

# **RECURRENT GN BWG**

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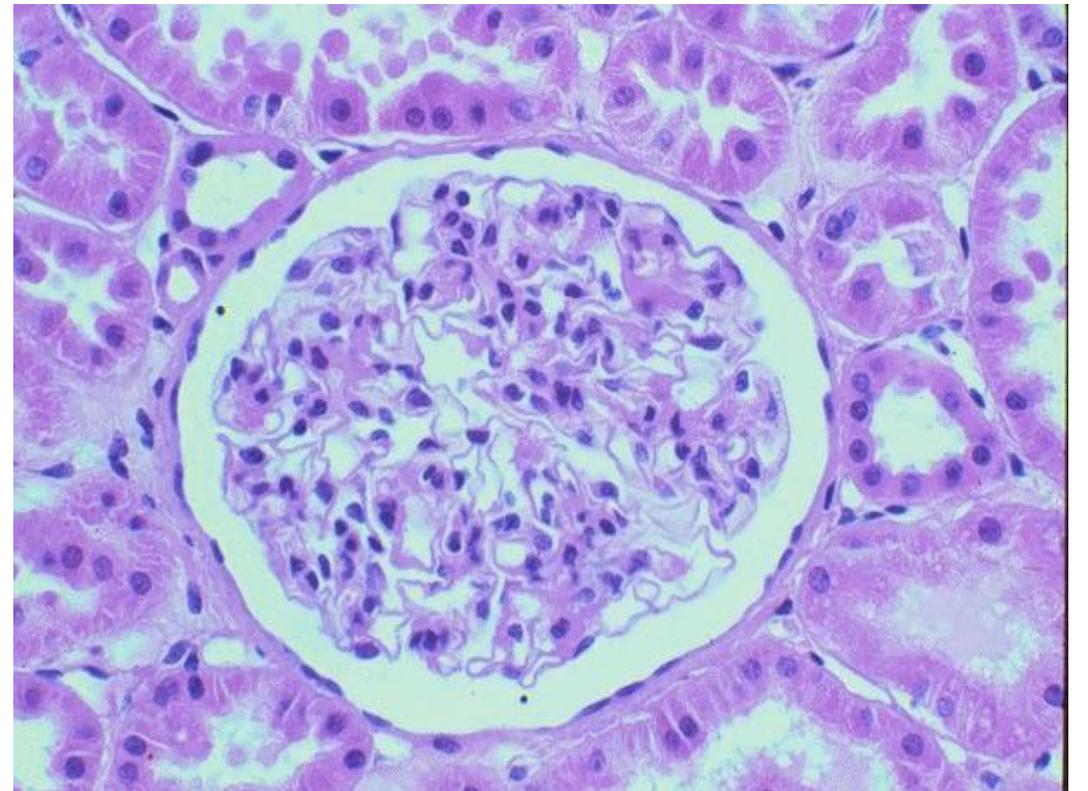
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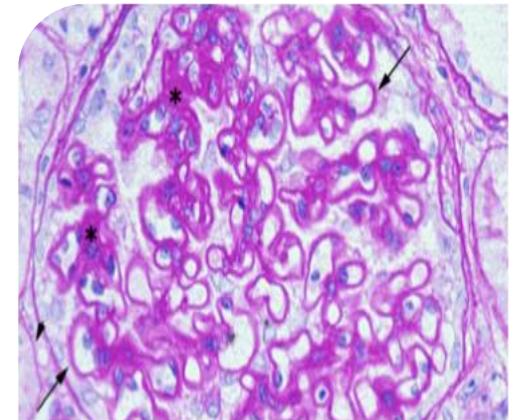
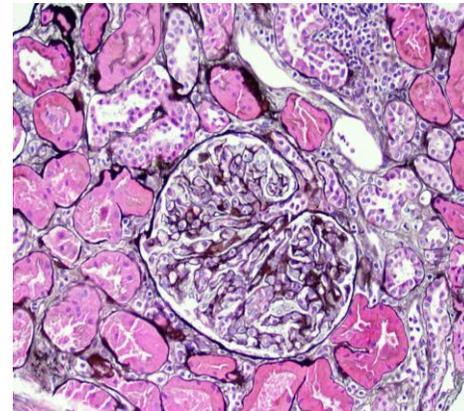
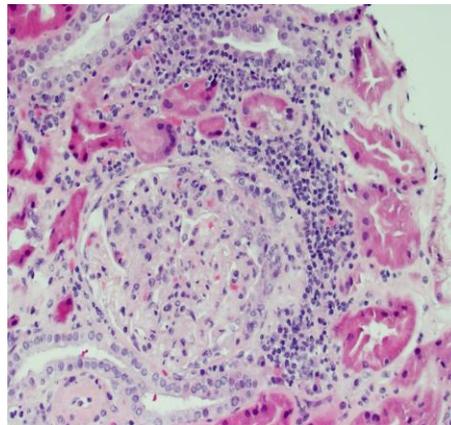
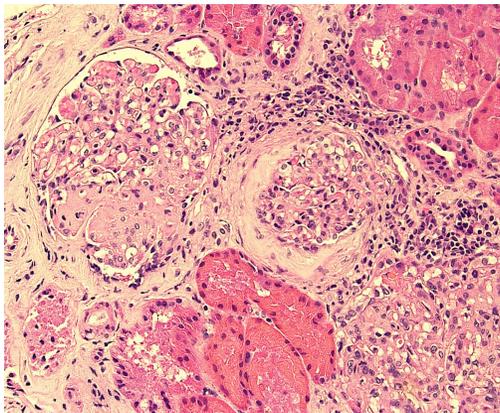
# OBJECTIVES

- Significance of recurrent GN in the transplanted kidney
- Goal of the GN working group
- Structure of the work
- Brief highlights
- Preliminary data
- Future work



# Significance of GN recurrence

- All primary GN recur highly post transplant
- Recurrence rate is different for each type
- Second most common cause of allograft failure after rejection
- Limited data on the pathology and its significance in the outcome
- Limited data on de novo GN



# Goals of this work

Establish pathology guidelines in GN  
diagnosis for pathologists/ clinicians

Early signs of recurrence

Late manifestation

Understanding GN changes  
when combined with other  
pathological changes

*SAVE*  
*“GLOMERULUS”*  
BANFF GN

Correlations & predictions  
pathology with clinical manifestation  
& outcome

Genetic variations  
biomarkers  
correlation with pathology

# GN Banff Working Group

**Aula Magna Room: March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017; 18:30-20:30**

- Chairs: Nada Alachkar & Serena Bagnasco
- Multi international centers; ~ **30 centers**:  
pathology/nephrology/immunology/surgery members
- Each center: pathologist + clinician
- Members: **54** showed interest

# MEMBERS

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Diana Taheri	Pathology	Isfahan University , Iran
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Kevin Wen	Nephrology	University of Alberta, Canada
Cuong Nguyen	Nephrology	Oklahoma, USA

# Previous meetings

- Kickoff meeting: June 13, 2016; Boston, MA (ATC)
  - Starting with IgA in native and transplant; followed by other GN
  - Multi-centers' registry
  - Reports of the bx
- Second meeting: November 17th, 2017; Chicago, IL (ASN)
  - Share single center's data in redcap/other data entry system
  - Grants for data entry and analysis
  - Each center will have internal IRB

# Main Questions

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- **Recurrence rate of GN /Frequency of de novo GN?**
- **Manifestations/characteristics of recurrence /de novo in the allograft in each of these glomerulopathies?**
- **Clinical and pathological characteristics of “NATIVE” GN that can predict recurrence in the transplanted kidney?**
- **Characteristics of the histological /clinical manifestation in “ALLOGRAFT” with predictive value for progression/graft survival?**
- **What do we need for diagnosis: Light microscopy/IF/EM/Markers?**

# GN in Native Kidney

	Characterization	Clinical
Glomerulopathy	PATHOLOGY	CLINICAL FINDINGS
Native disease	<p><u>Light Microscopy:</u>            Global glomerulosclerosis (%)            Segmental glomerulosclerosis (%)            Hyalinosis            Podocyte changes            Glomerular capillary walls            Mesangial matrix expansion            Mesangial hypercellularity            Endocapillary proliferation            Crescents            Karyorrhexis/ segmental necrotizing lesions            Tubular injury            Tubulitis            Interstitial inflammation            % interstitial fibrosis            % Tubular atrophy            Arteriosclerosis (cv)            Arteriolar hyalinosis (ah)  <u>IF:</u>  <u>EM:</u>            presence of deposits and distribution,            Substructures            % of podocyte foot process effacement</p>	<p>Demographics            Age of onset            Renal manifestations at onset            Renal function eGFR            Hematuria            Proteinuria, UPCR at time of onset            Co-morbidities Diabetes, Hypertension at onset            Progression of the disease, time from onset to ESRD (eGFR, UPCR others)            Therapy for glomerulopathy</p>

# GN in Transplanted Kidney

	Characterization	Clinical
Glomerulopathy	PATHOLOGY	CLINICAL FINDINGS
Post Transplant	<p><u>Light Microscopy:</u>            Global glomerulosclerosis (%)            Segmental glomerulosclerosis (%)            Hyalinosis            Podocyte changes            Glomerular capillary walls            Mesangial matrix expansion            Mesangial hypercellularity            Endocapillary proliferation            Crescents            Karyorrhexis/ segmental necrotizing lesions            Tubular injury            Tubulitis            Interstitial inflammation            % interstitial fibrosis            % Tubular atrophy            Arteriosclerosis (cv)            Arteriolar hyalinosis (ah)  <u>IF:</u>  <u>EM:</u>            presence of deposits and distribution,            Substructures            % of podocyte foot process effacement</p>	<p>Type of donor (Live, Deceased, cPRA, HLA mismatches)            Desensitization            Induction            Maintenance immunosuppression            Rejection episodes and type of rejections pre- post recurrence            Infections pre-post recurrence            Time of Onset of the pathological changes from transplantation            Renal function at onset of recurrence            Treatment of glomerulopathy            Effect of treatment            Resolution/persistence/progression in FU biopsies</p>

# Elements to be analyzed

Elements	Histology	Clinical
Frequency	Histological features at diagnosis	Time of onset post transplant
Predictors	Histological predictors	Clinical predictors: Demographics, Age, native dx, characteristics of the transplanted kidney (live/decease, HLA compatibility etc), eGFR, Hematuria, UPCR, therapy, episodes and types of rejection
Relation to native dx	Comparison with histological features in the native kidney	Demographics, Age, native dx, eGFR, Hematuria, UPCR, therapy, Progression of the native dx
WORKING GROUP		
	Copy of Bx Report/Shared scan slides	Clinical data of the center's cohort
Questionnaire		
Registry		

# **THE HISTORY OF RECURRENT GLOMERULONEPHRITIS**

**"glomerulonephritis" AND "kidney transplantation"  
2737 publications**

# Earlier data--- recurrent MN 1960

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF CLINICAL PATHOLOGY  
Vol. 34, No. 2, August, 1960, pp. 155-162  
Printed in U.S.A.

## MEMBRANOUS GLOMERULONEPHRITIS OCCURRING IN A HUMAN RENAL HOMOGRAFT

### REPORT OF A CASE

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Reported human renal homografts vary widely in survival time and function. Inasmuch as rejection of the homograft probably is on an immunologic basis,<sup>8</sup> one might expect histologic changes similar to hypersensitivity diseases, such as experimental glomerulonephritis. This type of reaction has been infrequent in reported human renal homografts.

### REPORT OF CASE

#### Clinical Course

An 11-year-old white boy seemed to be well until 3 days prior to admission, when he first complained of abdominal pain, partially relieved by vomiting. After blood transfusion at another hospital, he was noted to be oliguric, and was transferred to Babies and Children's Hospital.

Physical examination revealed a lethargic, acutely ill child. Blood pressure was 180/110, pulse 100 per min., and respirations 34 per min. Eye grounds were normal, and the heart was not enlarged. There was moderate tenderness in the left costovertebral angle.

Laboratory data were as follows: urinalysis revealed 4+ albuminuria, 10 to 15 red blood cells, and 10 to 15 white blood cells per high-power field. The hemoglobin was 7.0 Gm. per 100 ml. Blood urea nitrogen was 228 mg. per 100 ml. and creatinine 17 mg. per 100 ml. Sodium was 135 mEq., potassium 9.2 mEq., and carbon dioxide 5.8 mEq. per l. Blood pH was 7.11.

Initial treatment included intravenous

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fluids, insulin, exchange resins, reserpine, and apresoline. On the third hospital day, hemodialysis with the artificial kidney was performed, and, on the fourth hospital day, cystotomy was performed, and suprapubic catheter drainage established. At operation, conspicuous hypertrophy of the urinary bladder was observed. Retrograde pyelograms revealed bilateral hydronephrosis and hydroureter. After operation, the output of urine increased to between 100 and 500 ml. per day. The patient's condition gradually became worse, however, and, on the fourteenth hospital day, a second hemodialysis was performed. Because of the grave prognosis, a human renal homotransplant was suggested.

On the twenty-first hospital day, a kidney was obtained from a 30-year-old woman, dead on arrival at the hospital. This kidney was kept sterile and packed in ice for a period of approximately 1 hr., while the patient's vessels were being prepared. This was performed because of experimental evidence that cooling of the kidney permits longer survival under anoxic conditions.<sup>18</sup> Between 2 and 3 hr. elapsed between the time of death and completion of transplantation. Autopsy of the donor revealed hepatic portal cirrhosis with diffuse, fatty metamorphosis. No other significant lesions were observed, and toxicologic studies were negative.

Transplantation was performed according to the technic of Hume and associates.<sup>6</sup> The renal artery was anastomosed end-to-end with the profunda femoris artery; the renal vein was anastomosed end-to-side with the femoral vein; the ureter was brought out through a separate skin incision laterally. The kidney was covered with a skin graft. At operation, no leakage was apparent at the anastomoses, and the patient tolerated

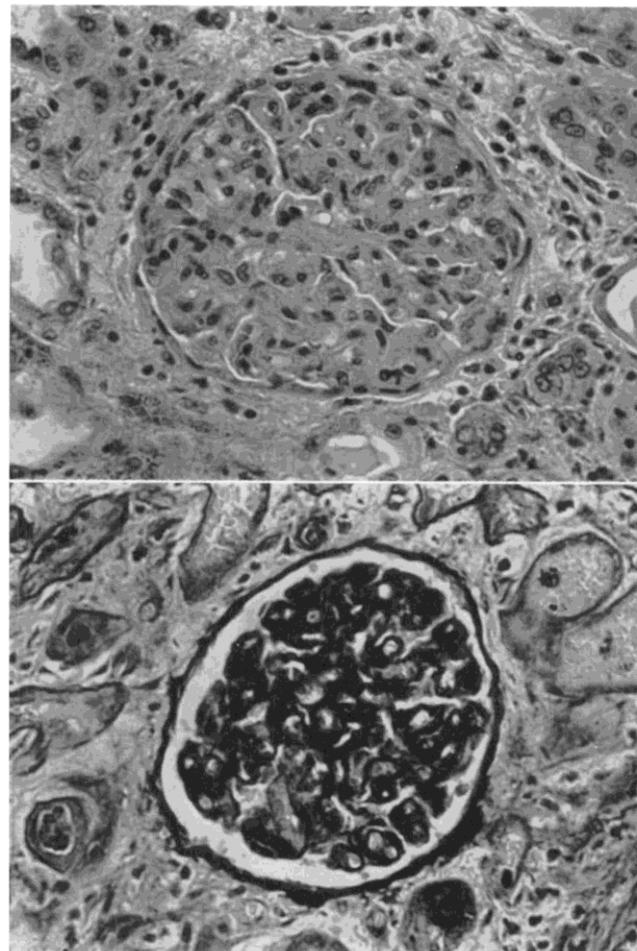


FIG. 1 (upper). Transplanted kidney. The glomerular tufts are larger than normal and ischemic, with thick eosinophilic basement membranes. The number of endothelial nuclei seems to be somewhat increased. There is renal tubular degeneration, with hemoglobin casts. In the interstitial tissue, edema and extravasated red blood cells are present. Hematoxylin and eosin. X 400.

FIG. 2 (lower). Transplanted kidney. The thick glomerular capillary basement membranes are intensely stained. The glomerulus is large and ischemic. This and Figure 1 are characteristic of membranous glomerulonephritis. Periodic acid-Schiff. X 400.

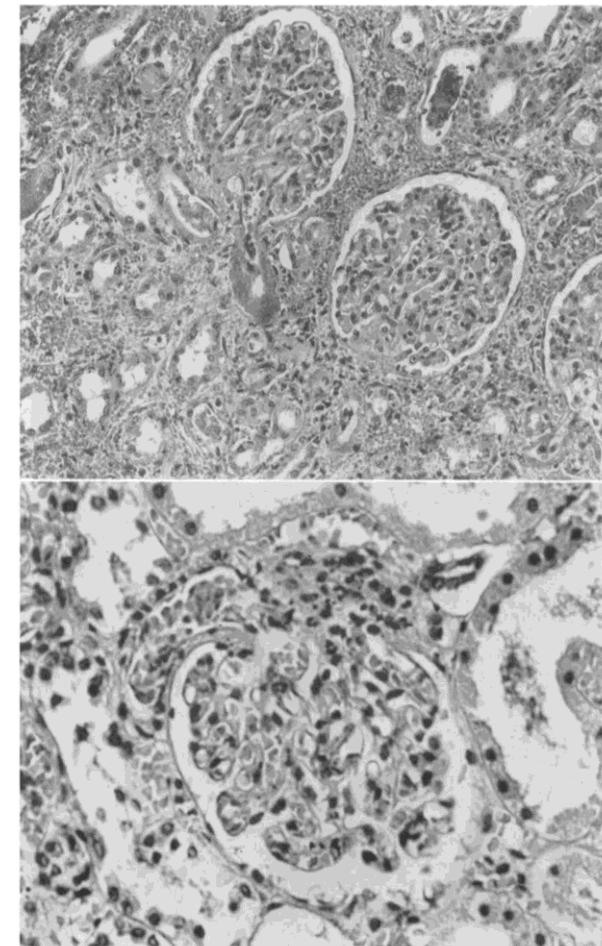


FIG. 3 (upper). Transplanted kidney. Arteriolar fibrinoid necrosis is prominent. Changes of membranous glomerulonephritis are present; also, tubular degeneration with casts and interstitial hemorrhage may be observed. Hematoxylin and eosin. X 200.

