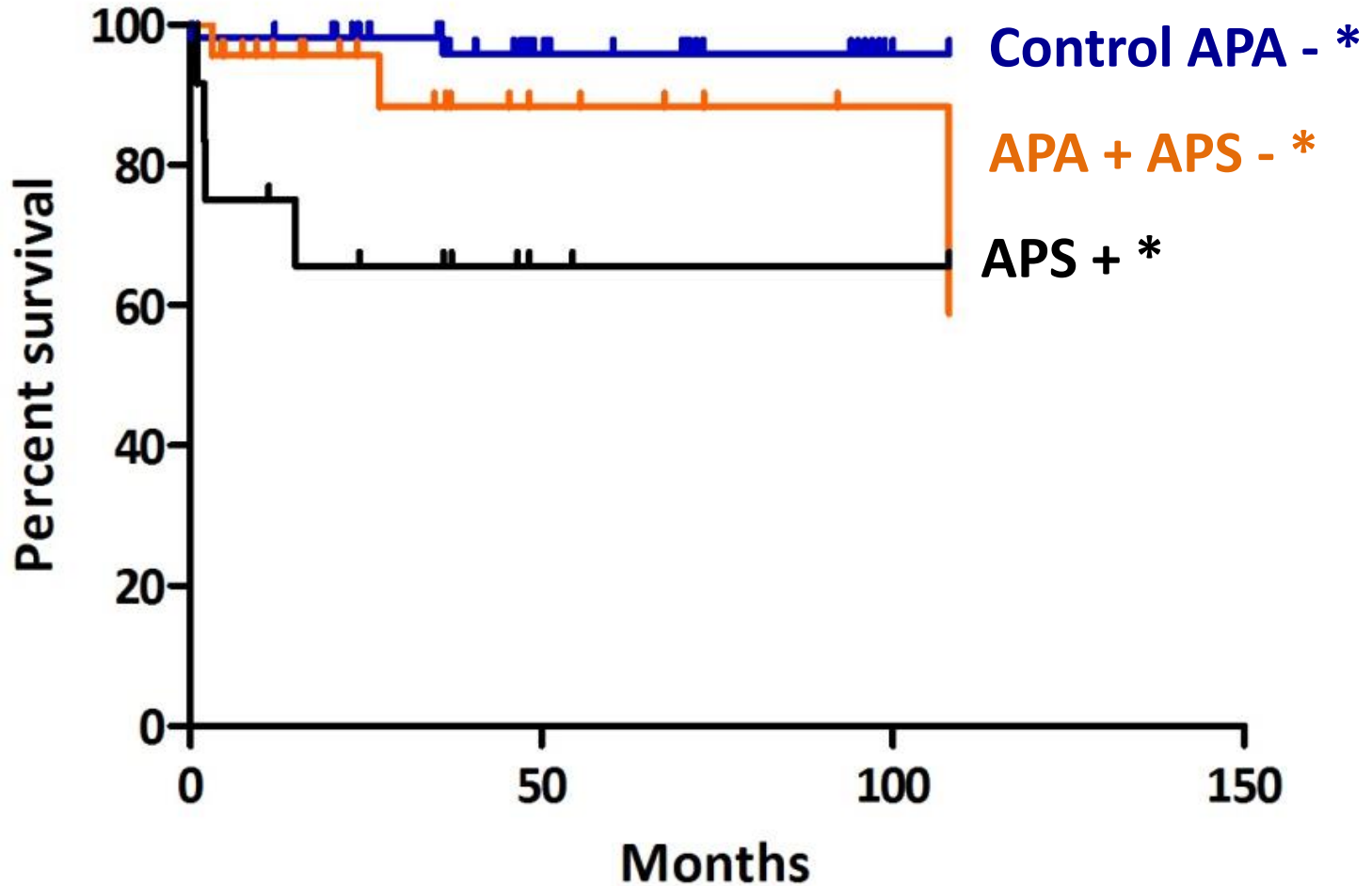
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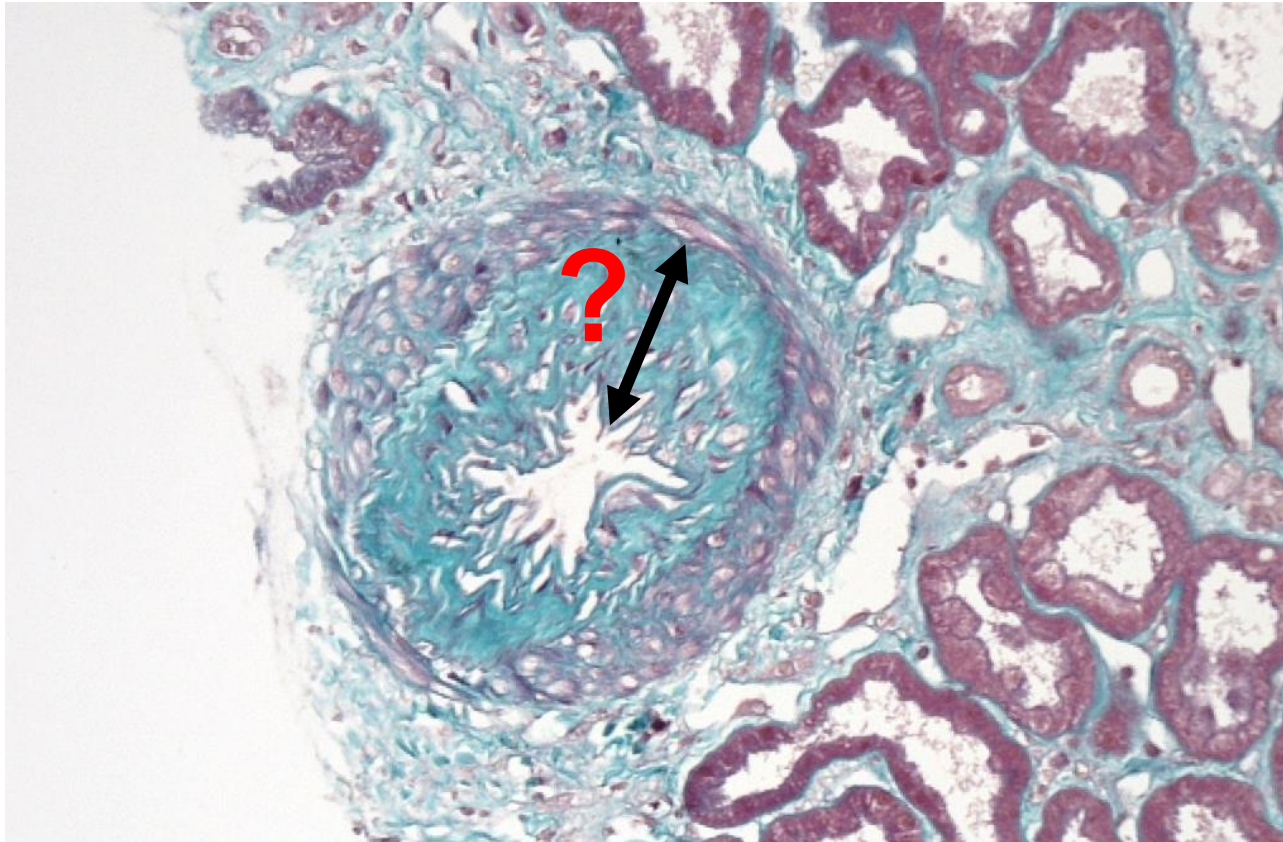
Severe hypertension



