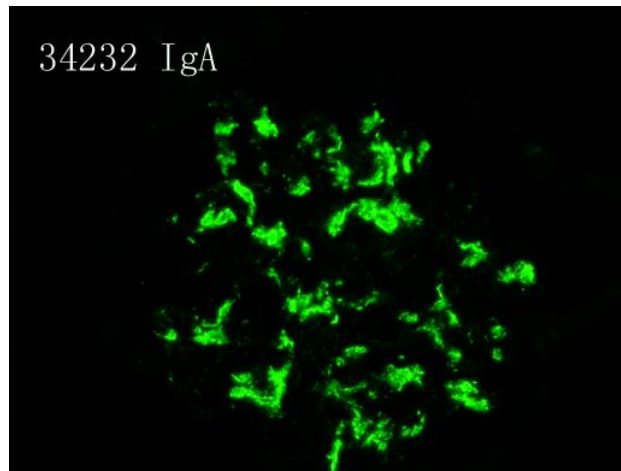


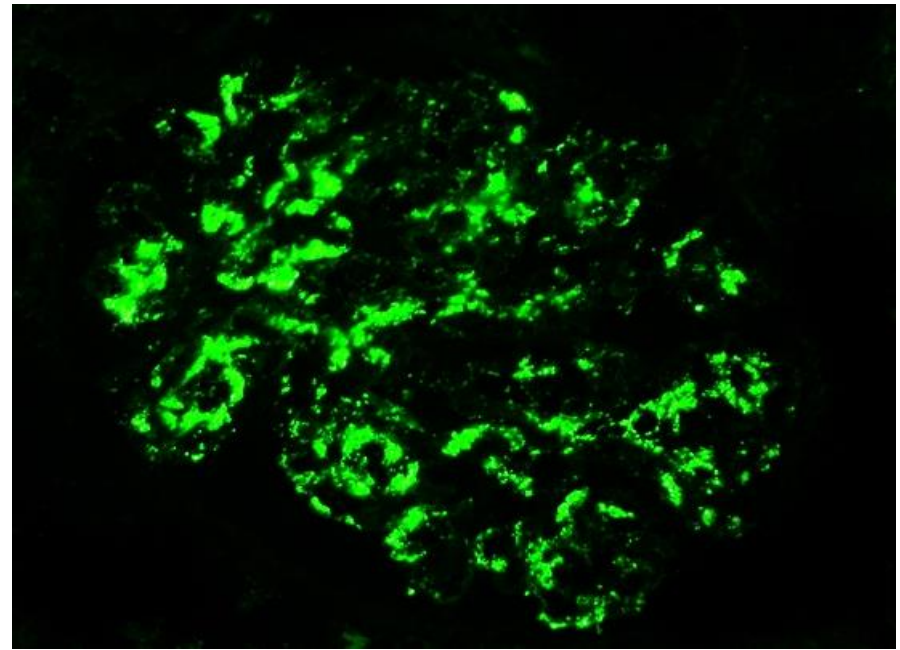
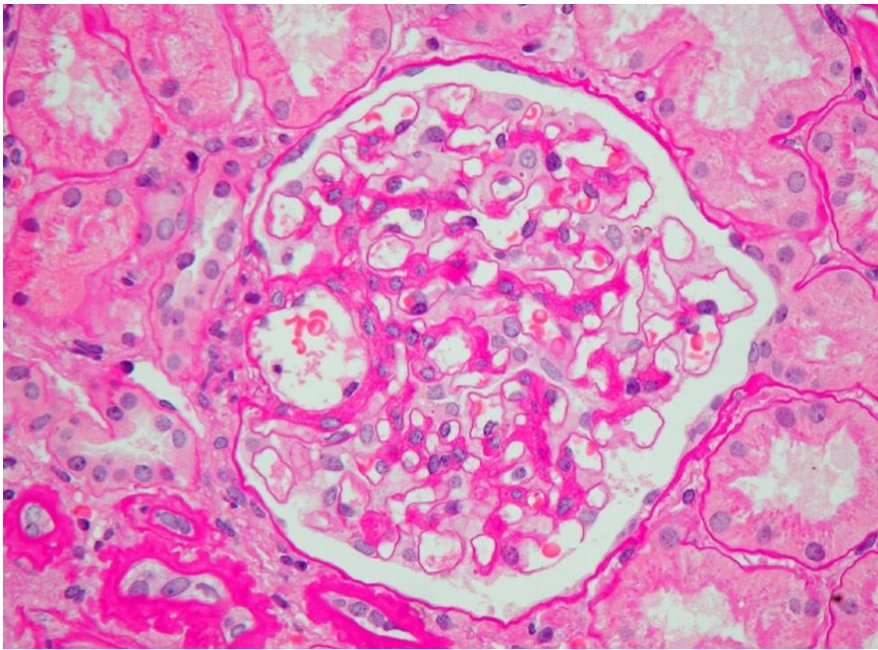
IgA Nephropathy – Prognostic Considerations & Nanjing Jinling Hospital Studies