FIG. 4 (lower). Donor's second kidney, not transplanted. The thin, delicate glomerular capillaries, normal tubules, and lack of interstitial hemorrhage or infiltrate are conspicuously different from the transplanted kidney. Hematoxylin and eosin. X 400.

the procedure well. Cysteine was administered orally, inasmuch as laboratory experiments at that time<sup>17</sup> suggested improved survival of renal homografts in dogs treated with cysteine. After operation, the output of urine from

# Earlier data--- recurrent MPGN 1970

## Fulminantly Progressive Recurrent Glomerulonephritis in a Renal Allograft

RECURRENT GLOMERULONEPHRITIS IN RENAL ALLOGRAFT — ROSENFELD, ET AL.

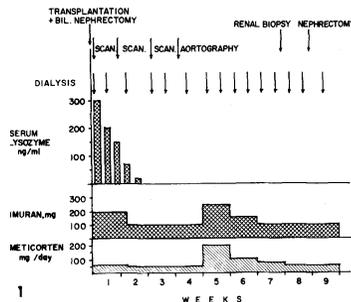


Figure 1. Clinical course.

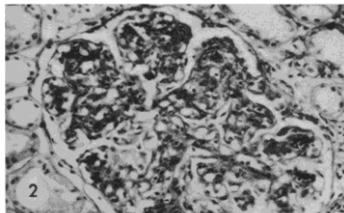


Figure 2. Glomerulus, showing accentuated lobulation, increased cellularity, with moderate numbers of polymorphonuclear leukocytes. Periodic acid-Schiff stain, original magnification  $\times 450$ .

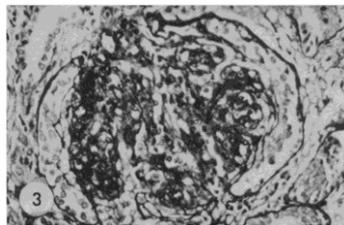


Figure 3. Marked proliferation of cells, lining Bowman's capsule. Glomerular scarring, involving only part of the tuft. Methenamine silver stain, original magnification  $\times 250$ .

Postoperatively, 60 mg of Meticorten<sup>®</sup> and 200 mg of Imuran<sup>†</sup> were given daily for the first ten days. Throughout this period and the subsequent fifty days, the patient remained anuric (Figure 1). On the second postoperative day, an I<sup>131</sup> Hippuran<sup>®</sup> renal scan revealed good up-take, indicating vascularization, but no excretion of the dye. Identical findings were recorded in repeat scans on the eighth and seventeenth postoperative days. On the twenty-fourth postoperative day aortography was undertaken, which confirmed the patency of the main renal artery.

On the twenty-eighth day a therapeutic trial of increased immunosuppression was instituted, in the belief that the continuing anuria was caused by rejection. Despite the administration of Imuran in doses of 250 mg daily and Meticorten 200 mg daily, for seven days, the anuria persisted. The patient's general condition was maintained by intermittent dialysis.

On the fiftieth postoperative day, in the face of persisting anuria, a renal biopsy was performed. On the basis of the histopathologic findings, which showed diffuse proliferative glomerulonephritis, the grafted kidney was removed. Since then, the patient has been maintained in good general health by repeated hemodialysis.

### PATHOLOGIC FINDINGS

The first biopsy specimen, obtained in 1966, showed the following features: All glomeruli were abnormal. They showed prominent lobulation (Figure 2) with marked increase in cellularity. In most of the glomeruli the hypercellularity was intracapillary, but in a few of them epithelial capsular crescents were seen (Figure 3). Capillary basement membrane thickening was noted. The glomerular capillary lumens contained a moderate number of leukocytes. Focal fibrinoid changes were noted in some capillary loops. Interstitial inflammation was seen and polymorphonuclear leukocytes were prominent, sometimes appearing as small interstitial abscesses.

The patient's kidneys, removed at the time of the transplantation, weighed 70 gm each, and the histologic findings were compatible with a diagnosis of chronic sclerosing glomerulonephritis.

The biopsy specimen obtained on the fiftieth post-transplantation day of the grafted kidney contained only 5 glomeruli. All showed proliferative changes, a slightly increased number of intracapillary cells and abundant cres-

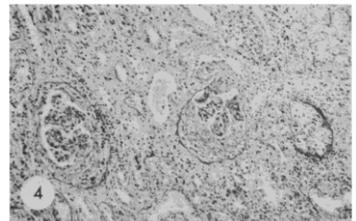


Figure 4. The renal allograft shows marked crescent formations. Periodic acid-Schiff stain, original magnification  $\times 100$ .

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The recurrence of glomerulonephritis in the transplanted kidney is one of the most serious hazards precluding viability of the graft. We describe a patient who received a kidney from his mother and in whom recurrent glomerulonephritis and persistent anuria rapidly developed in the postoperative period. Increased serum muramidase levels in the first two weeks suggested the possibility of acute tubular necrosis as a cause for the anuria. Subsequently, the return of the muramidase levels to those that existed before transplantation, accompanied by serum complement levels of zero and by "humps" observed in the electron microscopic picture of a biopsy specimen of the grafted kidney, made the diagnosis of recurrent glomerulonephritis the most likely explanation for the clinical evolution.

It is emphasized that, in the early post-transplantation period, in the differential diagnosis of anuria, the possibility of rapidly recurrent glomerulonephritis should be considered in addition to acute tubular necrosis and acute rejection.

The success of renal transplantation has been hampered on occasion by the recurrence of the recipient's original disease in the transplanted kidney, especially when the patient was suffering from glomerulonephritis [1]. Thus in a recent study Glasscock et al. [2] reported that of twenty-two patients whose original disease has been glomerulonephritis, the disease recurred in eleven following the transplantation of an isograft. Porter et al. [3] reported the appearance of recurrent glomerulonephritis in three patients with renal allografts.

In most of the cases described the lesion of the transplanted kidney was a slowly progressive process. We describe another patient with rapidly developing recurrent glomerulonephritis, characterized by persistent anuria in the post-transplantation period.

### CASE REPORT

This seventeen year old boy (Y.H.) was seen for the first time in our hospital in 1965 at the age of thirteen with an acute glomerulonephritis following follicular tonsillitis. At that time a renal biopsy specimen showed features compatible with a diagnosis of proliferative glomerulonephritis. Progressive deterioration in renal function followed his initial admission, and within two years his endogenous creatinine clearance decreased from 60 to 3 ml/minute. His clinical course was characterized by hypertension unresponsive to the usual drug therapy and by frequent attacks of left ventricular failure.

An indwelling Scribner shunt was inserted and hemodialysis was begun. Two months after institution of periodic hemodialysis his mother donated a kidney which was transplanted into the patient. Both were of blood group "A" and lymphocytotoxicity was negative. Removal of the donor kidney was difficult, owing to the extreme obesity of the mother, and the kidney was traumatized. Because of technical difficulties associated with the anastomosis, there was a prolonged cold ischemic time of seventy minutes. During the operation, bilateral nephrectomy was performed.

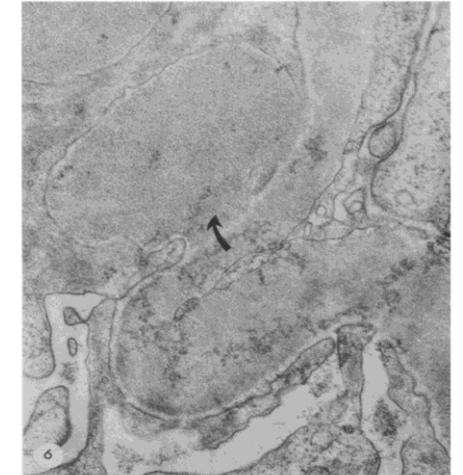


Figure 6. Electron micrograph of the renal allograft. Part of the glomerular capillary loop showing a "hump" (arrow) on the epithelial side of the capillary basement membrane. Uranyl acetate, lead citrate stain, original magnification  $\times 10,000$ .

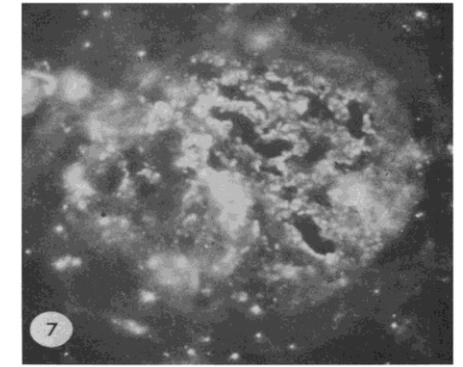


Figure 7. Immunofluorescent microscopy of the glomerulus showing lumpy-bumpy patterns of IgM and B,C globulin deposition within the glomerular capillaries of the removed kidney.

# Recurrent Glomerulonephritis After Renal Transplantation 1978

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Annual Review of Medicine

**Table 1** Incidence of recurrent glomerulonephritis (GN) in the series of Necker Hospital, Paris, France

Type of GN	No. of patients	No. of cases with recurrence
Focal and segmental glomerulosclerosis	14	4
Membranous GN	2	0
Membrano-proliferative GN with subendothelial deposits	23	2
Membrano-proliferative GN with isolated C <sub>3</sub> deposits	4	3
Membrano-proliferative GN, lobular form	13	2
Dense deposits disease	11	8
Rapidly progressive GN	1	0
IgA mesangial deposits	20	9
Schönlein-Henoch purpura	6	1
Unclassified GN	72	
Total	166	29

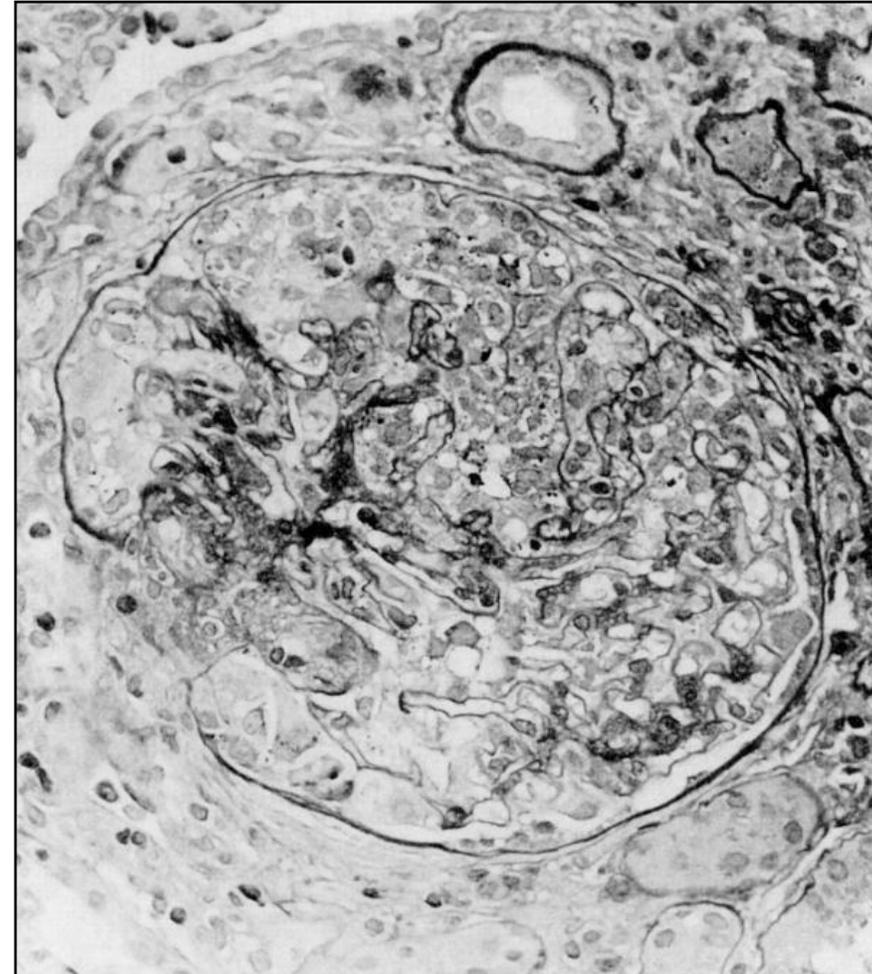
# DE NOVO COLLAPSING GLOMERULOPATHY IN RENAL ALLOGRAFTS

Meehan, Shane; Pascual, Manuel; Williams, Winn; Tolkoﬀ-Rubin, Nina; Delmonico, Francis;  
Cosimi, A; Colvin, Robert

Transplantation. 65(9):1192-1197, May 15, 1998

	CG de novo (n=5)	FSGS de novo (n=5)
<b>Glomeruli</b>		
Visceral epithelial cell swelling and hypercellularity (>1+) <sup>a</sup>	5 <sup>a</sup>	0
PAS+ podocyte droplets	4	1
Capillary collapse		
Segmental	4	5 <sup>b</sup>
Global	3	0
Foam cells	1	1
Hyaline accumulation	2	5
Adhesions	0	4
Ischemic wrinkling of the GBM <sup>c</sup>	4	2
GBM duplication	4	3
Mesangial matrix expansion	0	4
Mesangial hypercellularity	1	1
<b>Blood vessels</b>		
Hyaline arteriosclerosis (>1+)	4	1
Arterial intimal fibrosis (>1+)	3	3
<b>Interstitium</b>		
<b>Fibrosis</b>		
Diffuse	4	1
Focal	1	4

<sup>a</sup> Grade: 0=none, 1+=mild, 2+=moderate, 3+=severe.  
<sup>b</sup> Segmental collapse associated with capillary loop hyaline.  
<sup>c</sup> Abbreviation used in table: GBM, glomerular basement membrane.



# RECURRENT AND DE NOVO GLOMERULAR DISEASE AFTER RENAL TRANSPLANTATION: A Report from Renal Allograft Disease Registry (RADR) 1999

Center	Total no.	%	Recurrent/de novo disease no.	%
MCW <sup>a</sup>	1002	20.4	64	6.4
WU	784	15.9	16	2.0
UL	744	15.2	5	0.7
UCSF	1497	30.5	39	2.6
UC	429	8.7	26	6.0
UW	457	9.3	17	3.7
Total	4913	100	167	3.4

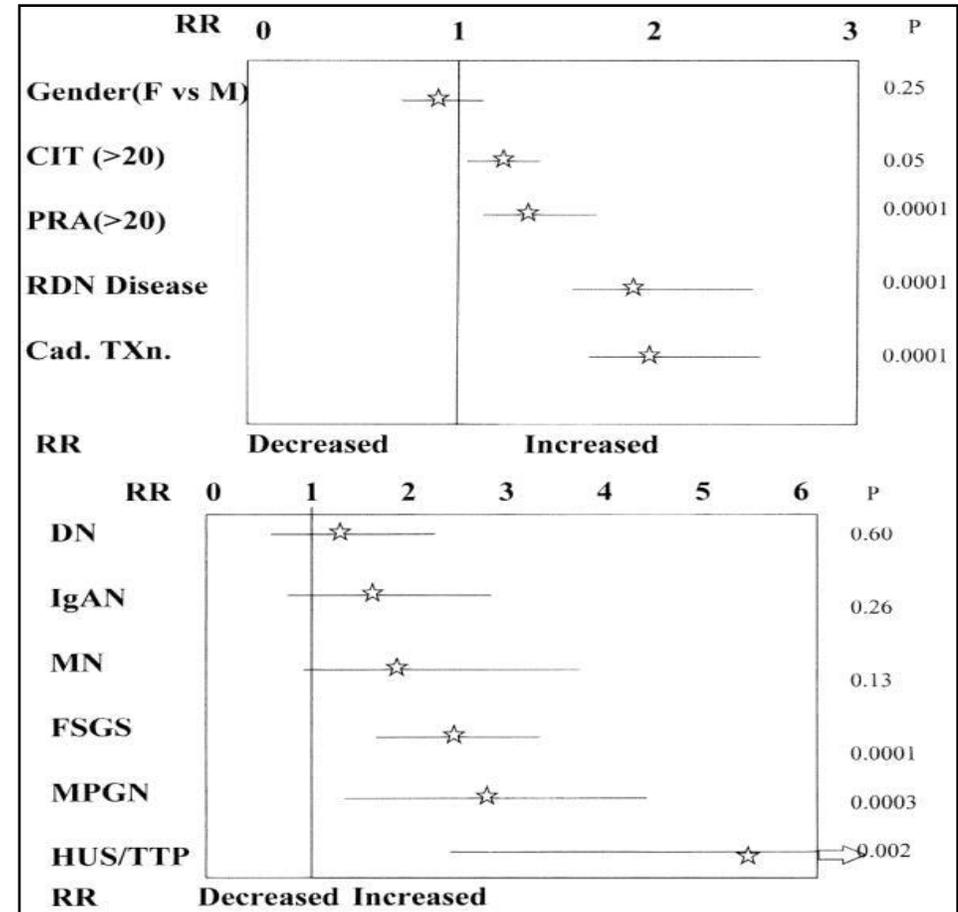
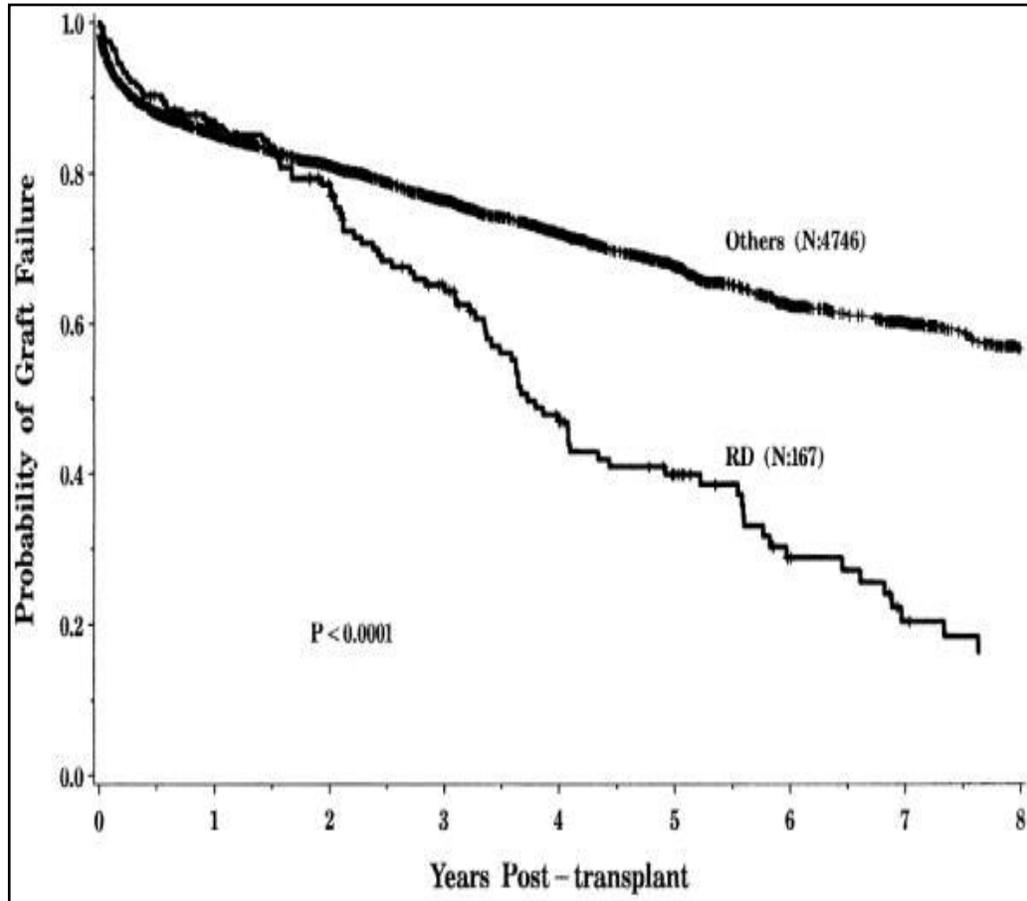
<sup>a</sup> MCW, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI; WU, Washington University, St. Louis, MO; UL, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY; UCSF, University of California at San Francisco, San Francisco, CA; UC, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH; UW, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Disease Types (N=167)	%	Mean age (yr)	Male (gender) (%)	CAD transplant (%)
1) FSGS (57)	34.1	34.5	64.9	82.5
2) IgAN (22)	13.2	38.8	72.7	59
3) MPGN (18)	10.8	36.3	50	83.3
4) MN (16)	9.6	35.8	93.8	68.8
5) DN (19)	11.4	45.2	78.9	89.5
6) HUS/TTP (8)	4.8	32.9	50	50
7) Others (27) <sup>a</sup>	16.1	39.4	63	74
<i>P</i> value	NA	0.0585	0.104	0.099