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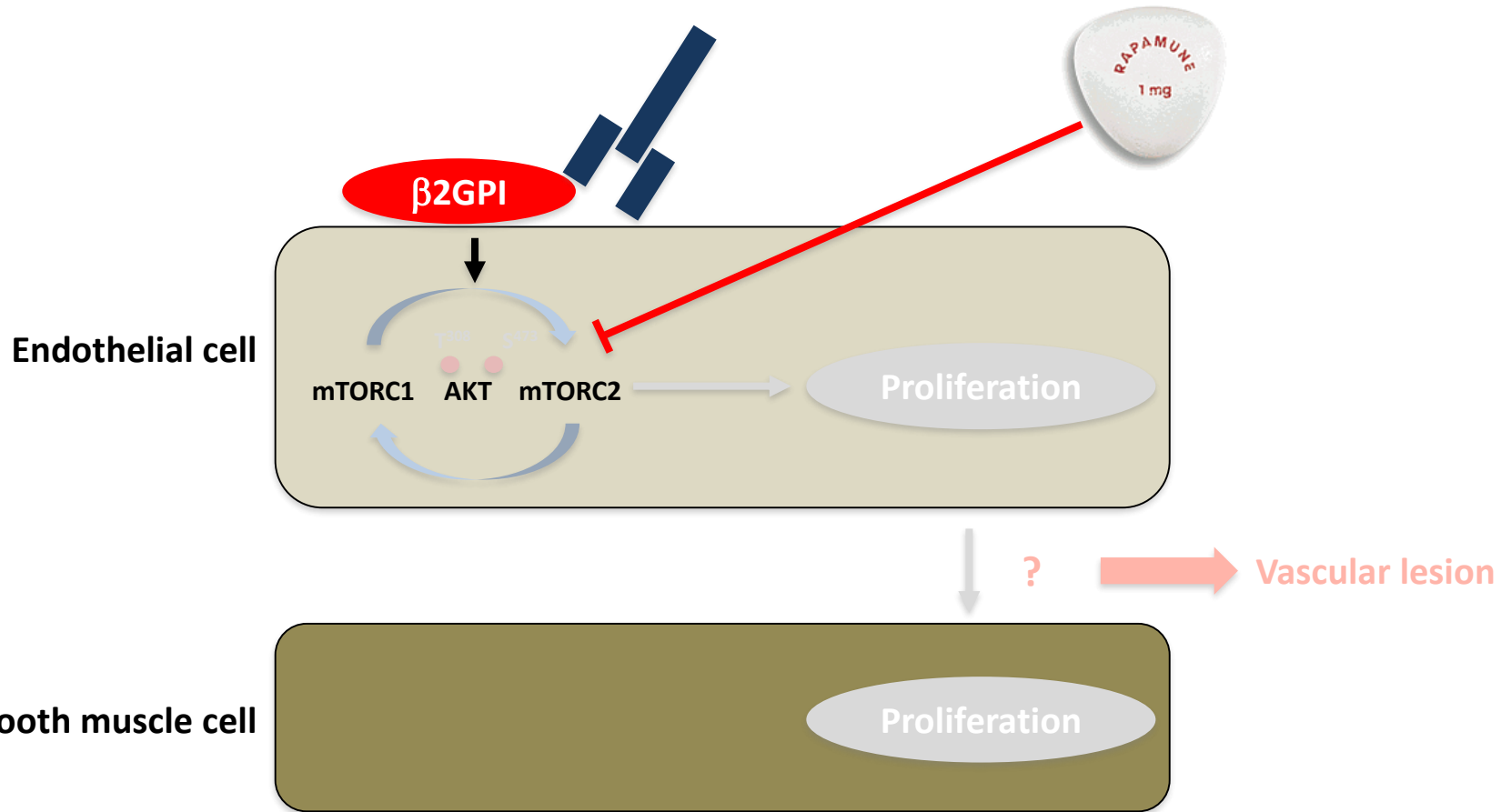


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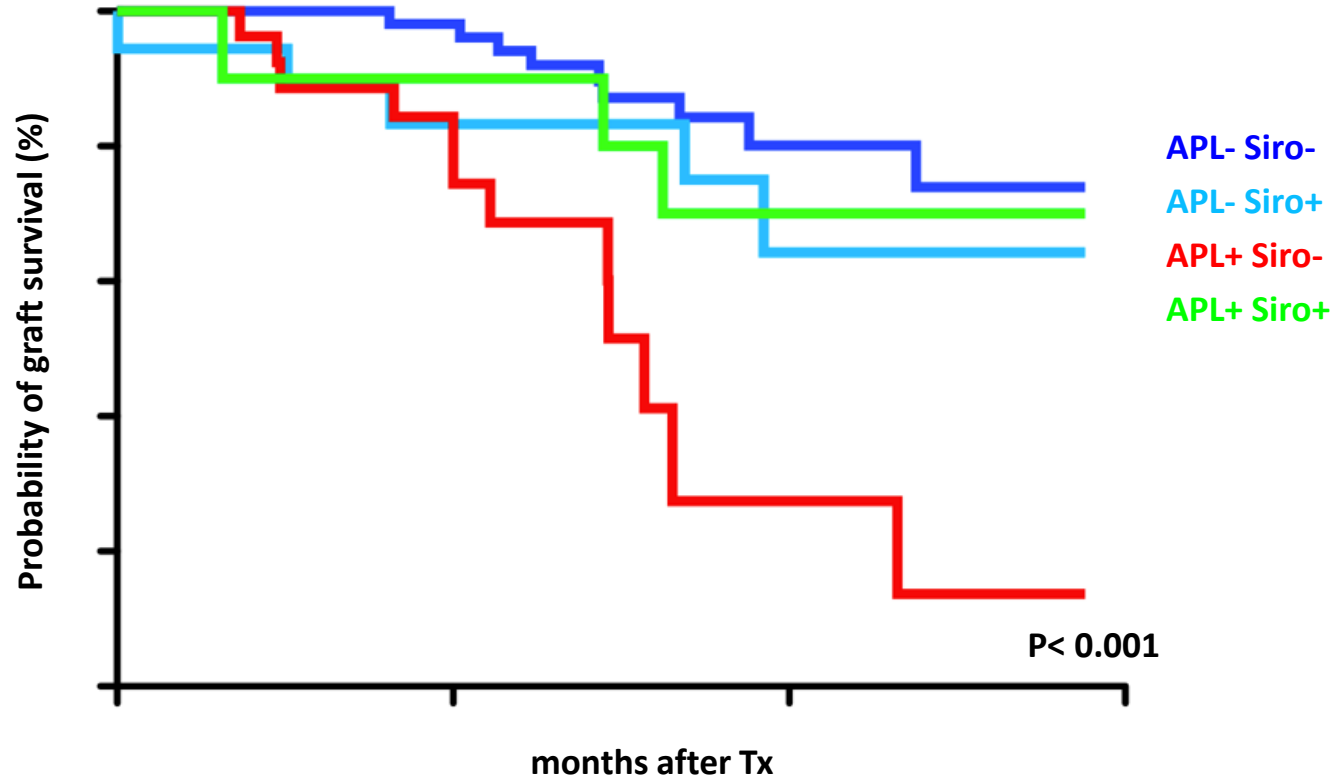