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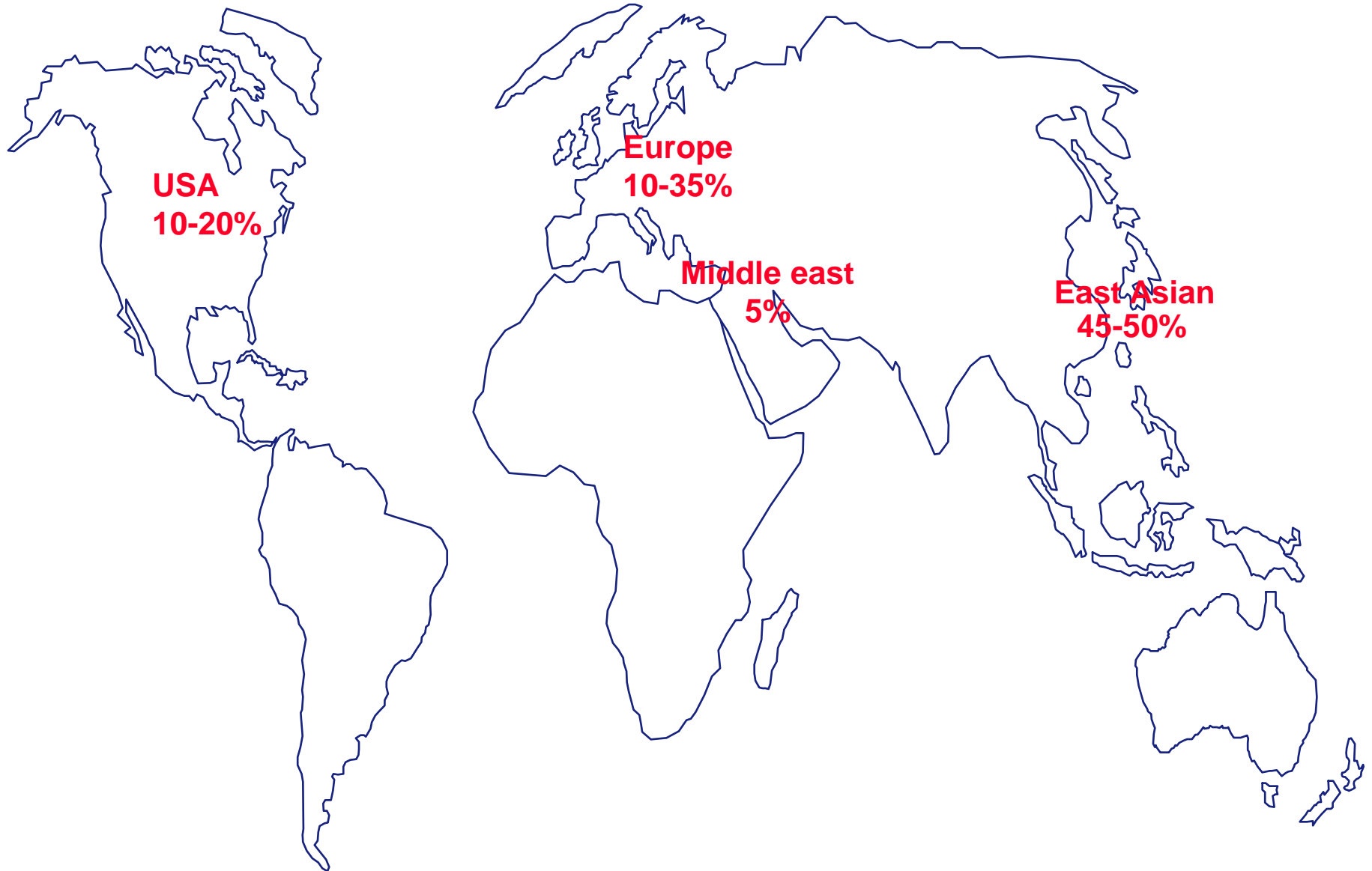
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- **IgAN is the most common form of primary glomerulonephritis worldwide**
- **The hallmark of IgAN is the mesangial dominant or codominant deposition of IgA by IF with mesangial proliferation.**



Geographic variability in the prevalence of IgAN



The clinical presentation of primary IgAN is variable

- **Microscopic hematuria without proteinuria ;**
- **Isolated or Recurrent macroscopic hematuria;**
- **Asymptomatic microscopic hematuria with proteinuria ;**
- **Nephrotic proteinuria or Nephrotic syndrome;**
- **Hypertension;**
- **Acute renal failure;**
- **Chronic renal failure.**

Long-term renal survival and related risk factors in patients with IgA nephropathy: results from a cohort of 1155 cases in a Chinese adult population

WeiBo Le, ShaoShan Liang, YangLin Hu, KangPing Deng, Hao Bao, CaiHong Zeng and ZhiHong Liu

1989 to 2005

Table 1. Demographic and clinical features at biopsy^a

Items	Values	Items	Values
Female (%)	50.3%	Urinary protein (g/day)	0.89 (0.51–1.59) g/day
Age at onset (years)	31 ± 9	<1.0 (%)	55.7%
Age at biopsy (years)	34 ± 9	≥1.0 (%)	44.3%
BMI (Kg/m ²)	22.8 ± 3.3	>3.5 (%)	7.0%
Family history of kidney disease (%)	6.8%	Urinary microscopic hematuria (1000 cells/mL)	400 (60–1380)
Initial presenting clinical features (%)		Serum albumin (g/L)	38.3 ± 6.0
By chance in a health check-up	19.5%	Total cholesterol (mmol/L)	4.9 ± 1.8
Macroscopic hematuria	30.0%	Triglyceride (mmol/L)	1.8 ± 1.3
Edema	23.4%	Serum uric acid (μmmol/L)	369 ± 110
Hypertension	11.2%	eGFR (mL/min/1.73m ²)	89 ± 33
Others	15.2%	SCr (mg/dL)	1.06 ± 0.55
Previous macroscopic hematuria	35.9%	CKD Stage 1 (%)	47.6%
Isolated macroscopic hematuria	22.2%	CKD Stage 2 (%)	31.6%
Recurrent macroscopic hematuria	13.7%	CKD Stage 3 (%)	18.3%
Persistent hypertension (%)	31.0%	CKD Stage 4 (%)	1.9%
		CKD Stage 5 (%)	0.6%