<sup>a</sup> Others are: immune complex GN, 12; vasculitis (crescentic GN), 6; SLE, 3; Anti-GBM, 2; oxalosis, 2; miscellaneous, 2.

	Graft failure N	Graft failure %	Kidney half-life (days)
FSGS (57)	37	65	1244
MPGN (18)	12	66	1330
MN (16)	7	44	1193
IgAN (22)	9	41	1619
DN (19)	10	53	2357
HUS/TTP (8)	5	63	215
Others (27)	12	44	1461
Total 167	92	55%	1360 (1229–1619)

# RECURRENT AND DE NOVO GLOMERULAR DISEASE AFTER RENAL TRANSPLANTATION: A Report from Renal Allograft Disease Registry (RADR)



# FSGS variants in patients' native and transplant kidneys

Case	Native Kidney		Transplant Kidney		
	Initial Biopsy	Nephrectomy	Months after transplant		
			< 1	1 - 12	> 12
4		N		N	
4 <sup>a</sup>					N
5	N		N		
6	N				N
8	M N	N			Co
10		N			N N
14	N			Co	N
16		N			N N
17	Ce N	N	M		N
18	N		M		N
19		N		Co	
1	Co			Co	Co
1 <sup>a</sup>			M		
7	Co				N
11	M N	Co Co	M		Co
12		Co	M Co	Co	Co
13	Co			Co	
15		Co			
15 <sup>a</sup>			M		N
2	Ce			Ce	
3	Ce		Ce	Ce	
9	T		M		

<sup>a</sup>Second transplant

N: FSGS Not otherwise specified; Co: Collapsing FSGS; Ce: Cellular FSGS;

T: Tip lesion FSGS; M: Minimal change disease-like lesion

Patient	Gender	Native Kidney							Transplant								
		Age (yr)	Indication(s)	Proteinuria <sup>b</sup>	Variant	No. of glomeruli	IF	EM	Age at biopsy (yr)	Time to biopsy (d)	Indication(s)	Proteinuria <sup>b</sup>	Variant	No. of glomeruli	IF	EM	
1	M	19	P/Cr	7.2	Collapsing	14	IgM, C3, C1q	NA	23	120	Np, Cr	NA	Collapsing	17	NA	NA	
										425	Cr	8.9	Collapsing	10	IgM	FP	
										26 <sup>c</sup>	Cr <sup>e</sup>	2 <sup>c</sup>	MC <sup>c</sup>	42 <sup>c</sup>	NA <sup>c</sup>	FP <sup>c</sup>	
2	M	52	P	NA	Cellular	8	NA	NA	61	45	Cr	3.3	Cellular	17	IgM, IgA	NA	
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										42	1043	Cr	3+	NOS	17	IgM, C3	FP
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									7	1470	NA	1.0	NOS	2	NA	NA	
19	M	59	Ne	2+	NOS	Ne	IgM, C3	NA	59	108	P	5.0	Collapsing	2	IgM, C3	FP	

<sup>a</sup>C1q; segmental C1q; C3, segmental C3; Cr, elevated creatinine; EM, electron microscopy; F, female; FP, foot process effacement; IF, immunofluorescence; IgA, segmental IgA; IgG, segmental IgG; IgM, segmental IgM; M, male; NA, data not available; Ne, nephrectomy; Neg, no immune deposition in IF; Np, nephrotic syndrome; P, proteinuria; R, r/o rejection.

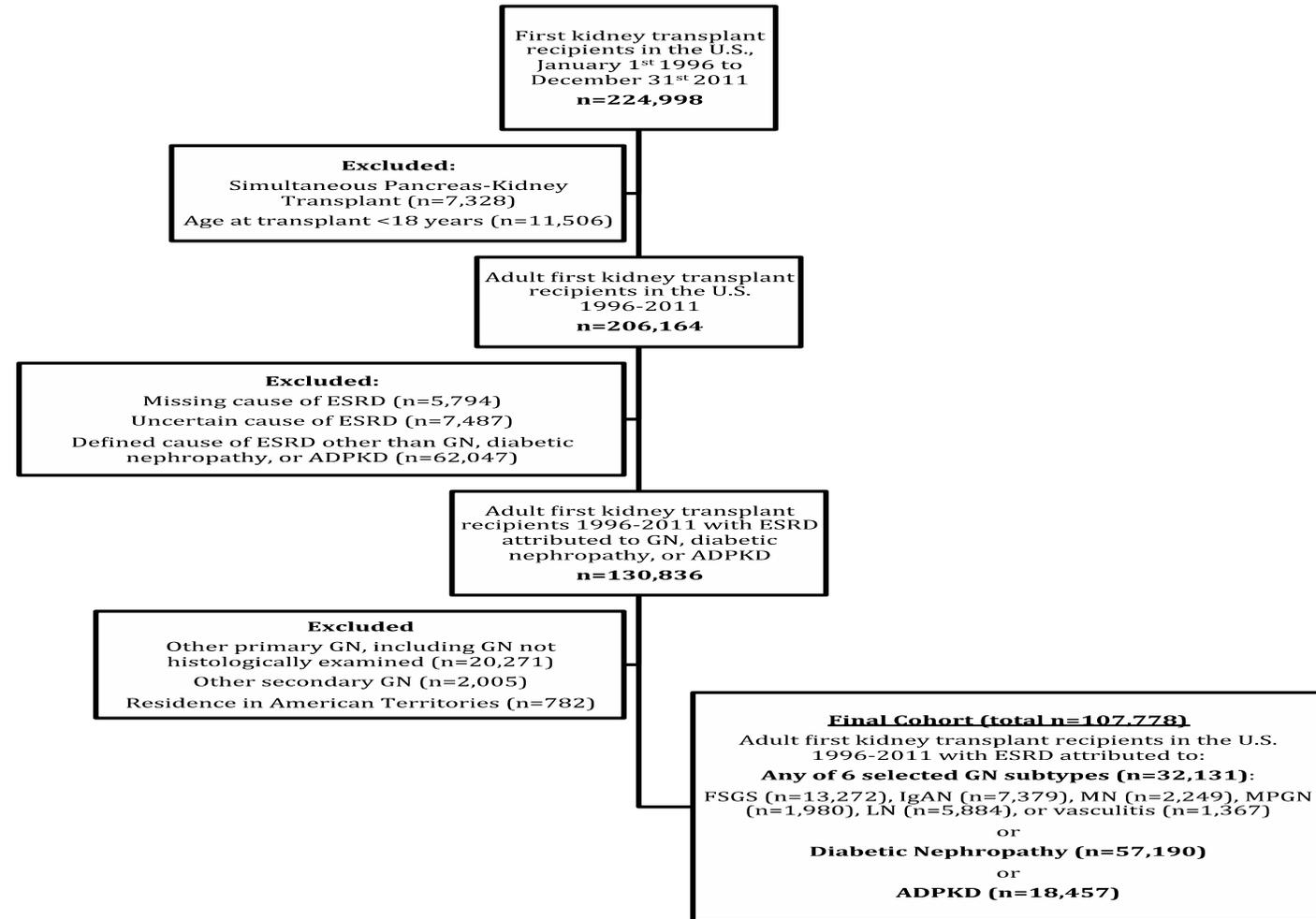
<sup>b</sup>Proteinuria measured in g/24 h or on a scale from 0 to 4+.

<sup>c</sup>Second transplant.

<sup>d</sup>Nephrectomy showed severe necrosis.

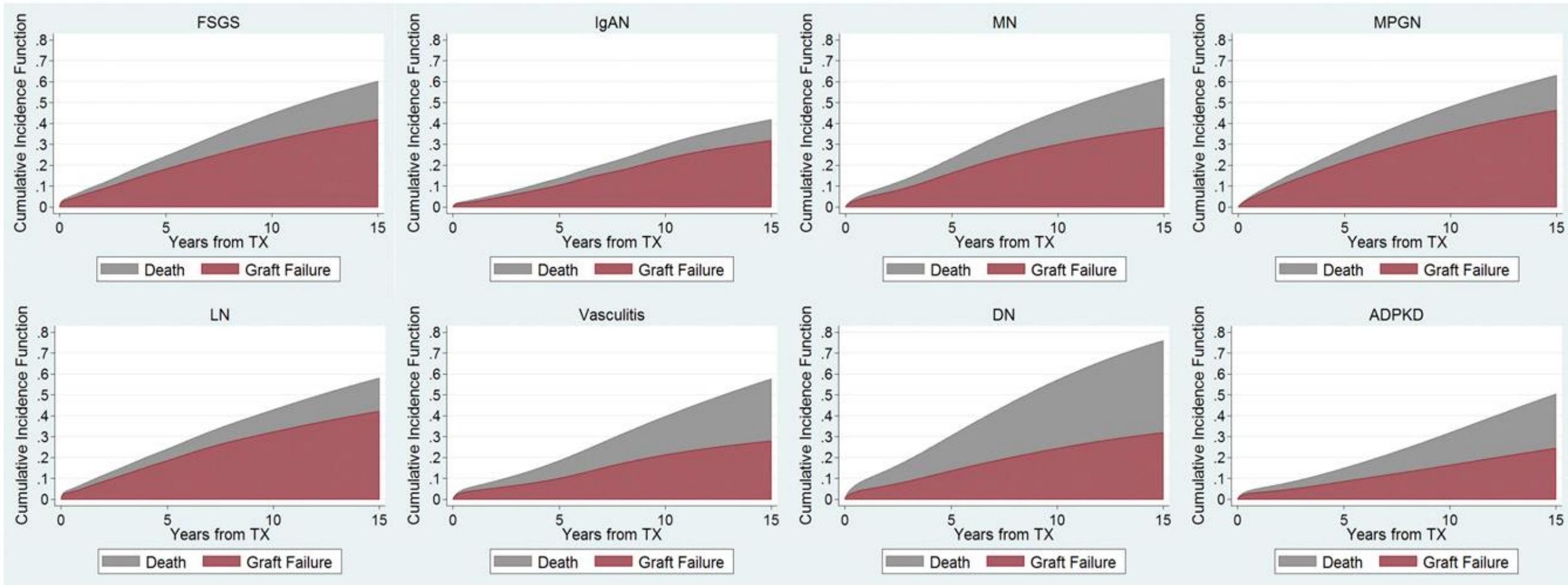
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# Kidney Transplantation Outcomes across GN Subtypes in the United States

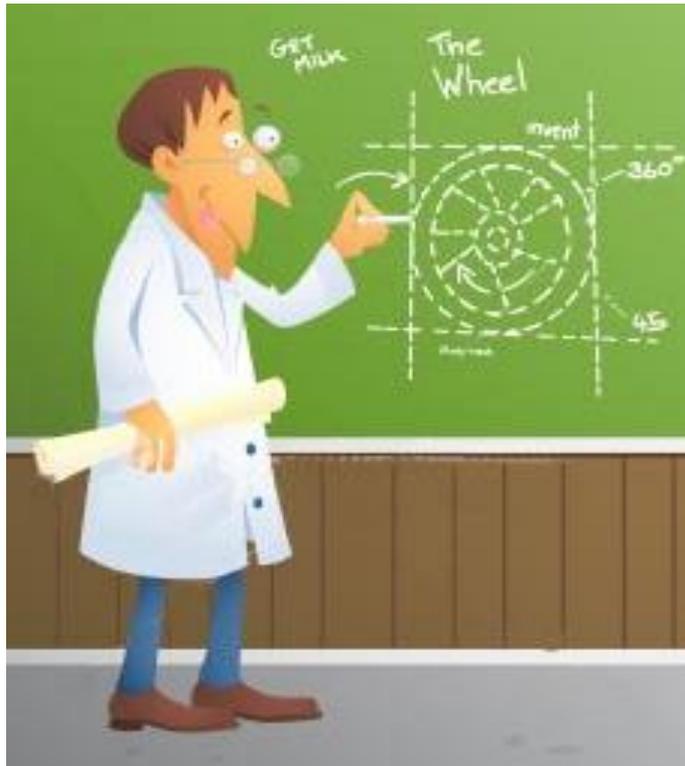


**Figure 1.** Assembly of the final study cohort of patients with ESRD due to GN, diabetic nephropathy, or autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD).

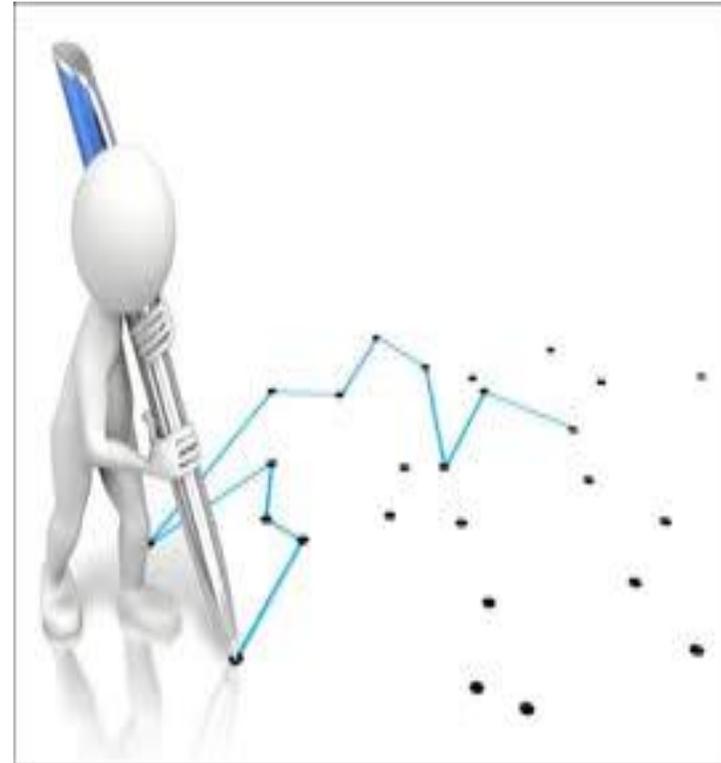
# Kidney Transplantation Outcomes across GN Subtypes in the United States



# THE GOAL IS



**NOT to Reinvent GN recurrence**



**BUT To Connect ALL The Dots**

# Single Center's Experience

- Johns Hopkins University: IgA, FSGS, MPGN, MN
- University of Alberta
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Columbia
- Wisconsin University

# IgA nephropathy--native

	Characterization	Clinical
IgA nephropathy	PATHOLOGY	CLINICAL FINDINGS
Native disease	<p>IgA deposits with no histological glomerular changes            IgA deposits with histological changes  <u>Light Microscopy:</u>            Global glomerulosclerosis (%)            Segmental glomerulosclerosis (%)            Hyalinosis            Podocyte changes            Glomerular capillary walls            Mesangial matrix expansion            Mesangial hypercellularity            Endocapillary proliferation            Crescents            Karyorrhexis/ segmental necrotizing lesions            Tubular injury            Tubulitis            Interstitial inflammation            % interstitial fibrosis            % Tubular atrophy            Arteriosclerosis (cv)            Arteriolar hyalinosis (ah)  <u>IF:</u>  <u>EM:</u>            presence of deposits and distribution,            Substructures            % of podocyte foot process effacement</p>	<p>Demographics            Age of onset            Renal manifestations at onset            Renal function eGFR            Hematuria            Proteinuria, UPCR at time of onset            Co-morbidities Diabetes, Hypertension at onset            Progression of the disease, time from onset to ESRD (eGFR, UPCR others)            Therapy for glomerulopathy</p>