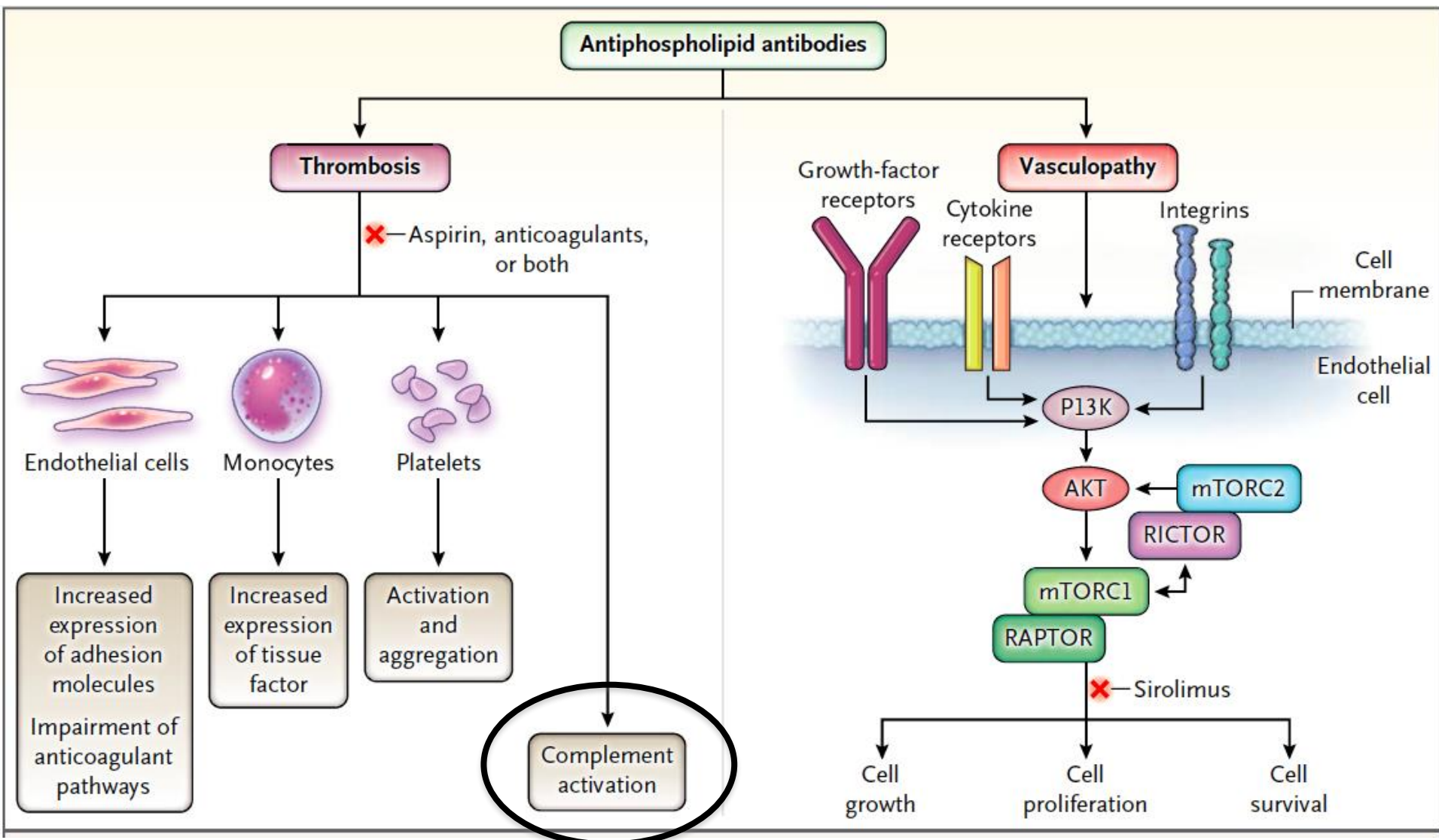
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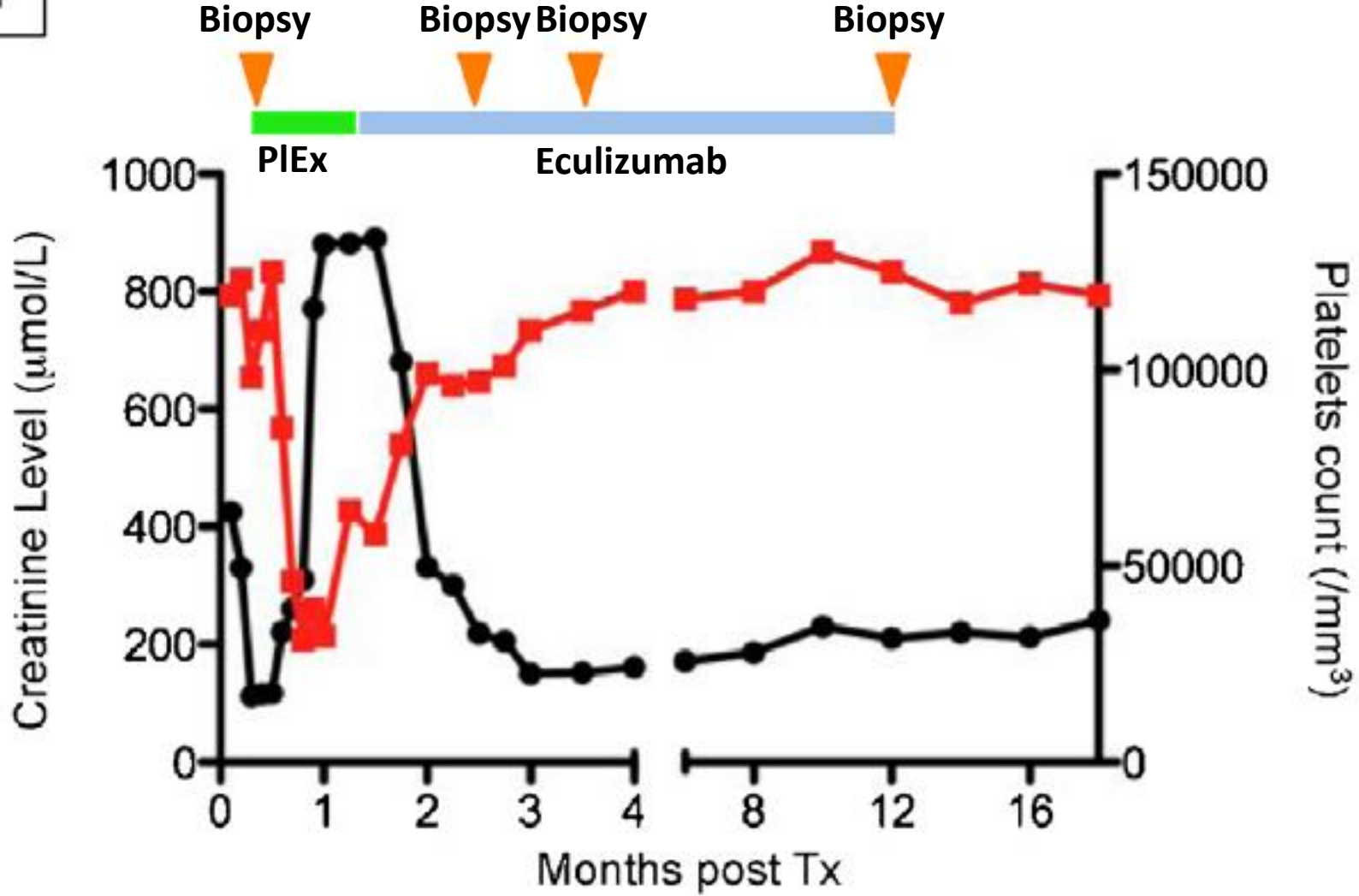