^aCKD, chronic kidney disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; SCr, serum creatinine; ESRD, end-stage of renal disease. Values are expressed as mean ± SD or median (interquartile range). Categorical variables are expressed in percentages. Calculation of MAP and eGFR is detailed in the text.

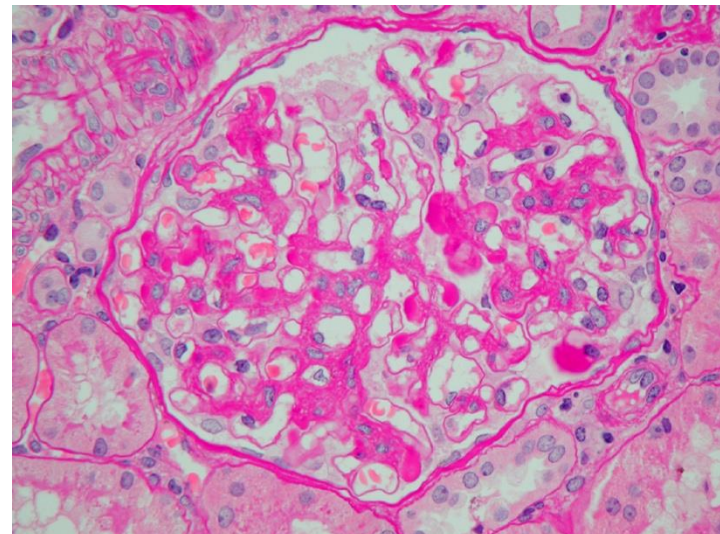
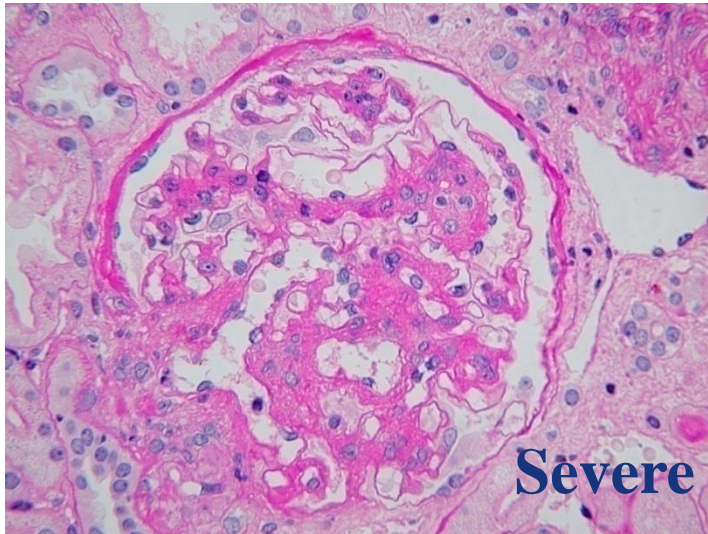
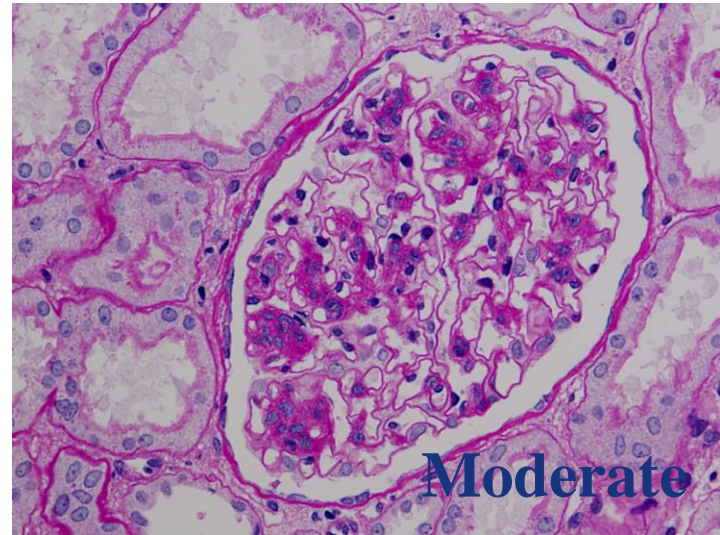
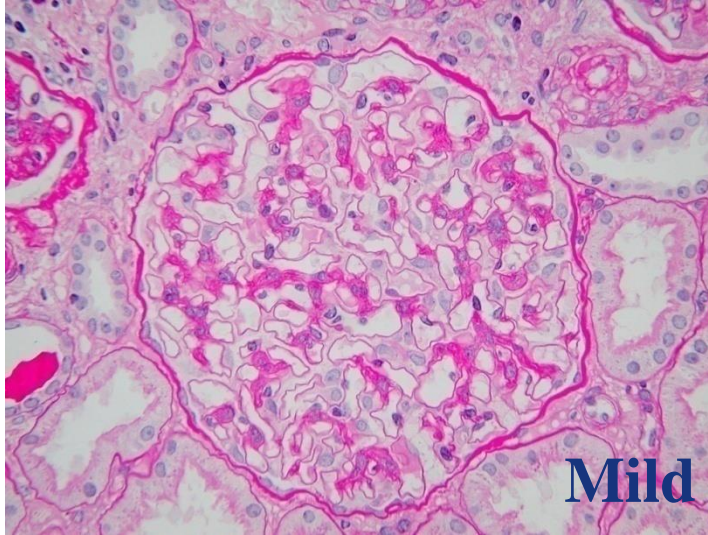
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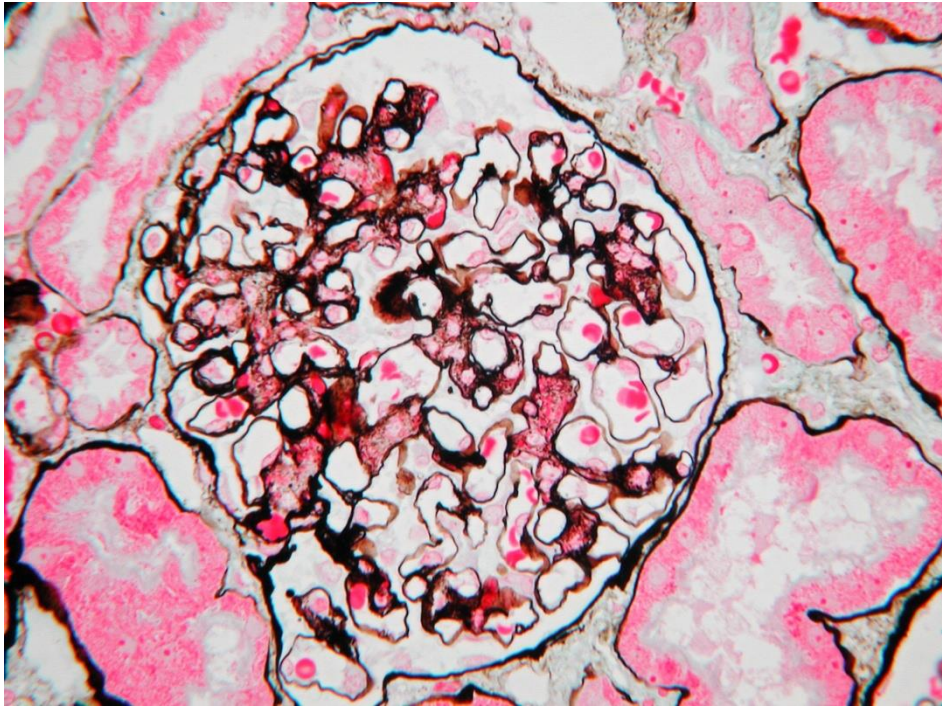
Table 1. Demographic and clinical features at biopsy