# IgA nephropathy--transplant

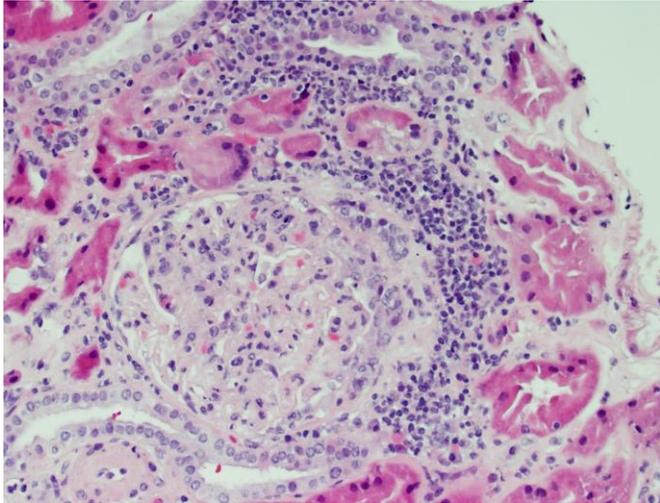
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# IgA nephropathy--Elements to be analyzed

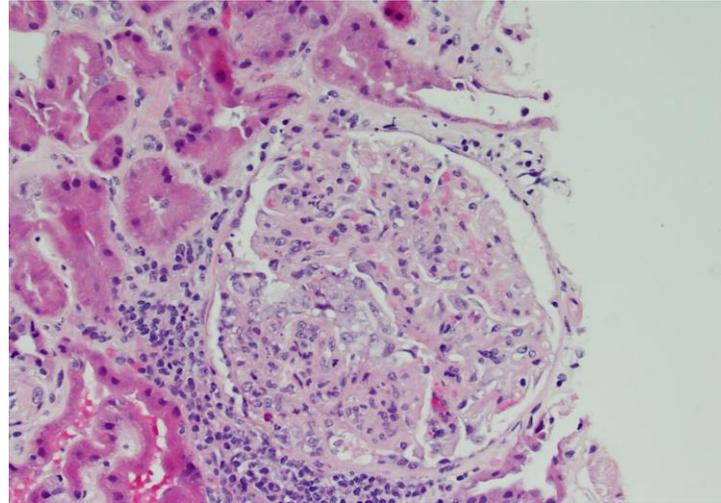
Frequency	Histological features at diagnosis	Time of onset post transplant
Predictors	Histological predictors	Clinical predictors: Demographics, Age, native dx, characteristics of the transplanted kidney (live/decease, HLA compatibility etc), eGFR, Hematuria, UPCR, therapy, episodes and types of rejection
Relation to native dx	Comparison with histological features in the native kidney	Demographics, Age, native dx, eGFR, Hematuria, UPCR, therapy, Progression of the native dx
Correlation with FSGS	FSGS associated with IgA; Podocyte injury	Effect on UPC: more if FSGS lesions
De Novo	IgA post transplant with no native IgA	Time/Lab changes

# IgA Nephropathy

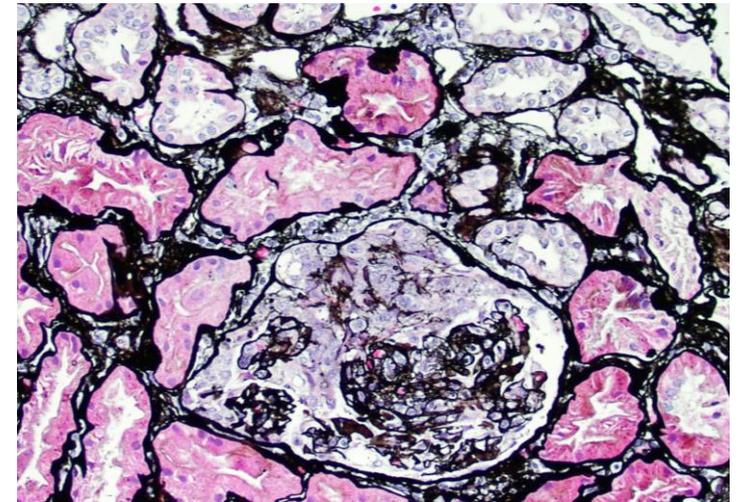
Focal proliferative with fibrocellular crescent



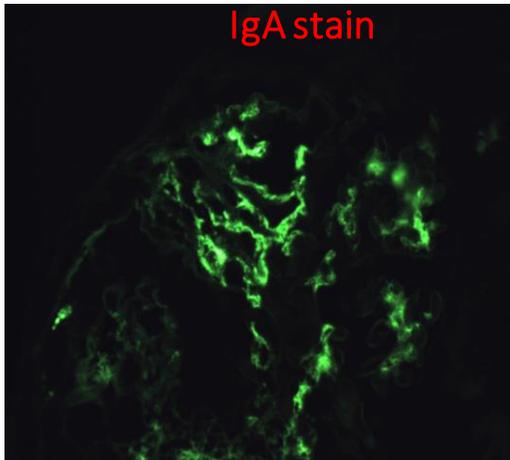
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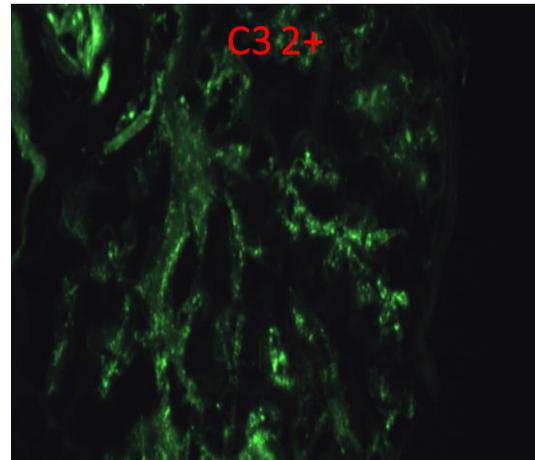
Crescent - silver stain



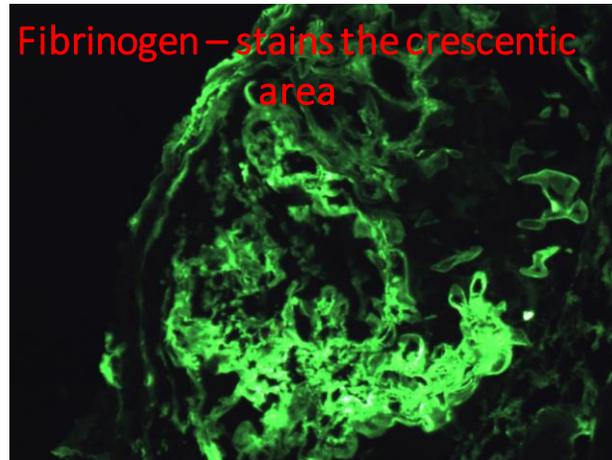
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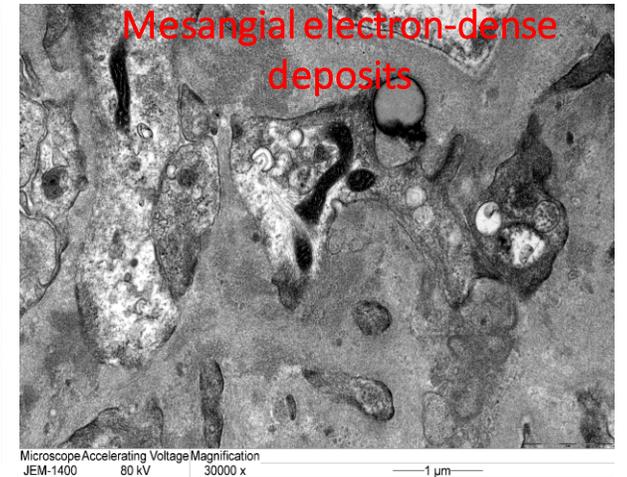
C3 2+



Fibrinogen – stains the crescentic area



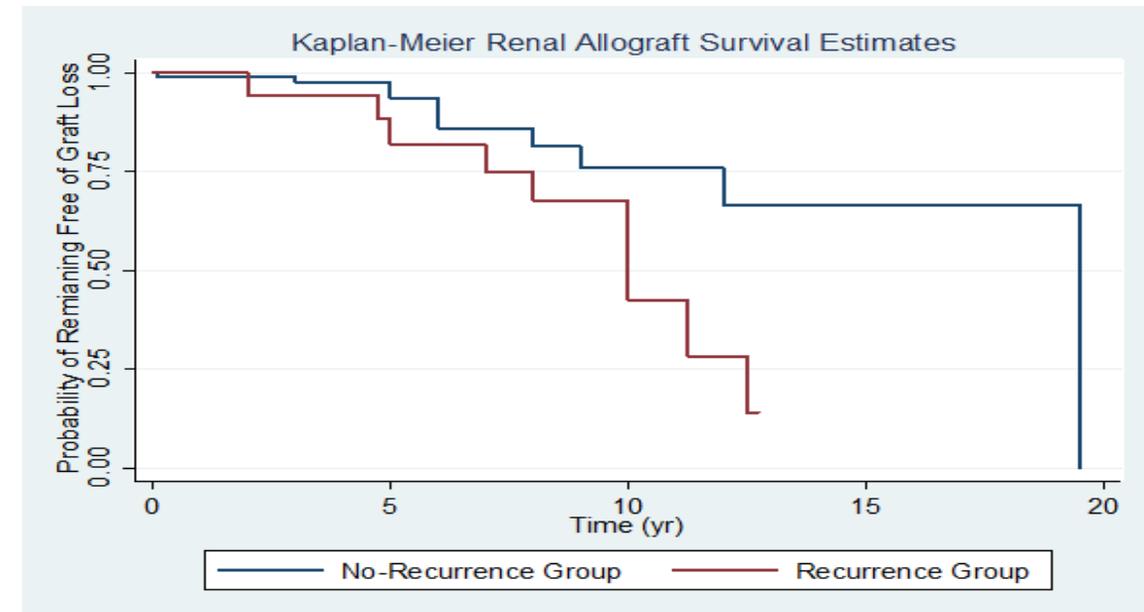
Mesangial electron-dense deposits



# IgA Nephropathy, n=105 pts, 122 allografts

Clinical characteristic	Recurrent group (n=22) Allografts (n=23)	Non-recurrent group (n=82) Allografts (n=99)	P value
Male (%)	18 (82)	48 (58)	0.07
Mean age at diagnosis, years ± SD	29.4 ± 10.4	35.4 ± 14.3	0.11
Time from diagnosis to ESRD	2.4 ± 3.3	5.0 ± 0.9	0.32
Time from ESRD to transplant	1.4 ± 1.4	1.7 ± 1.6	0.64
UPC at diagnosis, g/g ± SD	4.4 ± 0.07	4.1 ± 6.7	0.17
Serum albumin at diagnosis, g/dL	4.3 ± 0.4	4.1 ± 0.6	NS
Mean age at transplant, years	37.7 ± 2.3	44 ± 1.3	0.05
Preemptive transplant (%)	4 (17)	26 (26)	0.53
Deceased	5	40	0.11
Living related	12	31	0.07
Living unrelated	6	28	0.78
Age at recurrence, years ± SD	44.3 ± 11.7	-	
Time to recurrence, years ± SD	6.75 ± 5.5	-	
Therapy after transplant			
ACEI/ARB (%)	14 (61)	31 (31)	0.002
Steroids (%)	17 (74)	84 (85)	NS
Cyclophosphamide (%)	2 (9)	1 (1)	NS
Rejections (%)	7 (30)	17 (17)	0.049
recent serum creatinine, mg/dL	2.7 ± 2.1	1.4 ± 0.8	0.0001
Mean most recent UPC ratio, g/g	1.6 ± 1.9	0.3 ± 0.8	0.0004
Graft failure (%)	13 (57)	10 (10)	0.0001
Time to Graft Failure, years ± SD	6.5 ± 5.1	10.4 ± 7.5	<0.0001

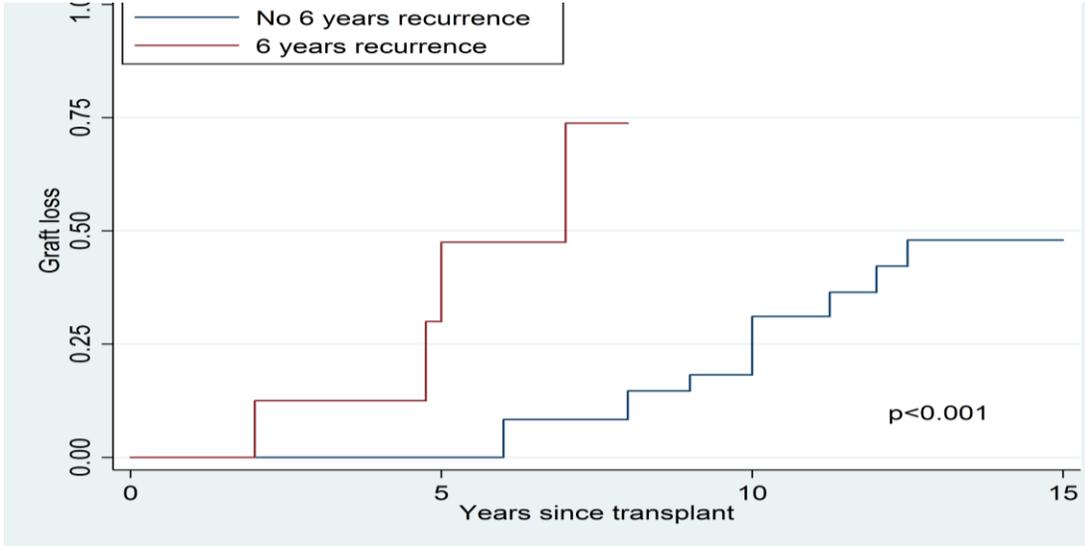
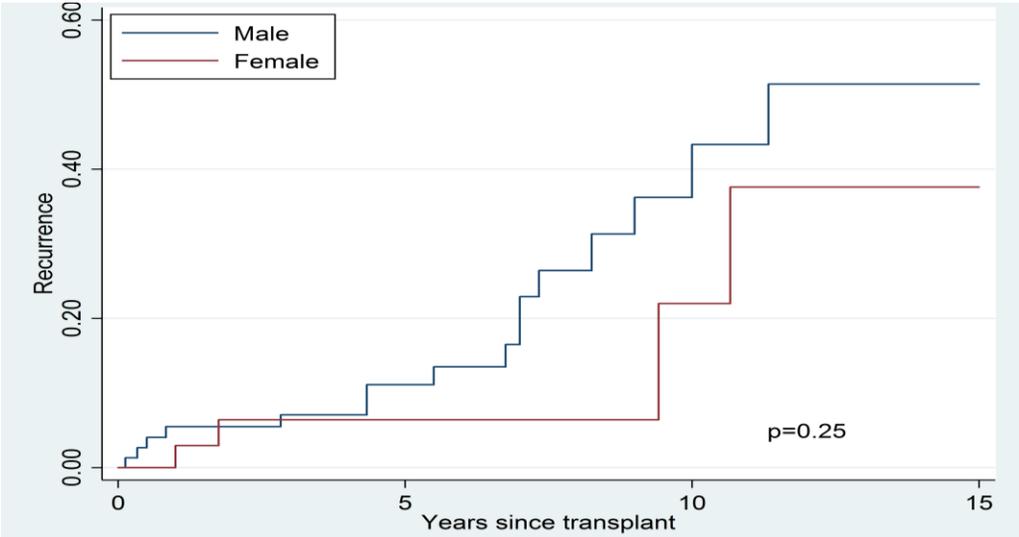
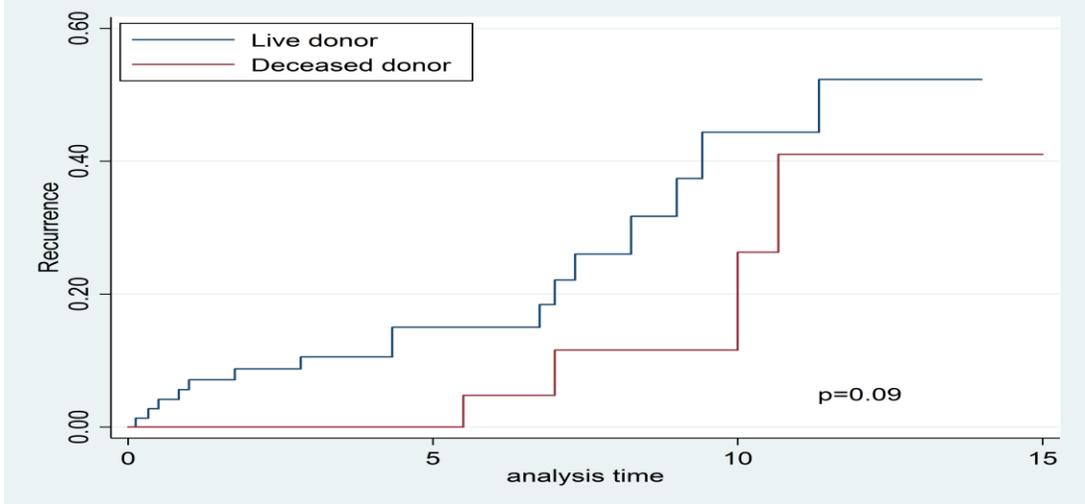
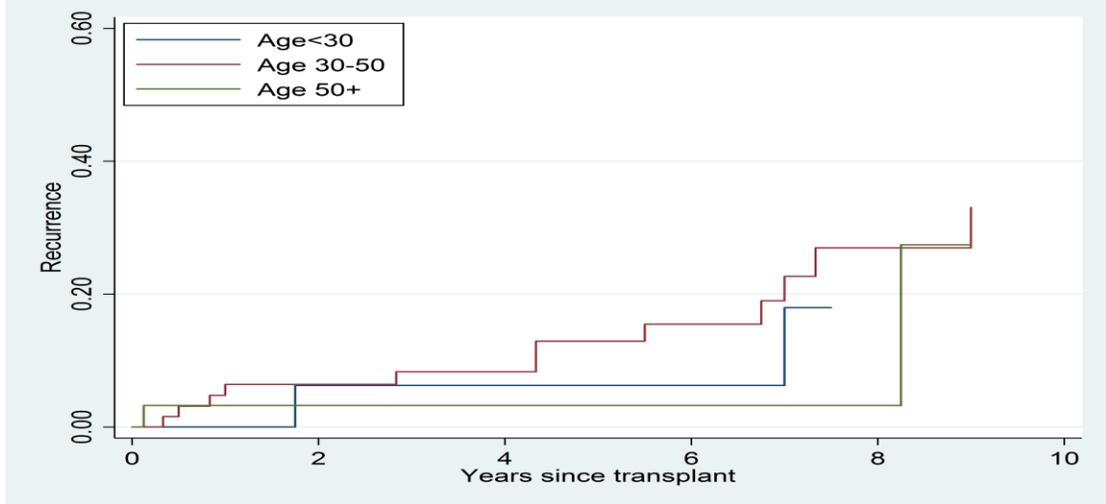
Parameters	Before recurrence	At recurrence	Most recent	p value
Mean RBC/ hpf ± SD	N/A	27 ± 50	3 ± 5	0.18
Mean UPC ratio, g/g ± SD	N/A	2 ± 2.2	1.6 ± 1.9	0.76
Mean serum creatinine, mg/dL ± SD	1.7 ± 0.8	2.9 ± 2.8	2.7 ± 2.1	0.06
Mean eGFR mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ± SD	49 ± 20.5	37 ± 22	32 ± 25	0.04