Sirolimus improves graft survival





Patient 1



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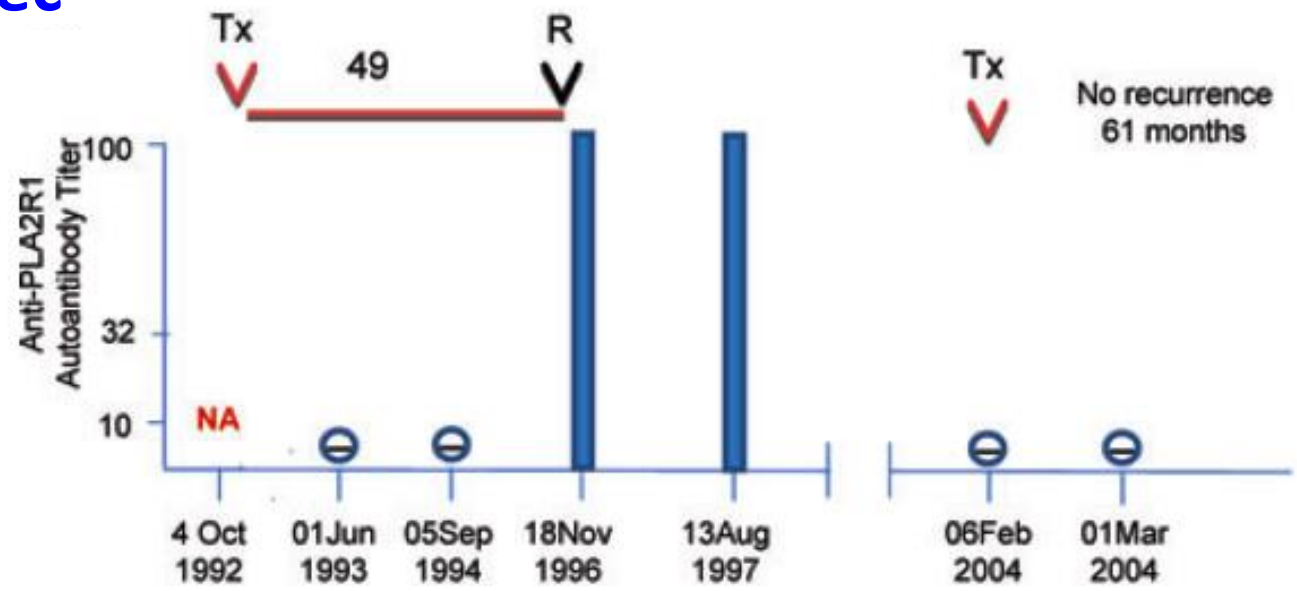
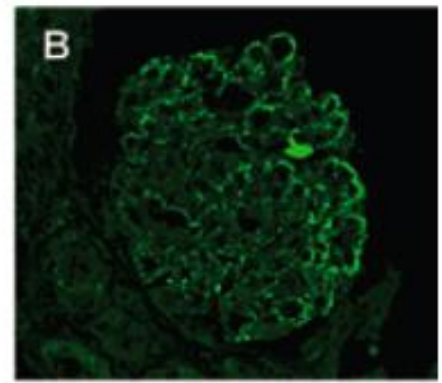
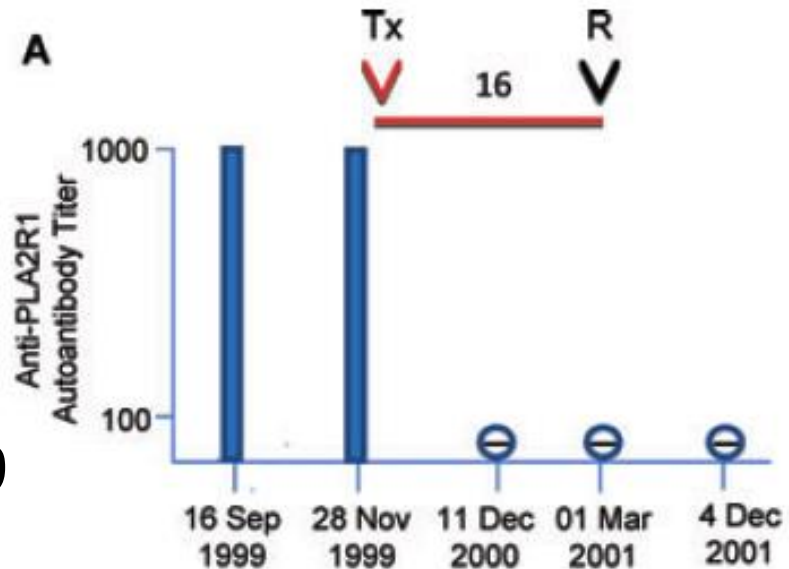
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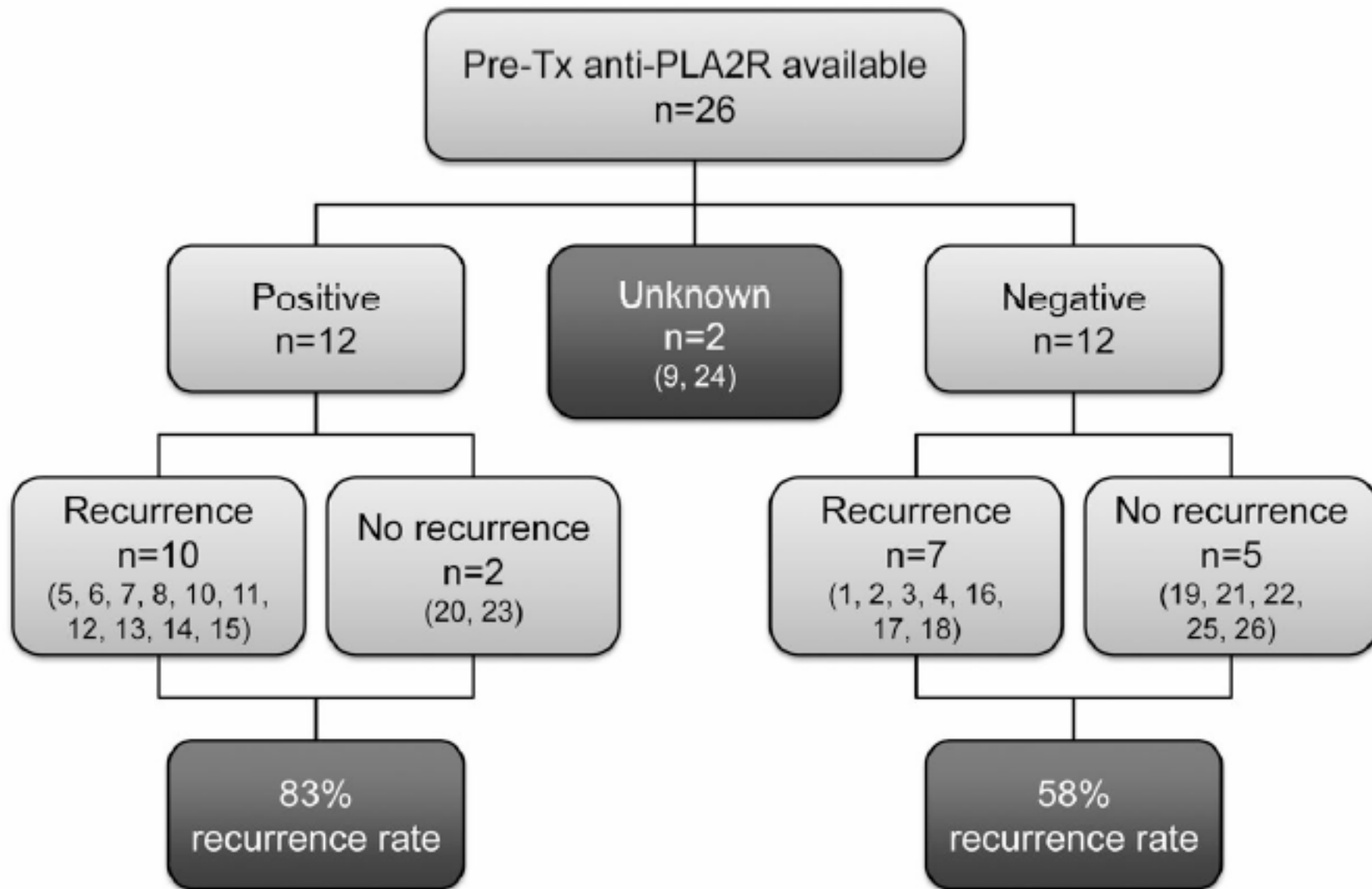
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Richard J. Glassock, M.D.