Item	RMH (n = 158)	IMH (n = 256)	NMH (n = 741)	p value
Female, %	59.5	58.2	45.6 ^{a, e}	<0.001
Age at onset, years	26±9	29±9 ^c	32±9 ^{a, e}	<0.001
Age at biopsy, years	30±9	32±9 ^c	35±9 ^{a, e}	<0.001
Body mass index, kg/m ²	21.5±2.9	22.5±3.0 ^c	23.1±3.4 ^{a, e}	<0.001
Family history of CKD, %	11.1	4.8 ^d	6.7	0.05
Hypertension ≥140/90 mm Hg, %	14.0	14.8	40.3 ^{a, e}	<0.001
Proteinuria at biopsy, g/day	0.66 (0.38–1.52)	0.78 (0.41–1.42)	0.97 (0.58–1.65) ^{a, e}	<0.001
Proteinuria at biopsy (categorical)				<0.001
<0.5 g/24 h, %	38.1	31.5	19.1	
0.5–1.0 g/24 h, %	25.8	29.5	33.1	
≥1.0 g/24 h, %	36.1	38.9	47.8	
Urinary microscopic hematuria, log cells/μl	6.6±2.1	6.6±2.1	5.1±2.0 ^{a, e}	<0.001
Serum albumin, g/l	39.4±5.4	38.9±5.1	37.8±6.4 ^{a, f}	<0.001
Total cholesterol, mmol/l	4.5±1.3	4.4±1.1	5.2±2.1 ^{a, e}	<0.001
Triglyceride, mmol/l	1.5±1.0	1.6±1.3	1.9±1.4 ^{a, e}	<0.001
Serum uric acid, mmol/l	324±84	336±95	390±114 ^{a, e}	<0.001
Serum creatinine, mg/dl	0.89±0.34	0.95±0.49	1.13±0.59 ^{a, e}	<0.001
eGFR, ml/min/1.73 m ²	103±26	98±35	84±32 ^a	<0.001
CKD stage (KDOQI), %				<0.001
CKD stage 1	71.5	65.2	47.6	
CKD stage 2	20.9	23.8	29.8	
CKD stage 3	7.0	9.7	19.3	
CKD stage 4	0.6	0	2.7	
CKD stage 5	0	1.2	0.5	