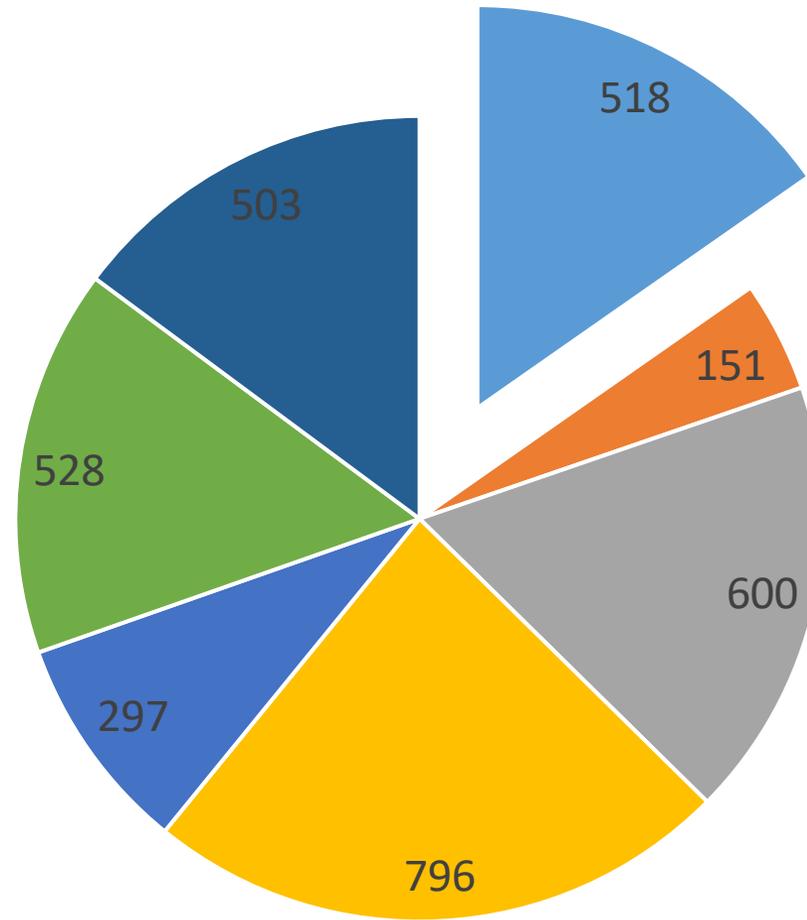
# **IgA Nephropathy, n=105 pts, 122 allografts**

- Graft loss was attributed to recurrent IgA nephropathy if the renal allograft biopsy at the time of clinical graft failure demonstrated diffuse mesangial proliferation and glomerular sclerosis due to IgA deposits

# RISK FACTORS OF RECURRENCE AND GRAFT SURVIVAL (n=62; with follow up of >6 years)

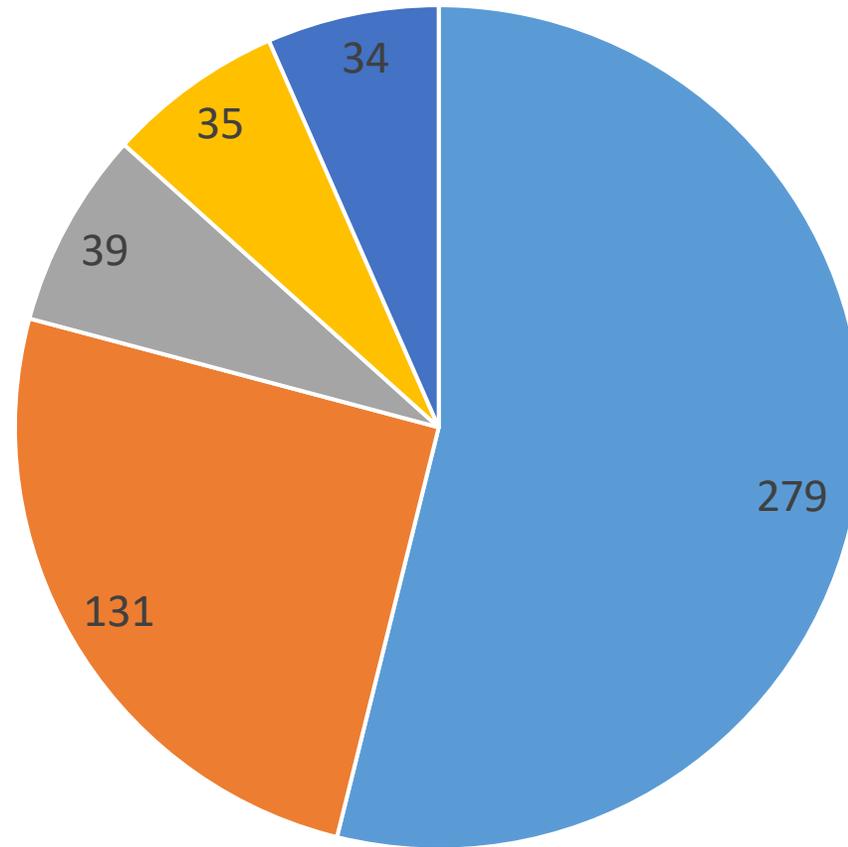


# Causes of ESRD in transplanted patients from Jan 2000 to Nov 2016 (Total Tx 3393)



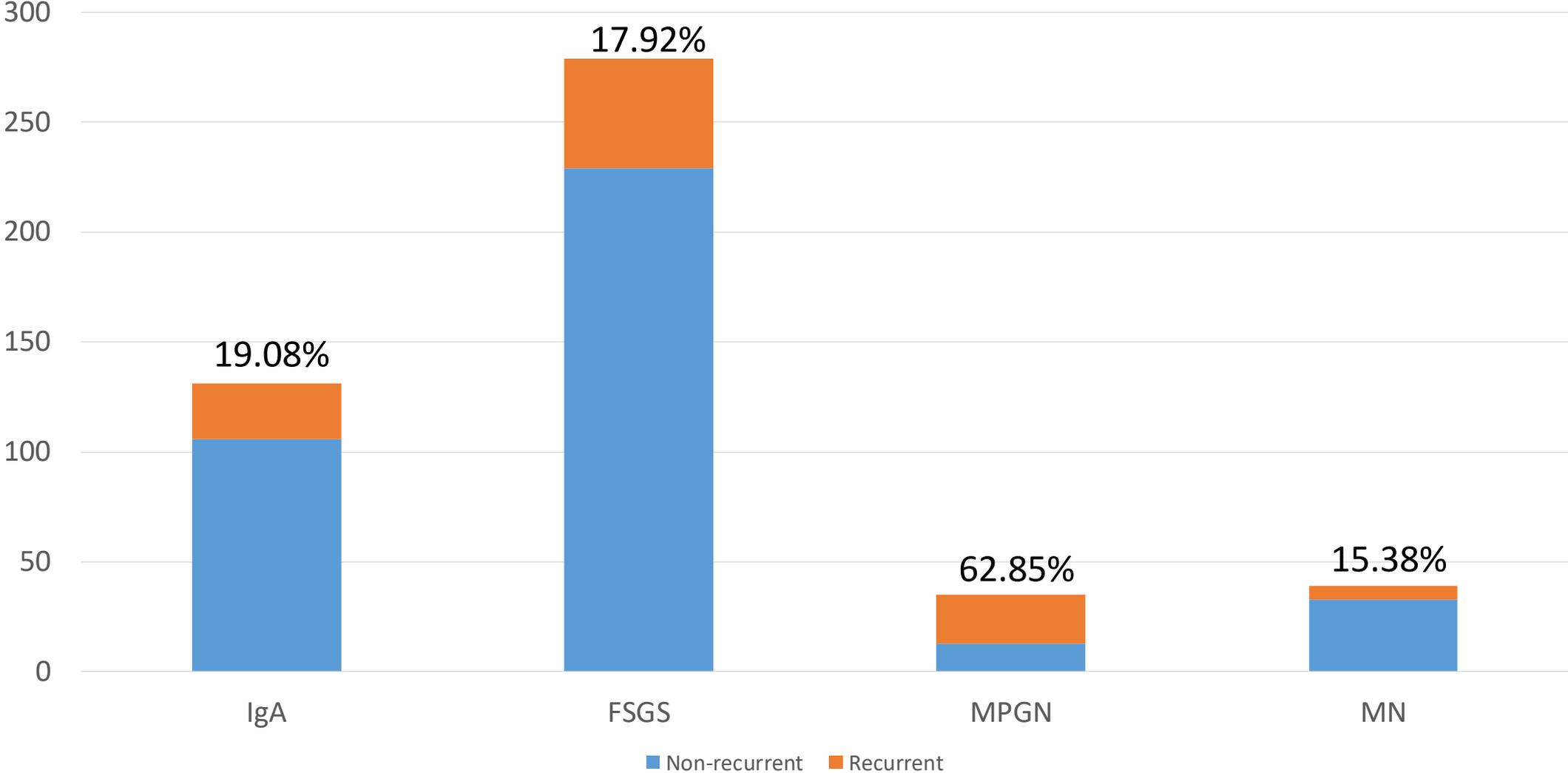
■ Primary GN ■ Renal involvement in systemic diseases ■ DM ■ HTN ■ ADPKD ■ OTHER ■ UNKNOWN