Rec MN n = 10
 De novo MN n = 9

PLA2R1 in 5/10 Rec
 None in de novo





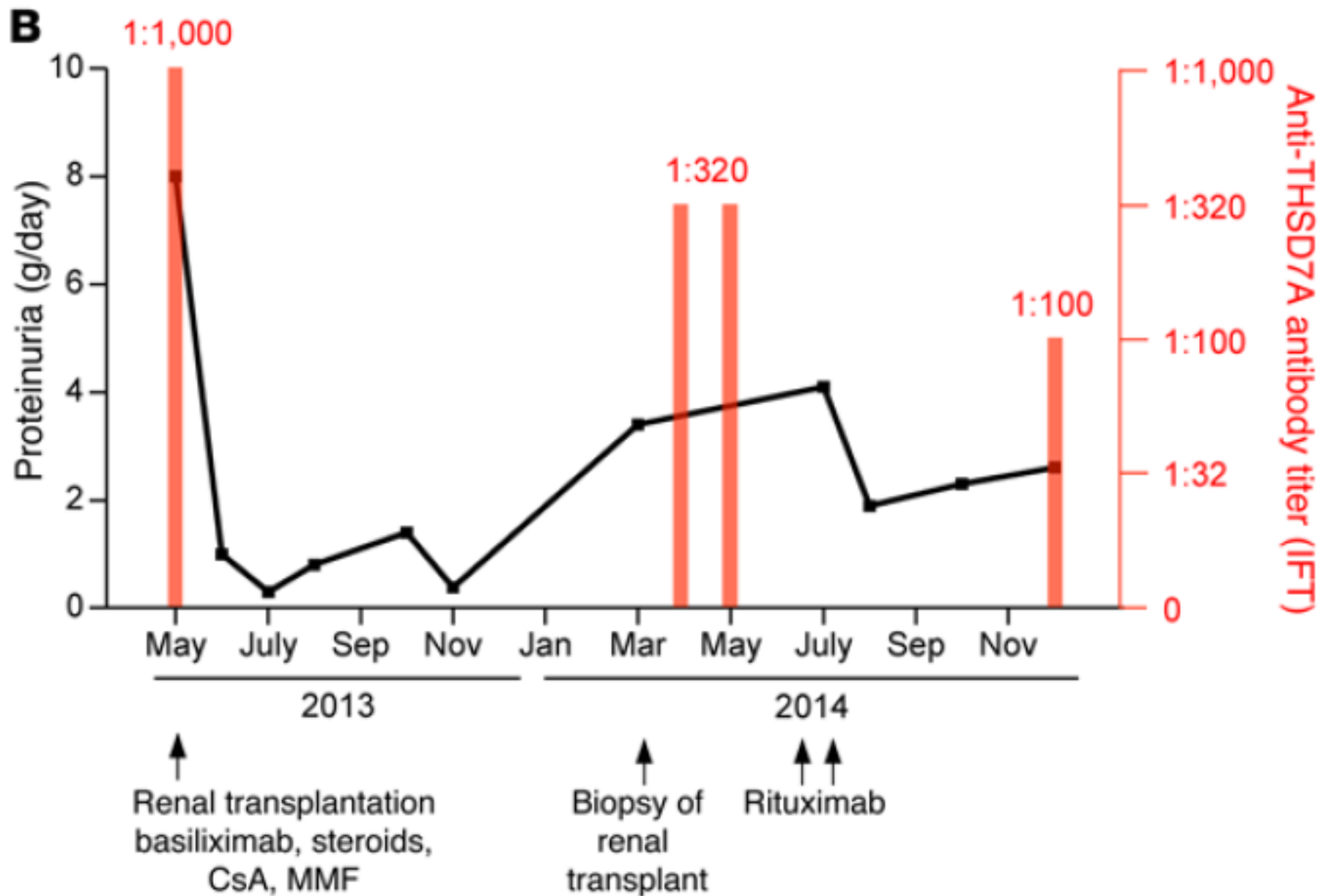
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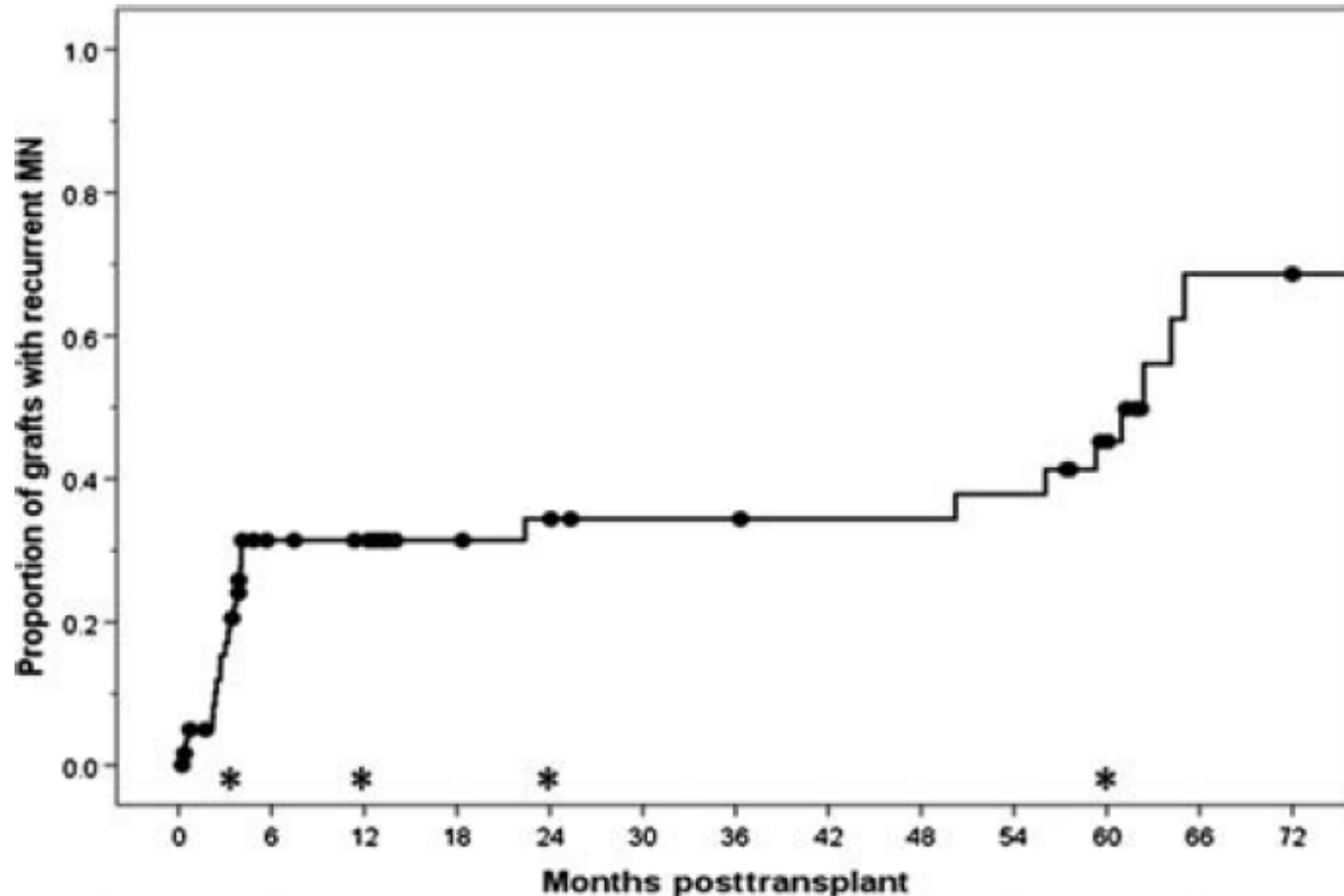
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Post-transplant glomerulonephritis recurrence