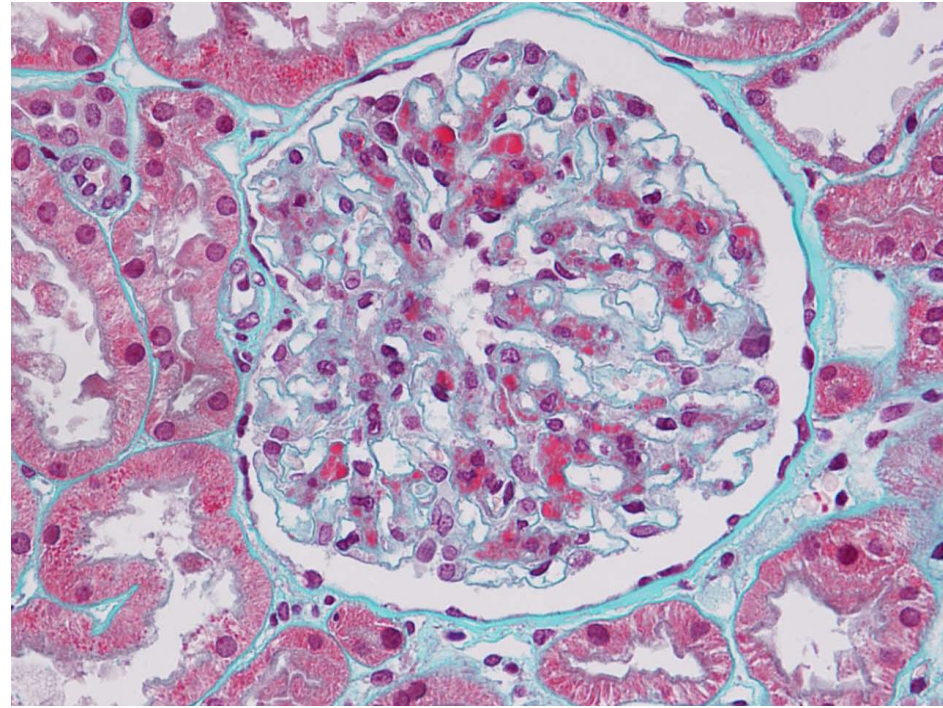
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IgAN light microscopy



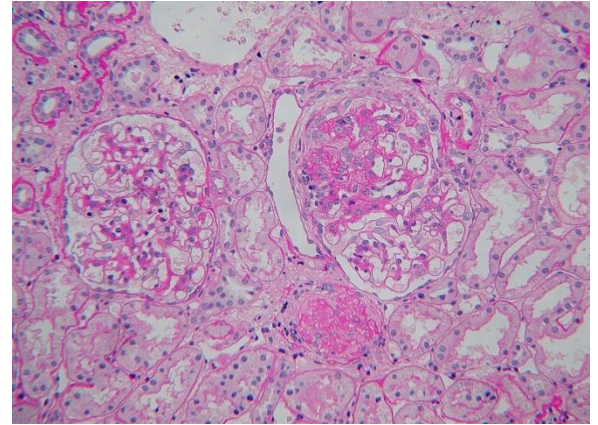
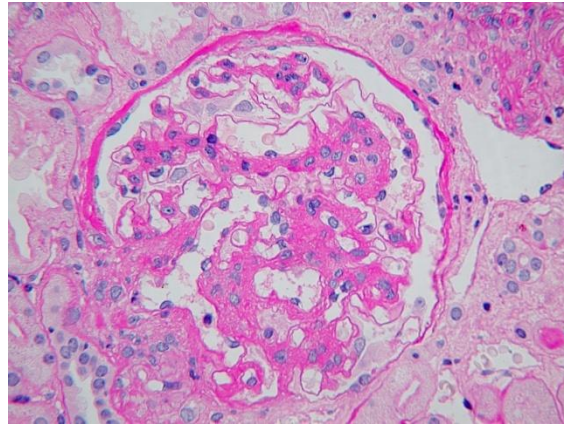
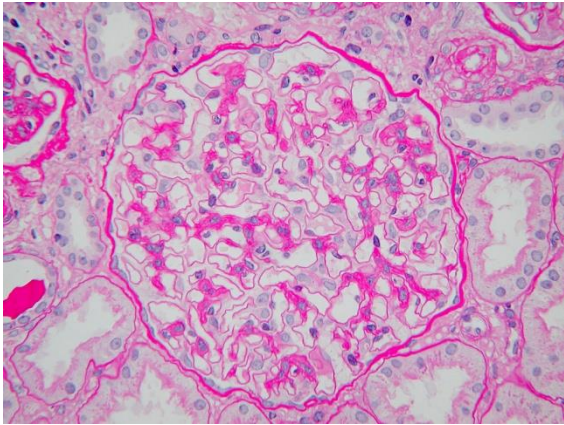