# Primary GN (Total 518)

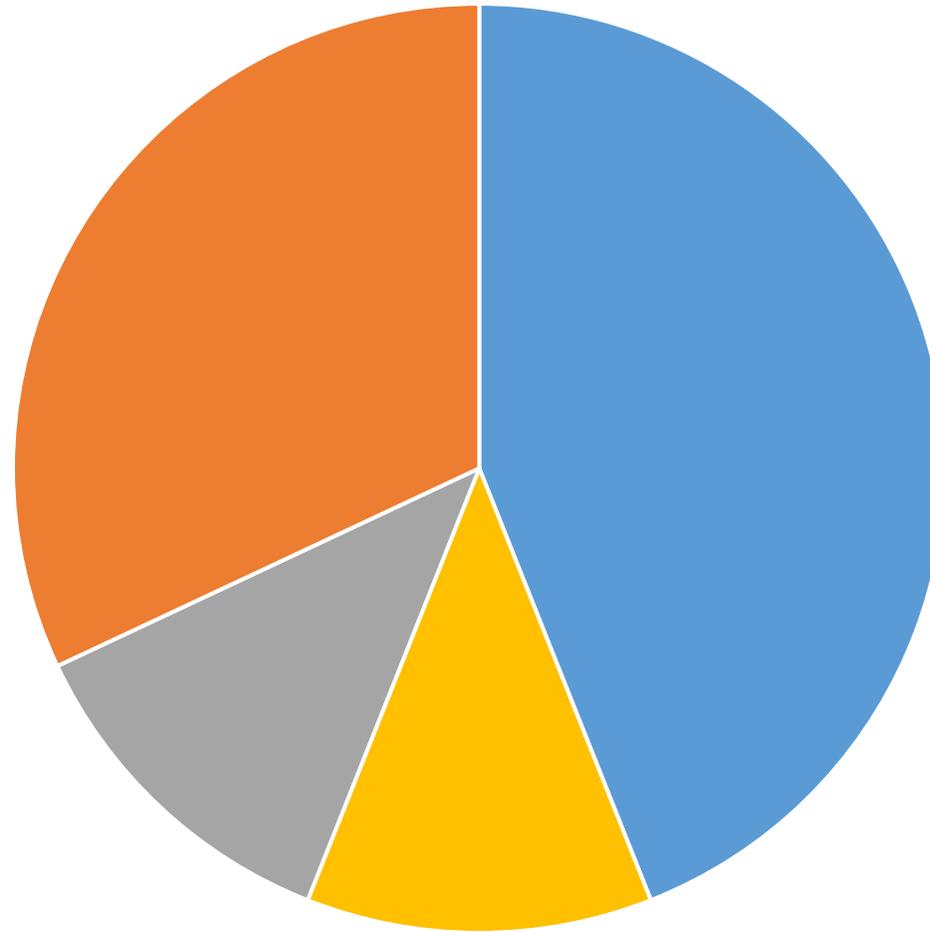


■ FSGS ■ IgAN ■ MN ■ MPGN ■ OTHER

# Recurrence 2000-2017

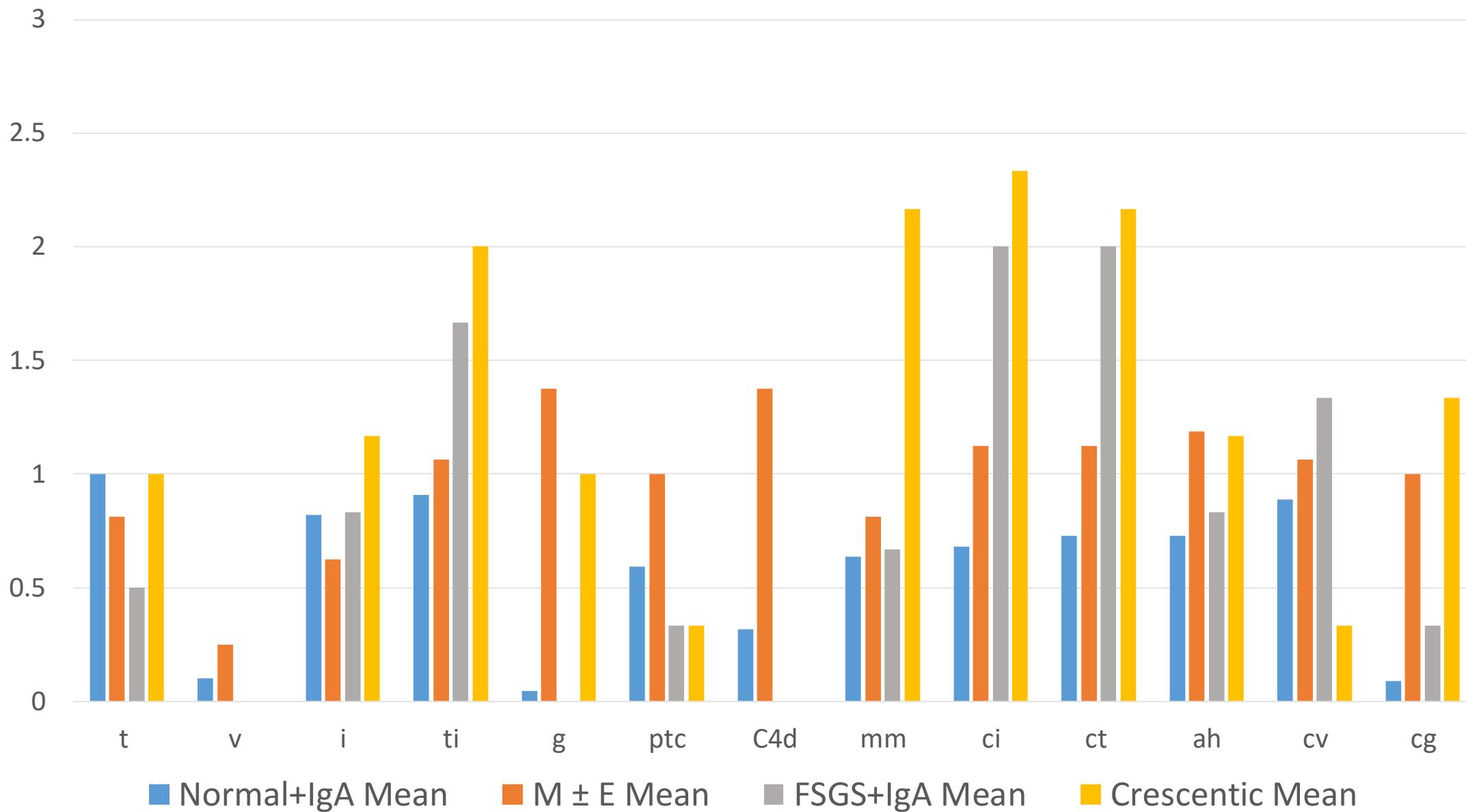


# Glomerular Changes IgA recurrence

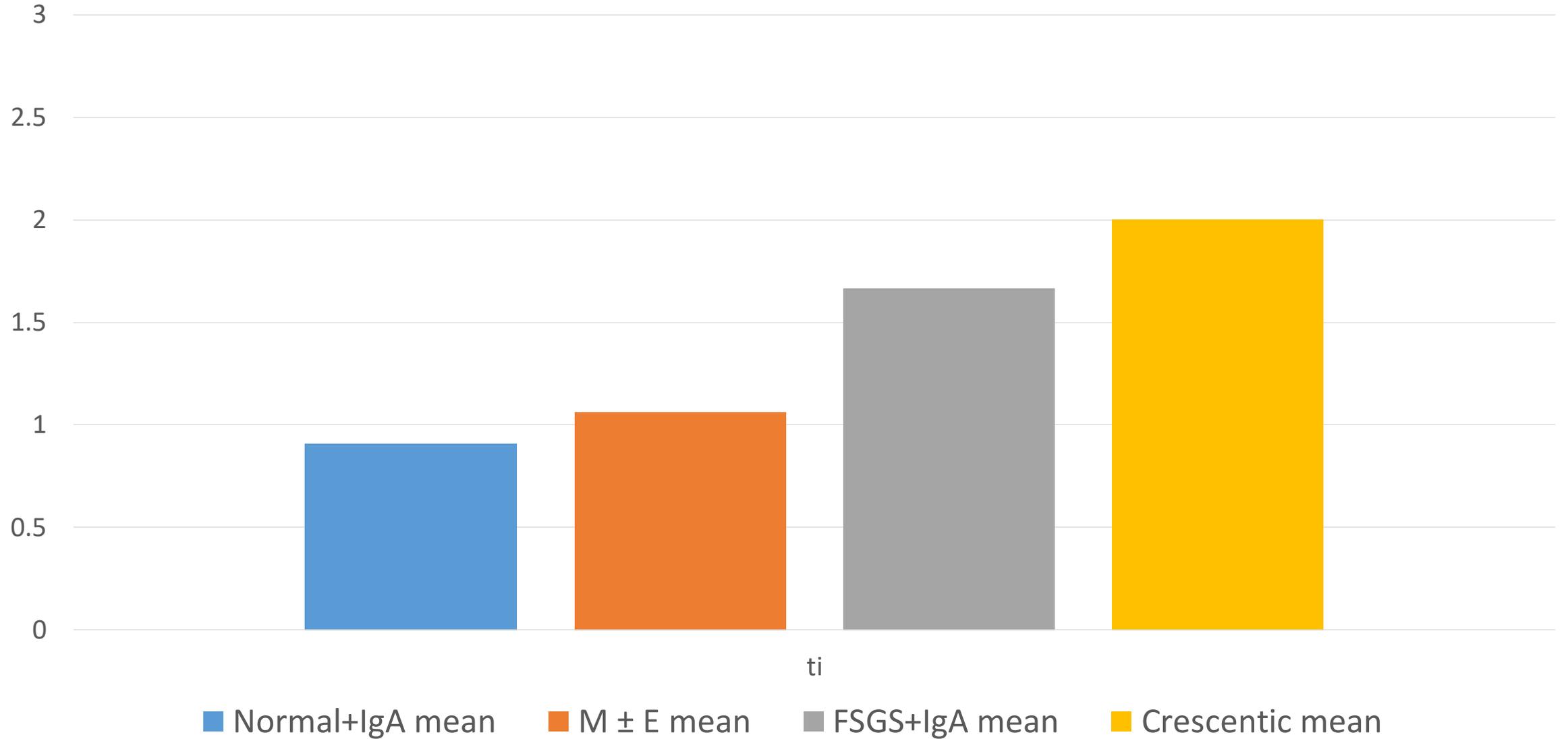


■ Normal+IgA   ■ Crescentic   ■ FSGS+IgA   ■ M ± E

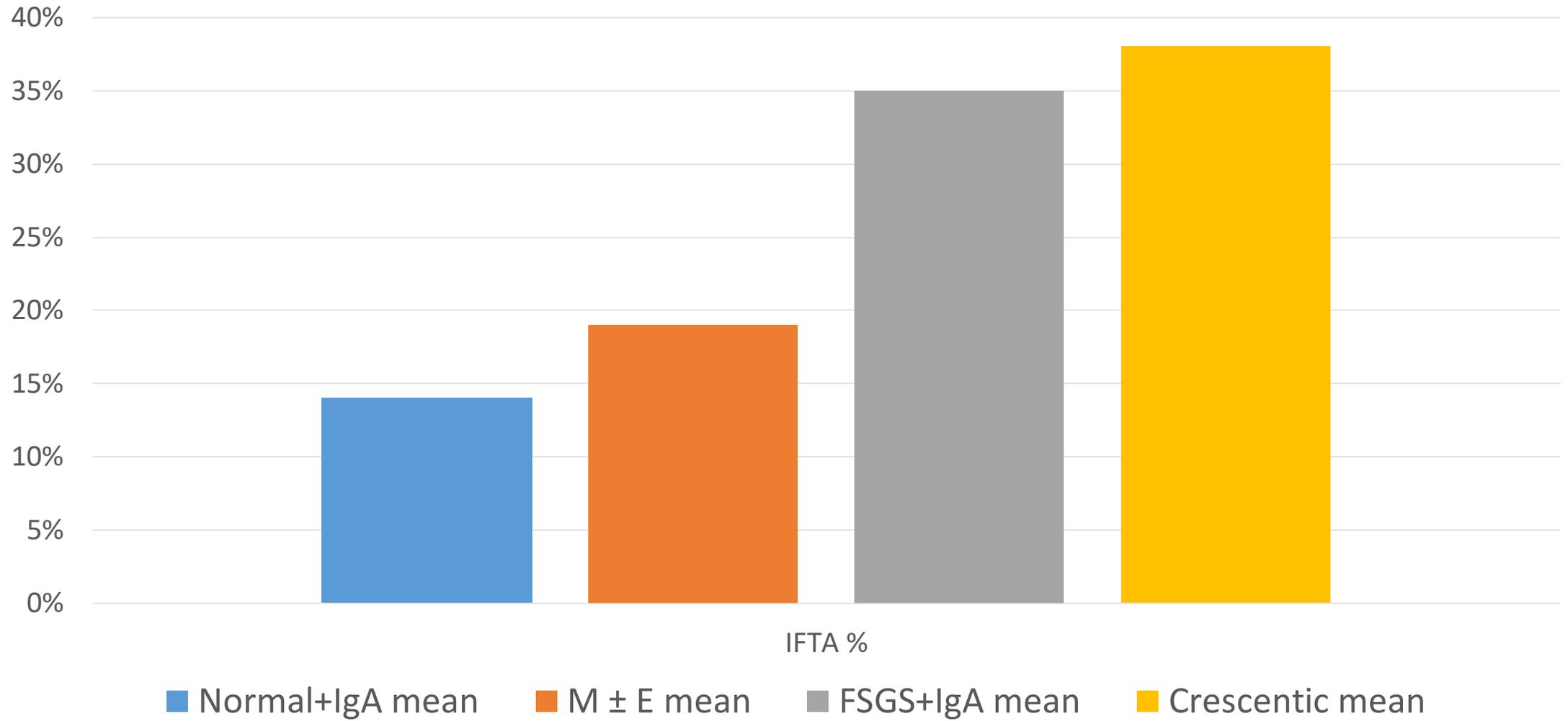
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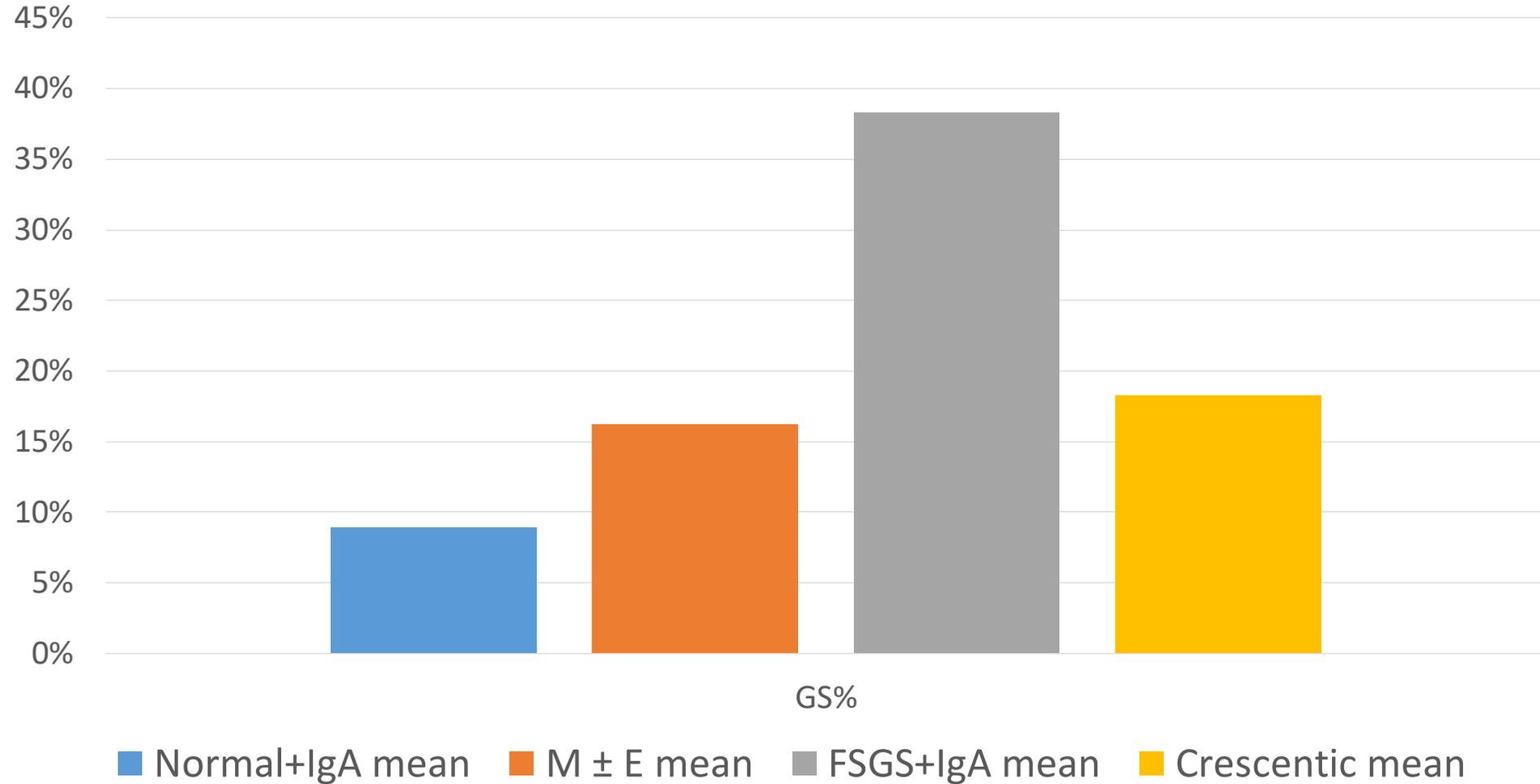
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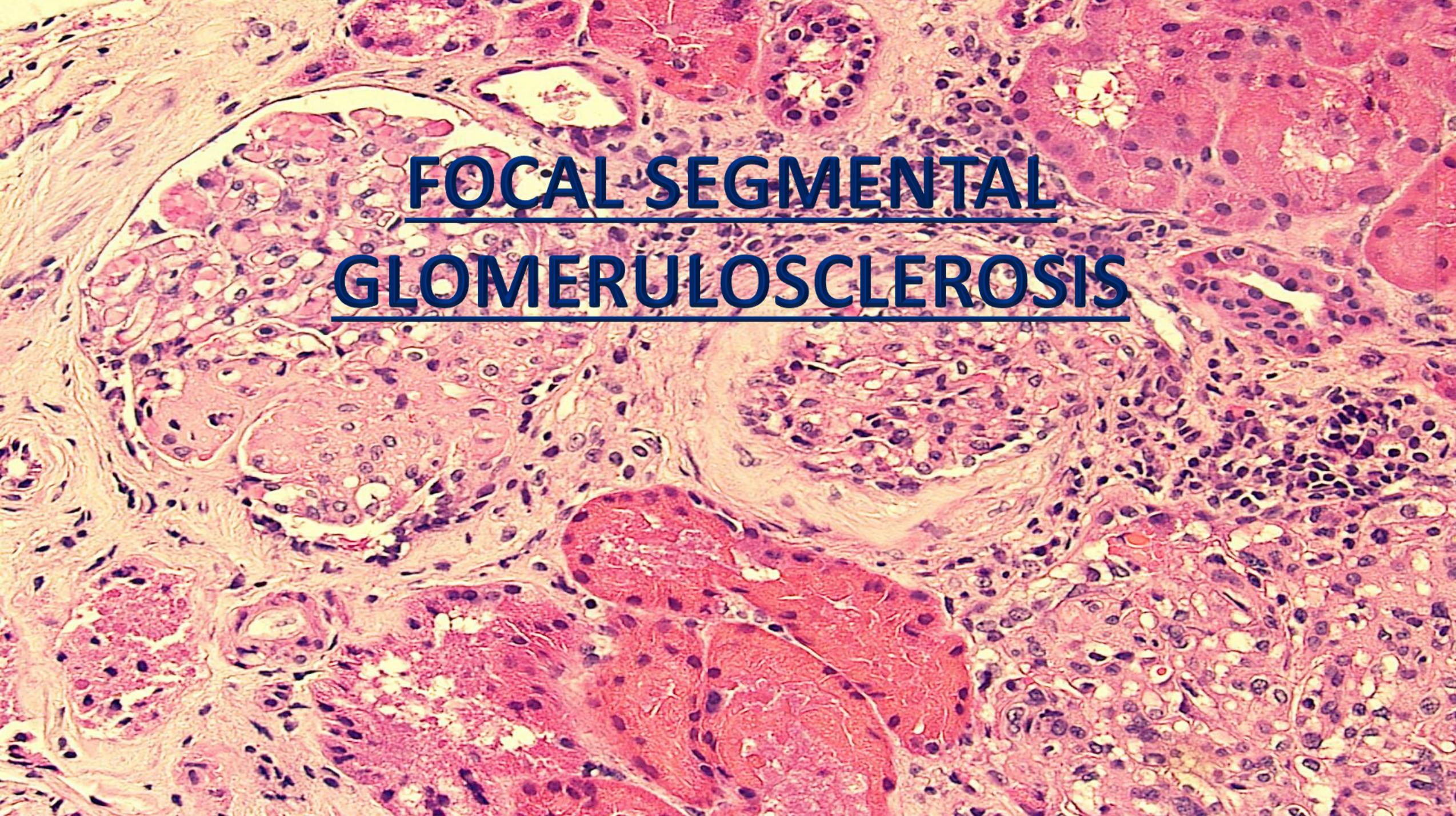


# Global Glomerulosclerosis (GS) %



## Time of recurrence post transplant





**FOCAL SEGMENTAL**  
**GLOMERULOSCLEROSIS**

# Early findings of FSGS

- Podocytes injury: focal detachment from the GBM
- Podocytes lose their adhesive phenotype in early FSGS, which may contribute to the detachment of podocytes from the GBM

# Retrospective Data, n=25

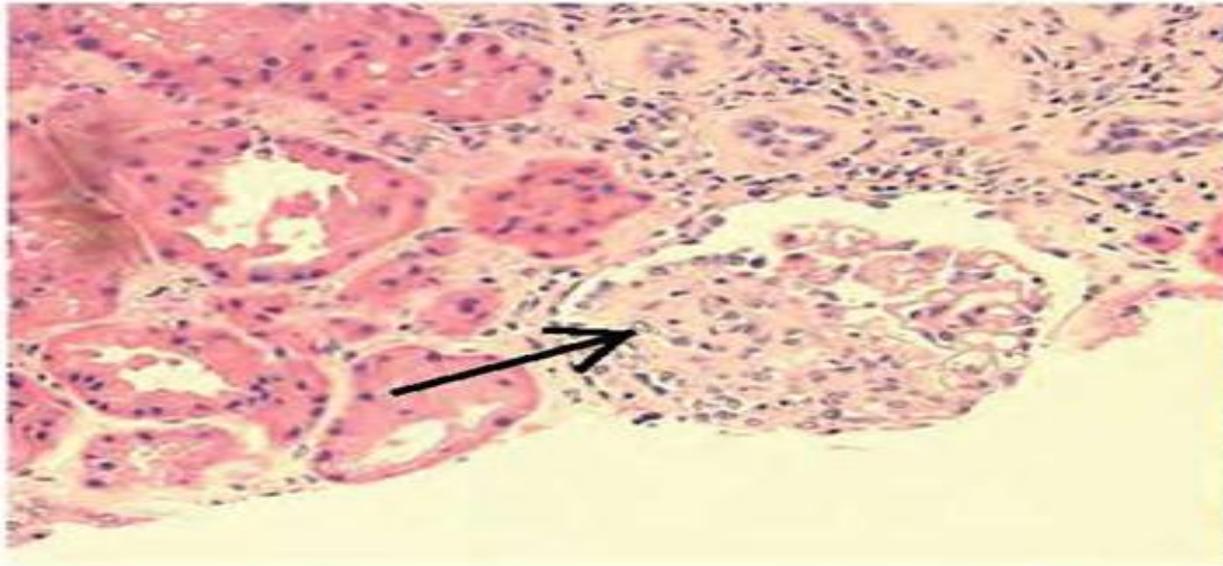
- 9 recurrent FSGS had histopathological data available on their primary FSGS:
  - 3 had collapsing, 2 tip, and 4 classic (NOS)
  - 4 had histopathological data also available at the time of recurrence: 3 had concordant FSGS variants, and 1 had primary classic FSGS, had recurrent collapsing FSGS post transplant