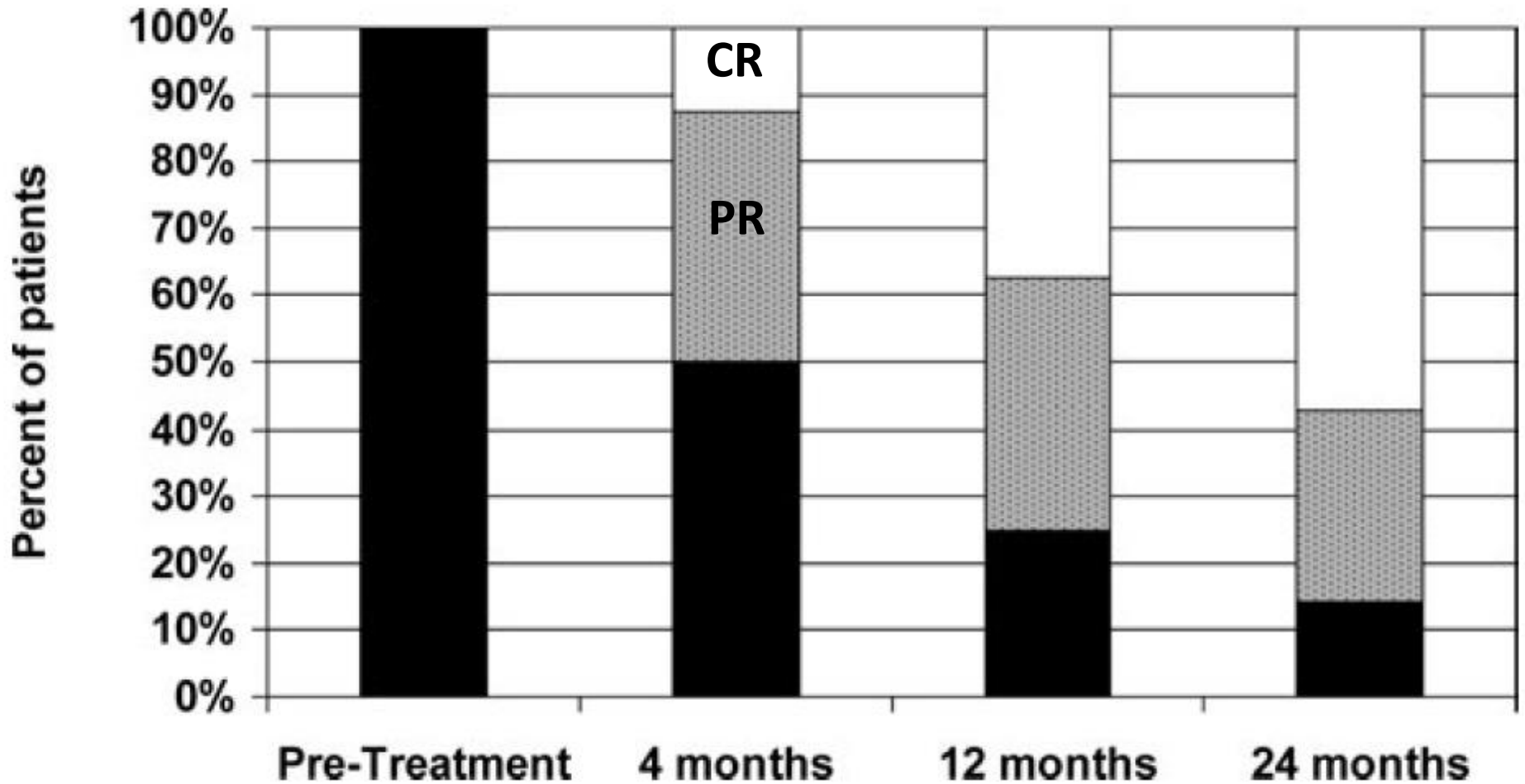
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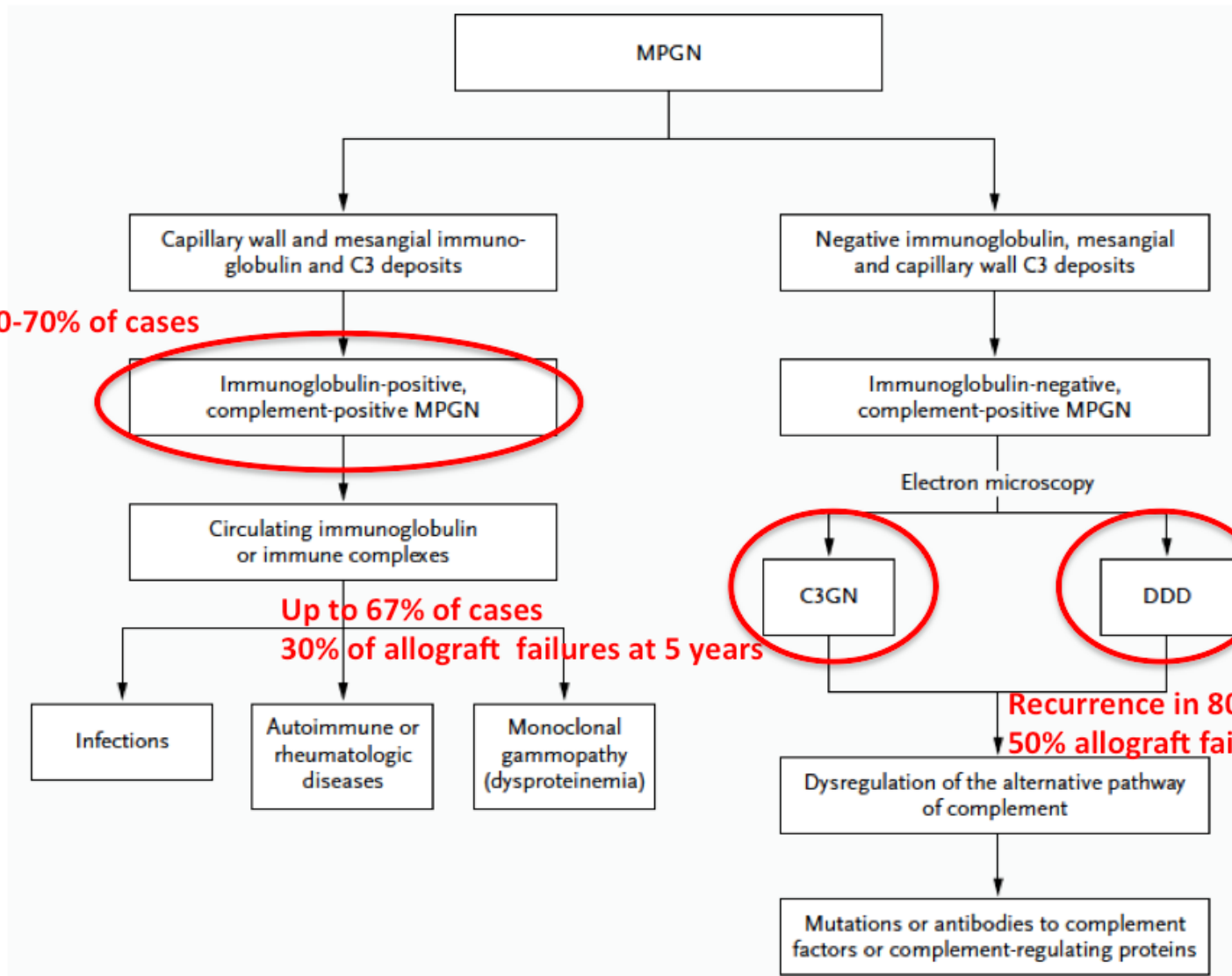
Months	12	24	36	48	60	72
N	58	54	51	40	39	32