PASM-Masson trichrome



Masson trichrome

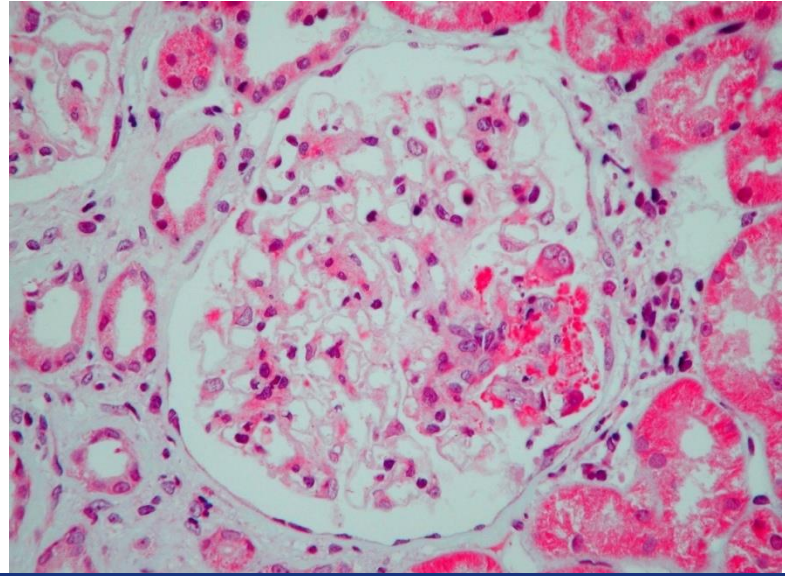
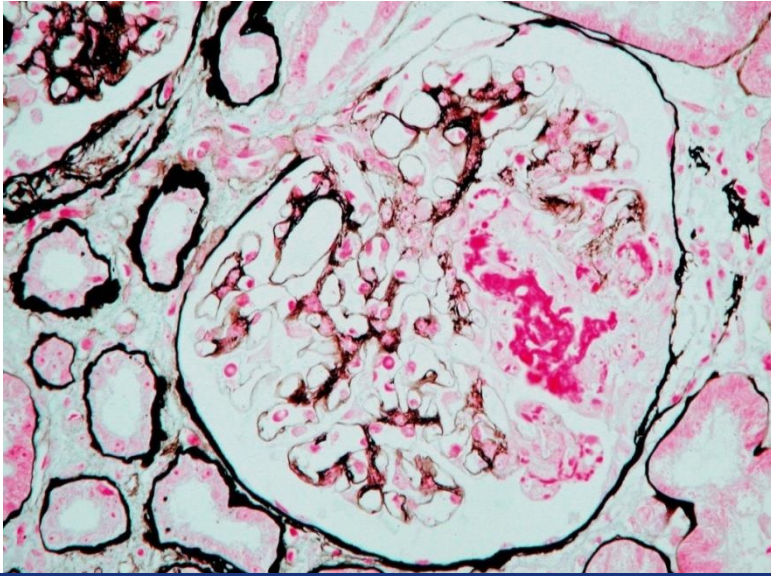
The histologic lesions of IgAN are not uniform



Active lesions in IgAN

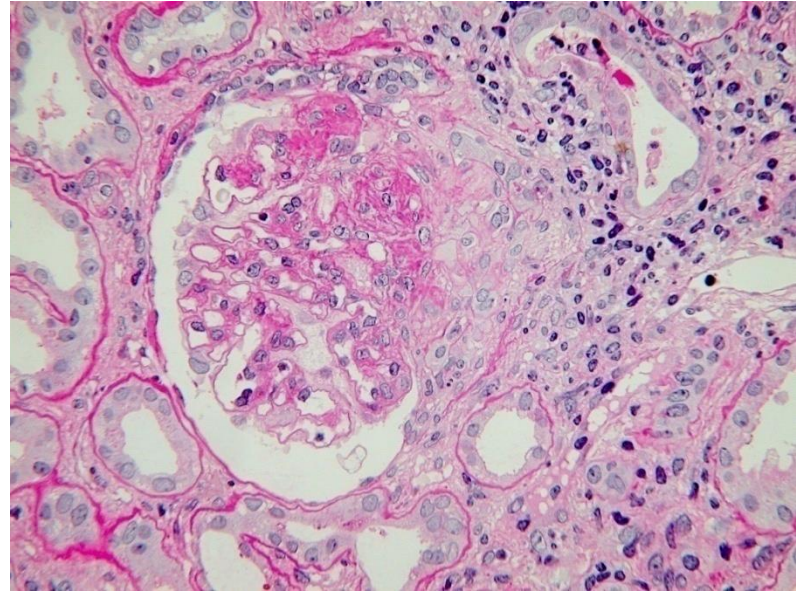
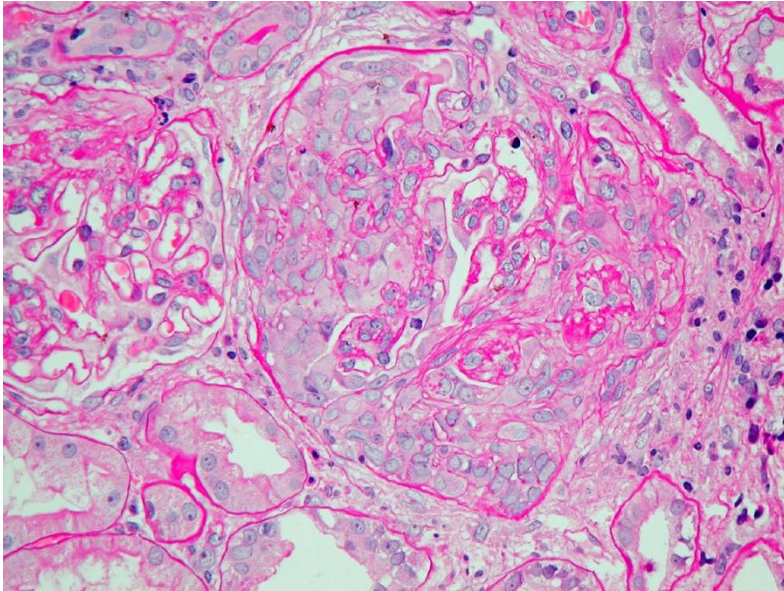
- **Mesangial hypercellularity**
- **Endocapillary proliferation**
- **Necrosis, karyorrhexis,**
- **Cellular and fibrocellular crescents,**
- **Macrophage infiltration/mesangiolytic**
- **Tubulo-interstitial inflammation in non-scarred cortex**
- **Acute tubular injury**