# Retrospective Data, n=25

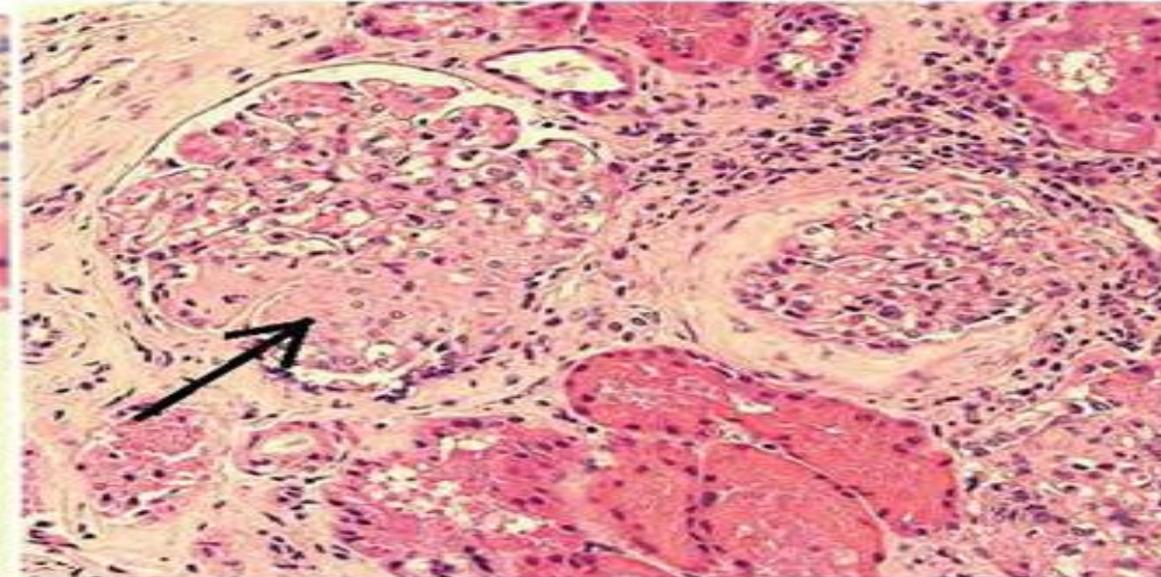
- 24 had bx at time of post-transplant FSGS diagnosis
- 6 had histopathological changes consistent with FSGS on light microscopy (two with classic FSGS, one with tip and collapsing variant, two with collapsing variant and one with perihilar variants)
- 18 did not have any FSGS changes on light microscopy
- Foot process effacement 13% - 100%

# Pathological Changes of post transplant FSGS

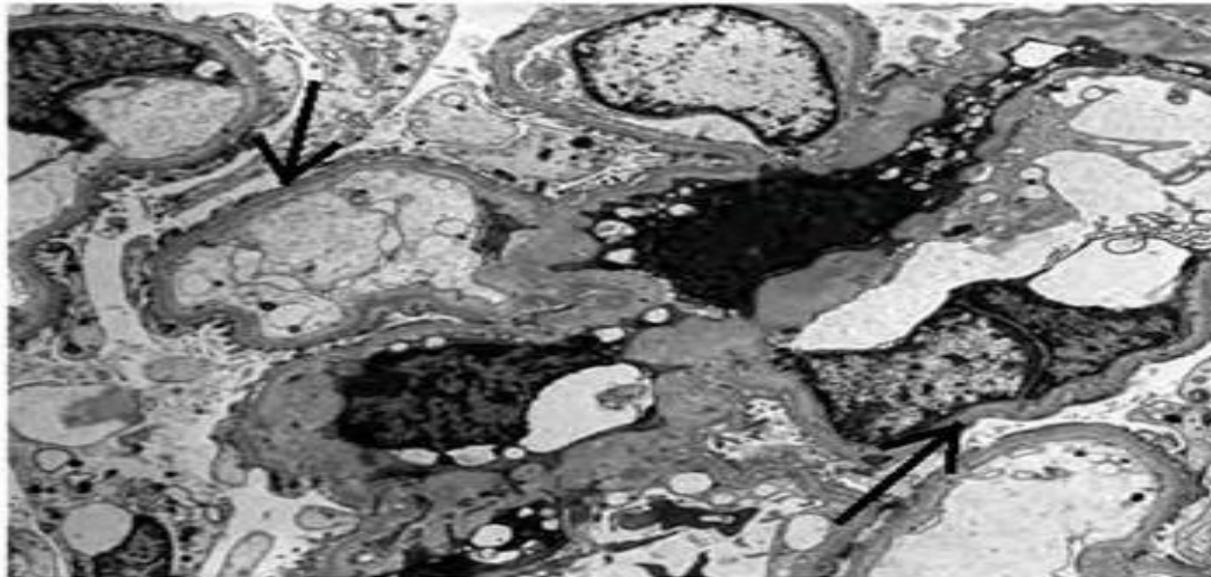
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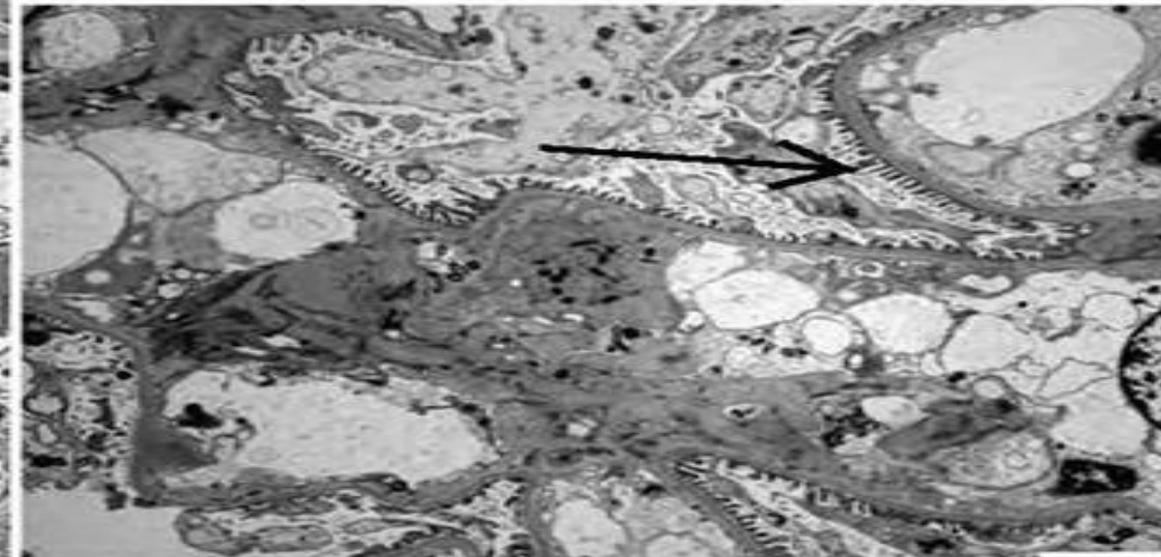
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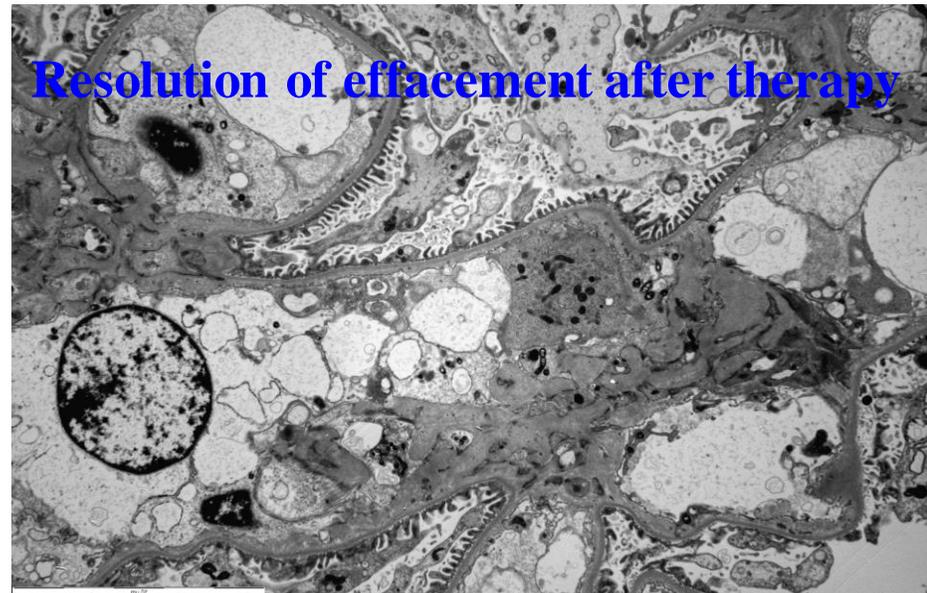
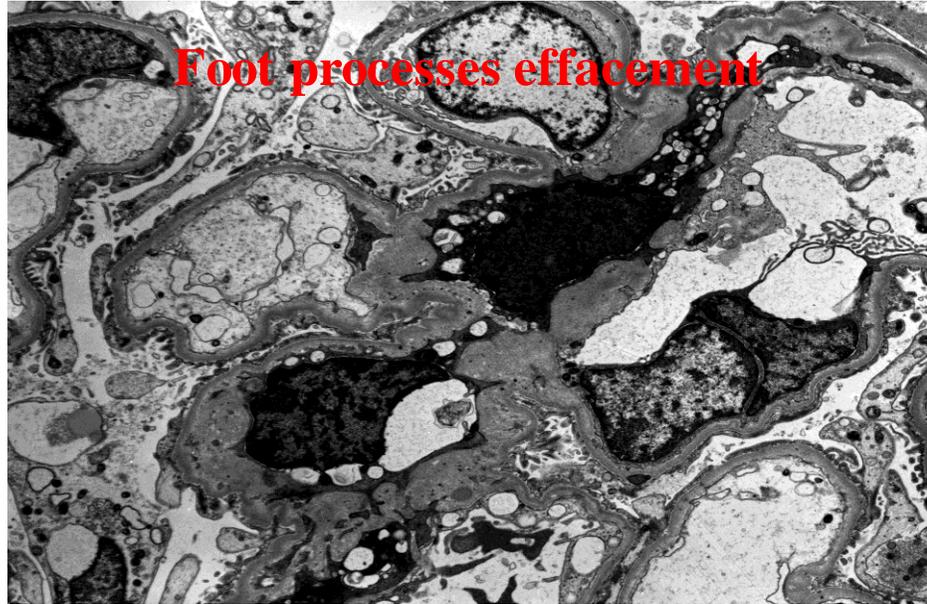
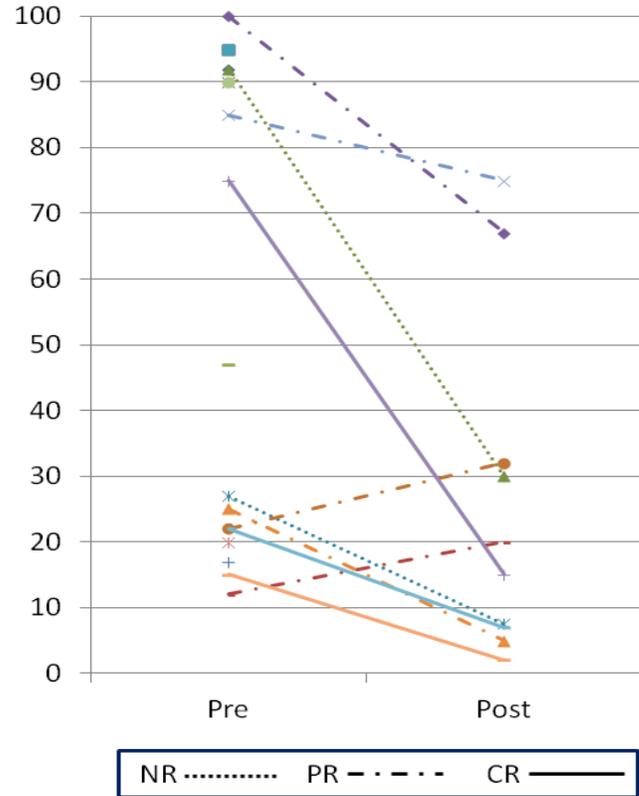


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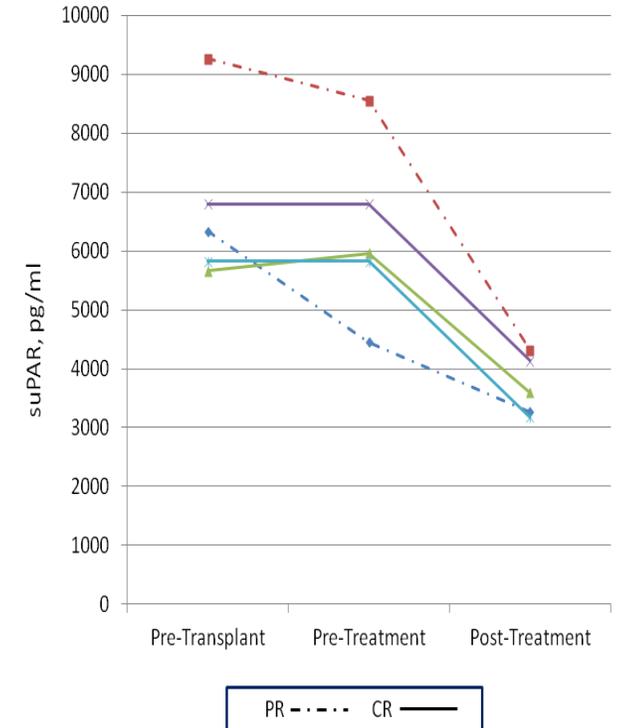


# Changes in podocyte effacement after therapy with PP+Rituximab

## Recovery of podocyte effacement after therapy



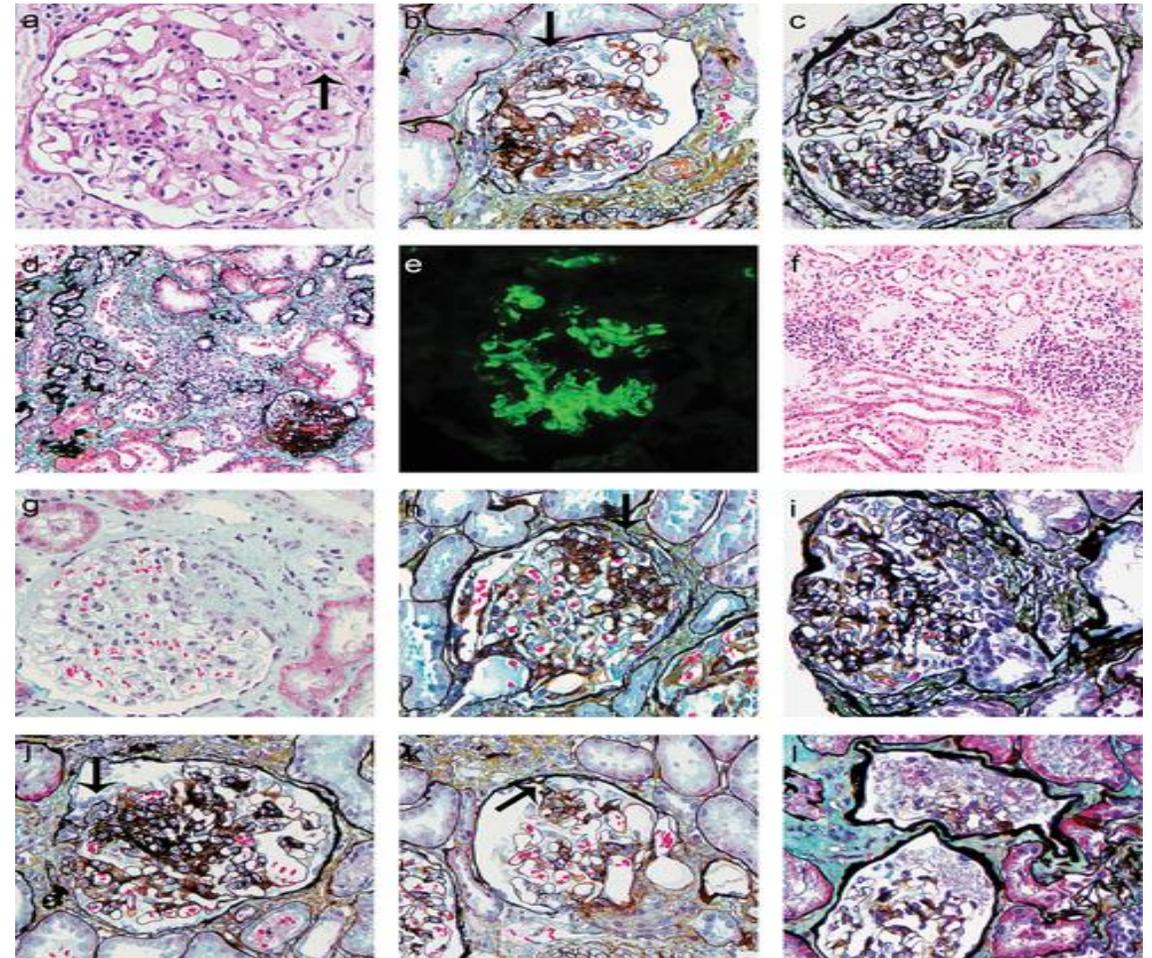
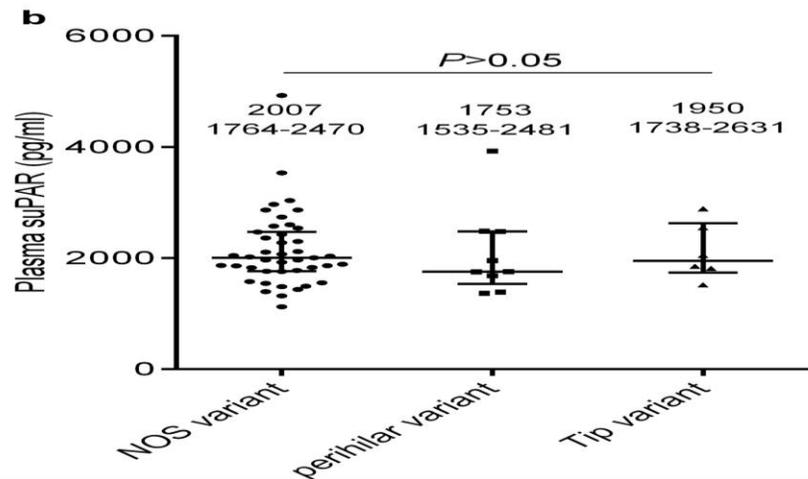
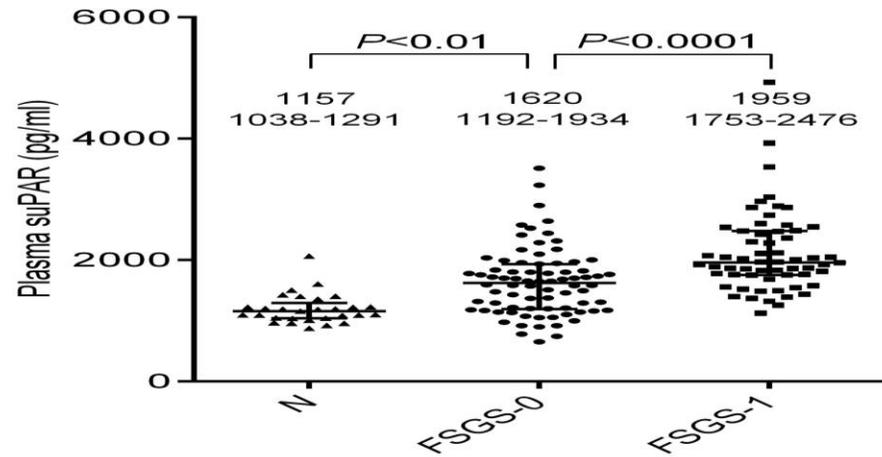
## Decrease suPAR level after therapy