Membranous nephropathy: tt anti-CD20



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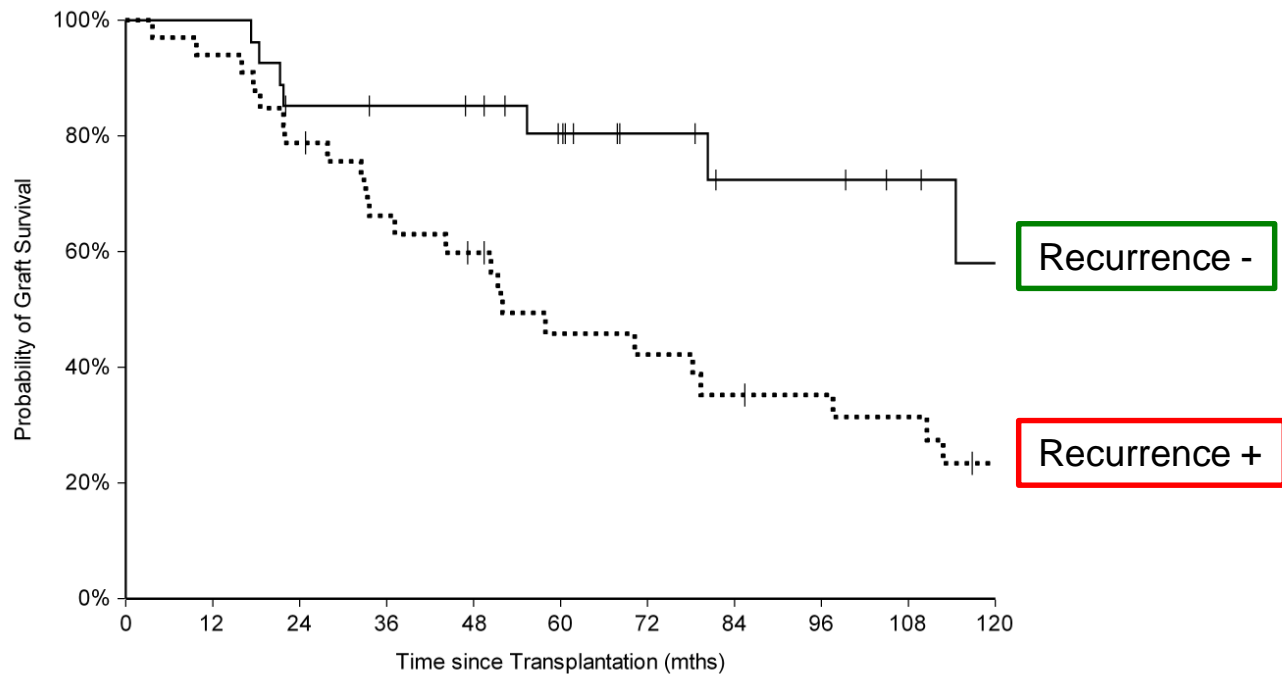