Necrotizing lesion: fibrinoid necrosis



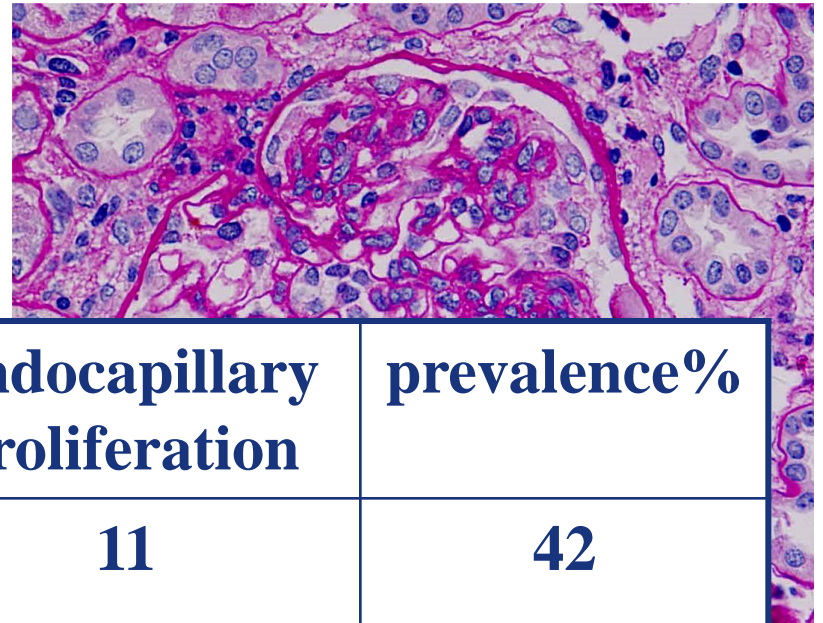
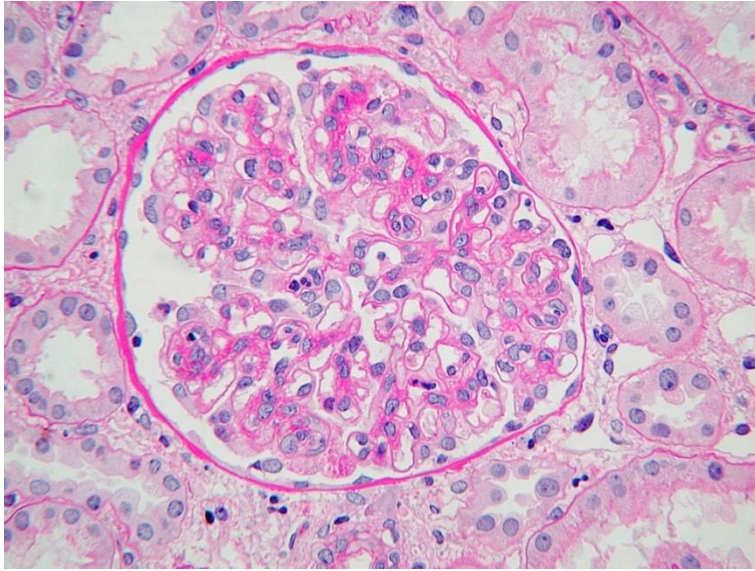
Study	Patients	Necrosis	prevalence %
Oxford	265	6	2.3
Nanjing	1026	117	15