**suPAR levels higher in severe ( $\geq 75\%$ ) vs mild ( $\leq 25\%$ ) podocyte effacement (13,030 vs. 4,806 pg/ml;  $P=0.03$ )**

# Plasma suPAR correlations with FSGS lesions in IgA

FSGS lesions in IgA nephropathy



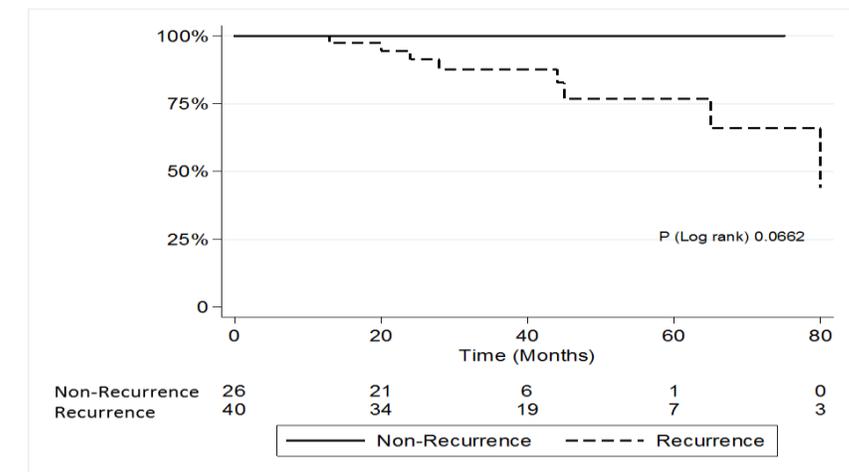
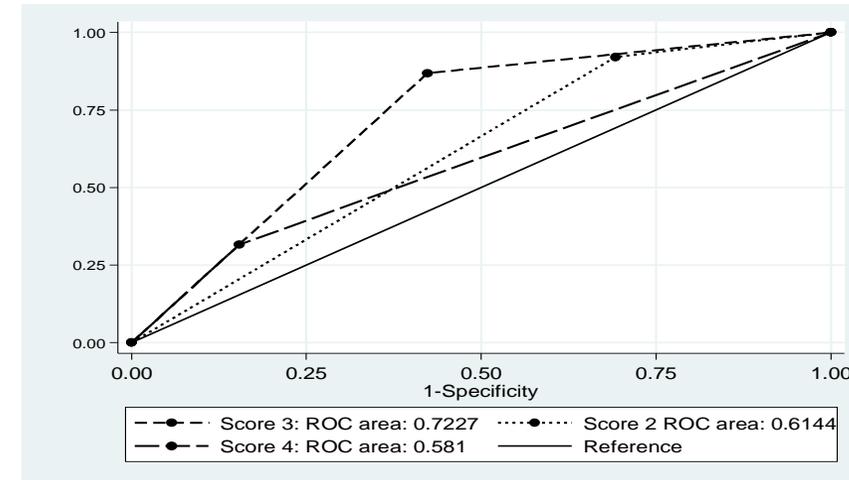
# rFSGS prospective data, n=66

- Serum samples, clinical data and biopsy results
- Recurrence: 38 patients (59%), 2 de novo
- Median time to recurrence 1.25 mos (1 day- 30 mos)
- Mean UPC at recurrence: 5.81 g/g (2.1-17 g/g)

# OUR OUTCOME

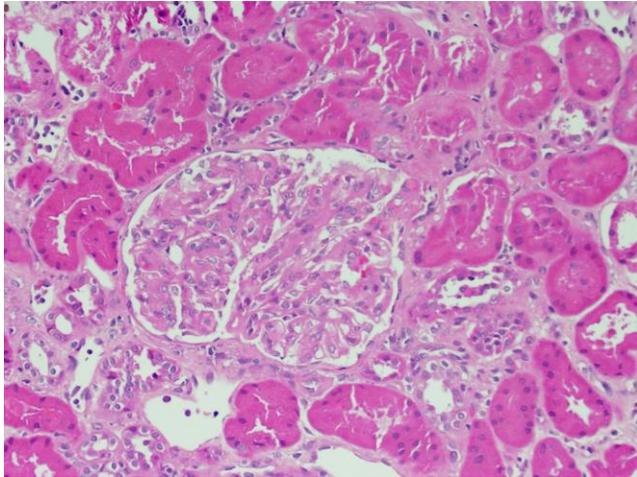
Table 3. Predictive values of clinical variables			
Variable	Hazard Ratio	CI*	P value
White race	1.15	(0.4- 3.26)	0.787
Female gender	0.76	(0.27-2.08)	0.579
Age at diagnosis	0.99	(0.96- 1.02)	0.793
Time to ESRD <sup>1</sup>	1.04	(0.97-1.12)	0.201
Dialysis duration	1.01	(0.85-1.19)	0.883
Previous recurrence	0.92	(0.19-2.05)	0.107
Source of transplant (Living related)	0.88	(0.28-2.77)	0.83
Use of Rituximab	0.733	(0.29-1.26)	0.163
Use of Rituximab and TPE <sup>§</sup>	0.632	(0.18-1.15)	0.225
DGF <sup>¶</sup> (In deceased donor)	1.42	(0.27-7.51)	0.67
Clinical score 3 and above	1.445	(1.16- 1.72)	0.009

CI: Confidence Interval; <sup>1</sup>ESRD: end stage renal disease; <sup>§</sup>TPE: therapeutic plasma exchange; <sup>¶</sup>DGF: delayed graft function

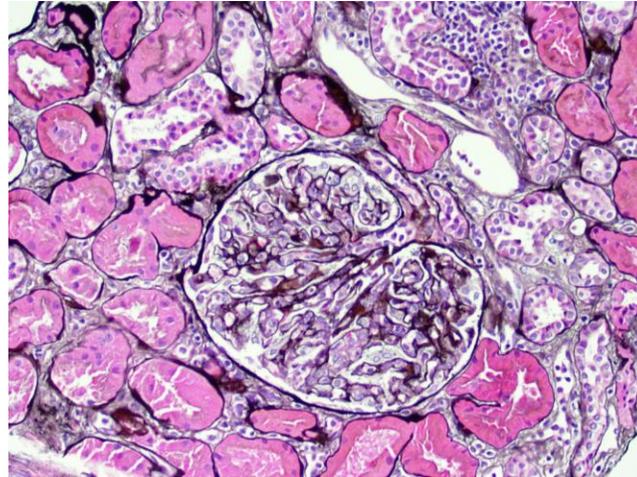


# MPGN

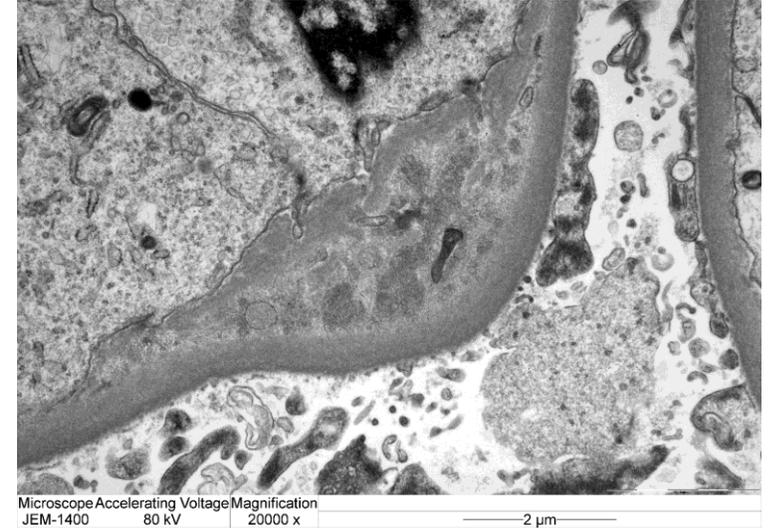
Segmental thickening +  
endocapillary proliferation with  
lobulated appearance



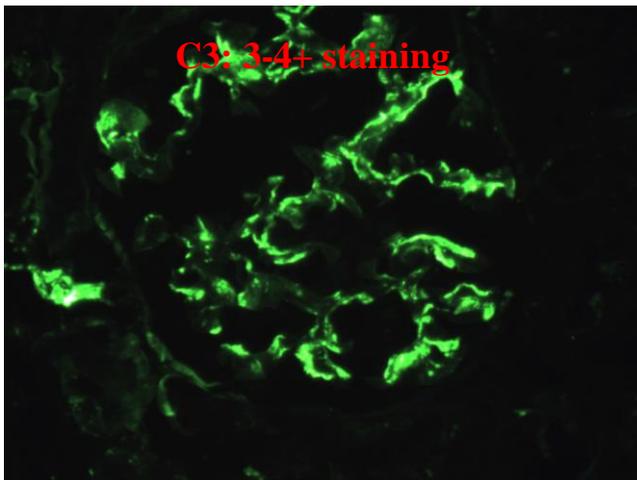
Double contours



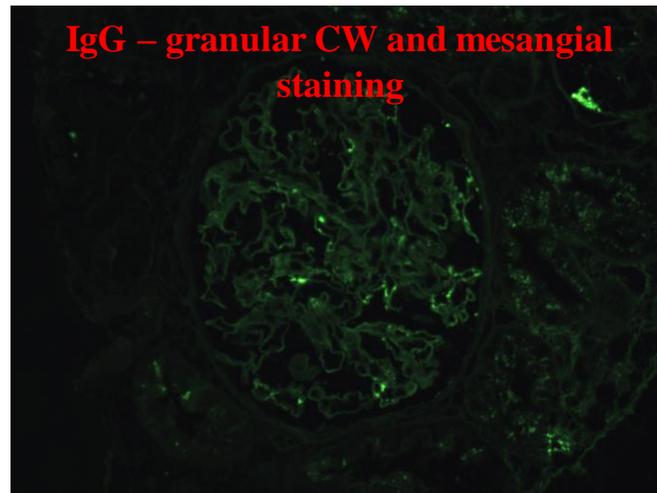
Duplication of GBM with immune-  
complex deposits in between



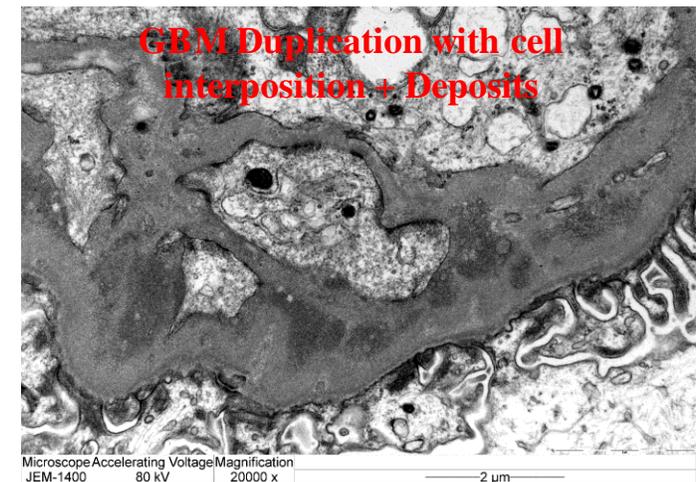
C3: 3-4+ staining



IgG – granular CW and mesangial  
staining



GBM Duplication with cell  
interposition + Deposits



# MPGN

n=34, recurrent n=18

Variable	Transplants (n=40)
Median age at transplantation- yr (range)	37.4 (15-59)
Gender (Male)	20 (50%)
Race: Caucasian African American Other	28 (70%) 7 (17%) 5 (13%)
MPGN type (Old classification*): Type I Type II Type III Mixed	65% 9% 21% 5%
MPGN type (New classification†): I CGN CGN	88% 12%
Donor source: Deceased Living unrelated Living related	10 (25%) 15 (37%) 15 (37%)
Number of mismatches 0 1 2 3 4 5 6	1 (2%) 3 (7%) 5 (12%) 10 (25%) 7 (17%) 7 (17%) 6 (15%)
Preemptive kidney transplant	4 (10%)
Median cumulative ESRD duration for non-preemptive- yr (range)	5.2 (0.2-20)

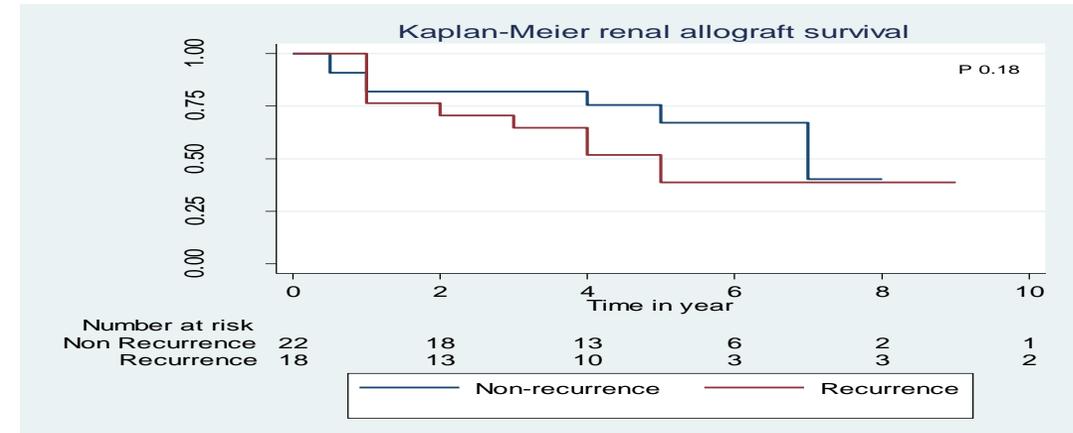
Independent variable	Hazard Ratio (CI)	P-value
Age at transplantation	1.019 (0.937-1.018)	0.65
Gender (Male)	1.00 (0.118-8.420)	1
Race (Caucasian)	1.5 (0.120-18.411)	0.1
Allograft source (Living related)	10.19 (0.866-12.96)	0.045
Duration of dialysis	0.951 (0.775-1.167)	0.612
Preemptive transplantation	6.322 (1.455-12.411)	0.018
Previous failed transplantation	0.833 (0.098-7.026)	0.86
DGF (In deceased donor)	1.21 (0.158-9.508)	0.83
Development of rejection	3.148 (0.854-9.546)	0.25
Use of ACEi/ARB	1.312 (0.587-5.847)	0.658
Low complement level	5.522 (1.632-18.679)	0.006
Evidence of monoclonal gammopathy	5.606 (1.522-20.642)	0.010

# MPGN, n=34

Reason for graft loss	Frequency
<b>MPGN recurrence</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Antibody-Medicated Rejection</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cell-Medicated rejection</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>MPGN recurrence &amp; rejection*</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>ATN</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bleeding</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Thrombosis</b>	<b>1</b>

Treatment	Number of allografts	Response to therapy*
<b>High dose steroids</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Rituximab ± plasmapheresis</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Plasmapheresis</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Eculizumab</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>No change in therapy</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

Recurrence type at time of diagnosis (new classification)	Number of cases	Recurrence type at time of diagnosis (old classification)
<b>ICGN</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Type I: 14, Type III:1</b>
<b>CGN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Type I: 1, Type II: 1</b>
<b>ICGN-IgA dominant</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Type I</b>



# Other centers' experience

- **University of Alberta (Dr. Wen):**

- **182** cases of IgA (1st transplants only, living donor and deceased donors) with 50 cases of recurrence, recurrence rate **27%**
- All of these were biopsy proven native IgA nephropathy; able to find the native biopsy reports and/or pathology samples
- Should be able to access the pathology for the **50** recurrence cases

- **Virginia Commonwealth University (Dr. Gupta):**

1. FSGS **157**
2. Membranous glomerulonephritis **29**/nephropathy **18** (**Total 47**)
3. IgA nephropathy **59**

# Other centers' experience

- **Colombia University (Dr. Batal):**
  - 3 years: 2006-2008
    - IgAN found in 538 native biopsies; of these **22** had transplant: at Columbia (n=19) or other hospitals (n=3), of these 22 , **6** show recurrent IgAN in allograft
  - Expect to have ~**100** cases in Columbia from 2000-now; ~**70** from 2005-2016.
- **Wisconsin University (Dr. Mohamed):**
  - Native kidney diagnosis and already transplanted
  - IgA nephropathy diagnosis: n=**306** (2000 to present)
  - Glomerulonephritis diagnosis: n=**341** (2000 to present)

# SUMMARY

- Limited data on GN pathology: single center's findings
- Recurrent GN is missing from Banff
- Unifying characterization of recurrent GN and de novo GN is crucial
- Identify early findings for therapies/response to therapies
- Histological prediction and correlation of clinical manifestation and outcome
- Understanding other glomerulopathies
- This work will potentially lead to guidelines for clinical practice

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