Recurrence in 20-70% of cases

Up to 67% of cases
30% of allograft failures at 5 years

Recurrence in 80-100% of cases
50% allograft failure at 5 years

Graft Survival according to MGN Recurrence

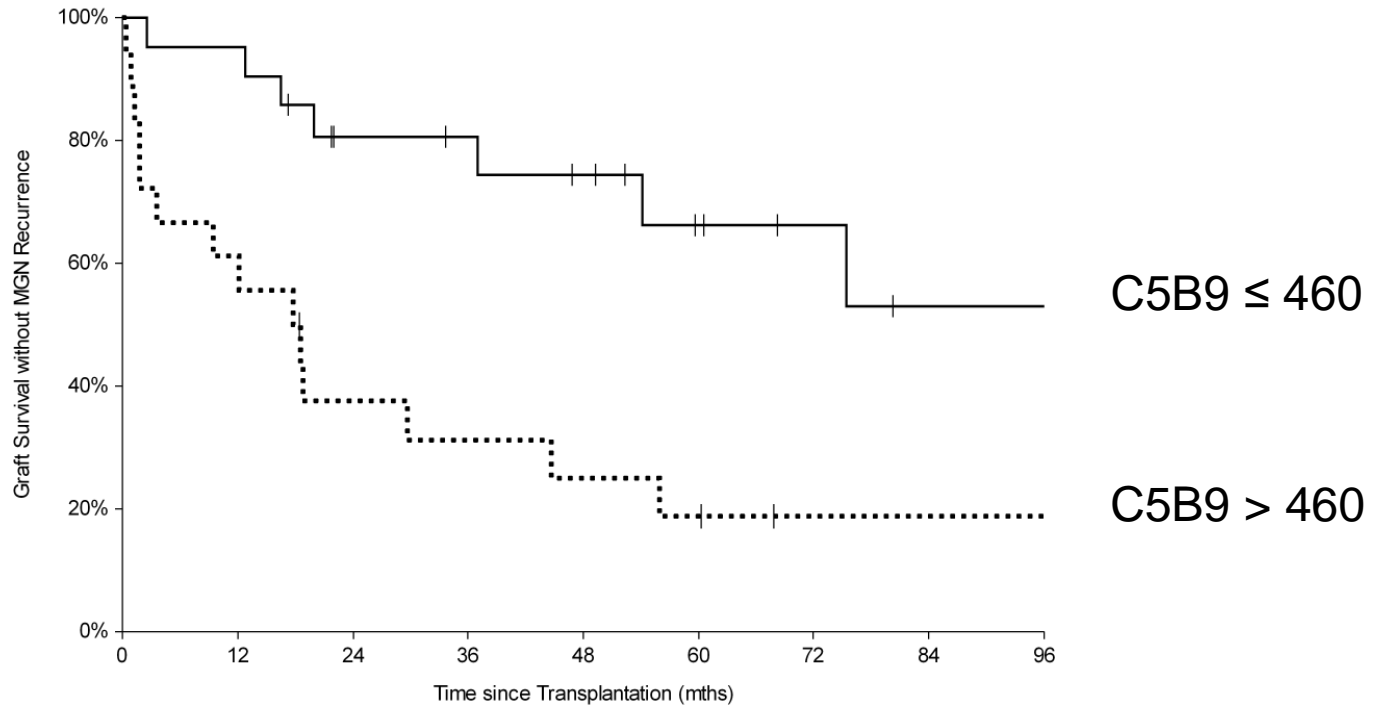


Time (mths)	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120
N at risk R-	27	25	25	25	21	16	16	10	10	7	4
N at risk R+	33	28	28	28	20	13	13	10	10	8	5

5 years graft survival = 0,46 (0,28 – 0,63) vs 0,80 (0,65 – 0,96)
 Logrank test : p = 0,0128
 Cox-Mantel Hazard Ratio HR = 2.49 (1,28-4,84)

R- : median survival = 128 mths (80 - 149)
 R+ : median survival = 52 mths (34 – 79)

Recurrence according to pre-transplant C5b-9



P = 0,002 (Logrank)

HR = 3,55 (1,46-8,63)

Median Survival Time 18 (4-30) vs 123 (75 – 123) mths

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Steroids and Recurrent IgA Nephropathy After Kidney Transplantation

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**1521 patients proven IgA nephropathy
1988 – 2007
54 graft losses attributed to recurrence**

Table 2: Predictors of graft loss due to IgAN recurrence

	SHR ¹	95% CI	p-Value
Use of steroids	0.50	0.30, 0.84	0.009
Age (per decade)	0.87	0.67, 1.13	0.31
Male sex	1.46	0.72, 2.95	0.30
Any HLA mismatch	0.46	0.23, 0.90	0.02
Dialysis duration			0.18
0 to <6 months	1 ²	–	
6 months to <1 year	0.73	0.35, 1.49	
1 to <5 years	0.50	0.25, 0.98	
≥5 years	0.40	0.09, 1.74	
Era			0.02
1988–1992	1 ²	–	
1993–1997	0.80	0.45, 1.42	
1998–2007	0.26	0.10, 0.66	

¹SHR subhazard ratio.

²Referent

IgA nephropathy

- Recurrence is common, 13-53% of patients (according to biopsy policy),
- Ten-year incidence of graft loss is 9.7% (CI= 4.7-19.5%)
- Risk of recurrence: living related donor, SNP IL-10 and SNP TNFa
- Treatment: angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor and angiotensin receptor blocker
- 117 recipients with IgAN: ATG reduced allograft recurrence from 41% to 9% compared to IL-2R antagonist

BY Choi et al, Am J Transplant 2006

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Type of glomerulonephritis	Treatment options	
	Standard practice	Variable evidence
IgA	Control proteinuria with RAAS blockade	Tonsillectomy Rituximab Eculizumab
FSGS		Plasmapheresis Rituximab
Membranous nephropathy	Control proteinuria with RAAS blockade Rituximab	Calcineurin inhibitors Cyclophosphamide Chlorambucil Corticosteroids
MPGN, type I	Target cause Control proteinuria with RAAS blockade	
DDD	Eculizumab Control proteinuria with RAAS blockade	Rituximab
C3 glomerulonephritis	Control proteinuria with RAAS blockade	Eculizumab

Conclusions

- Post-transplant disease recurrence is a **significant cause of graft loss**, specially in younger recipients.
- Modern immunosuppression has **not changed** these figures in the last decade.
- However, there are efficient **therapeutical options**:
 - Combined IV-CSA/high dose steroids/PE = FSGS
 - Eculizumab = aHUS
 - Anti-CD20 = MN.
- New perspectives: CD40L, anti-CD20



Thanks for your attention!