Cellular and fibrocellular crescents



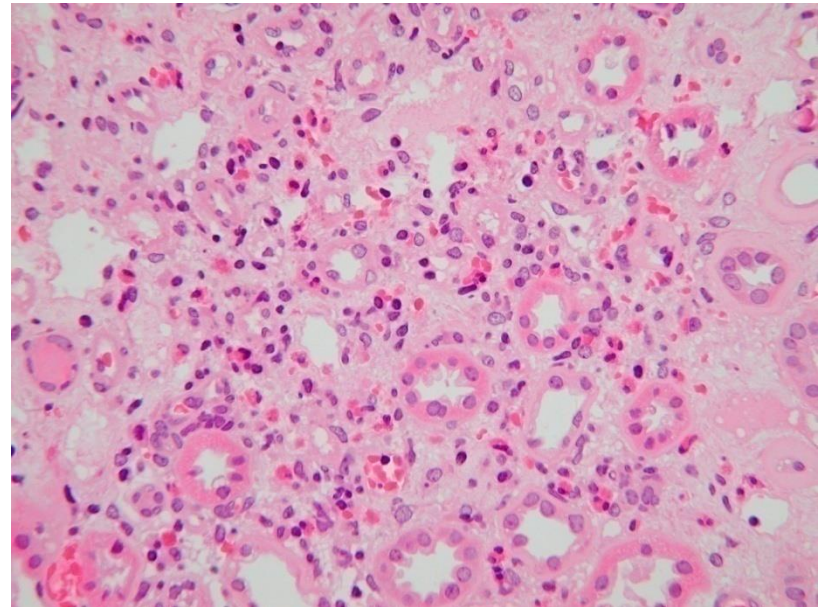
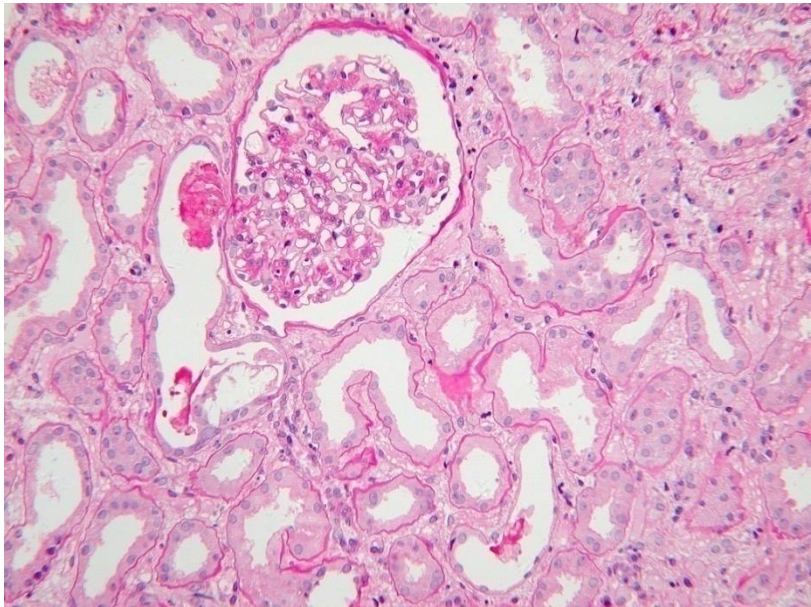
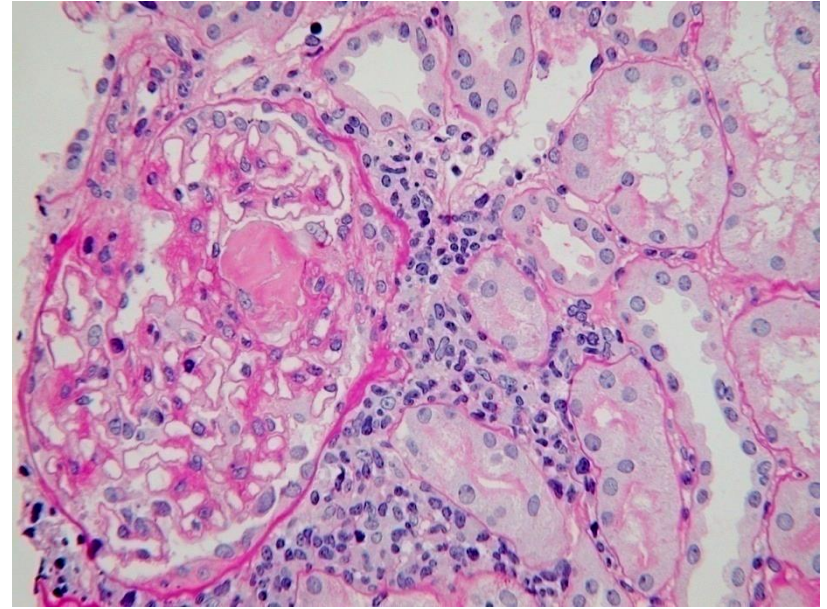
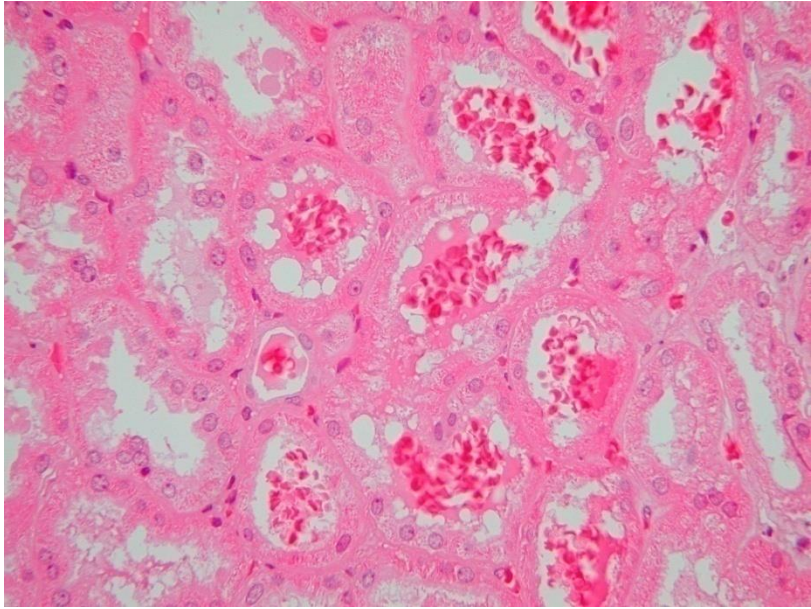
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Endocapillary proliferation



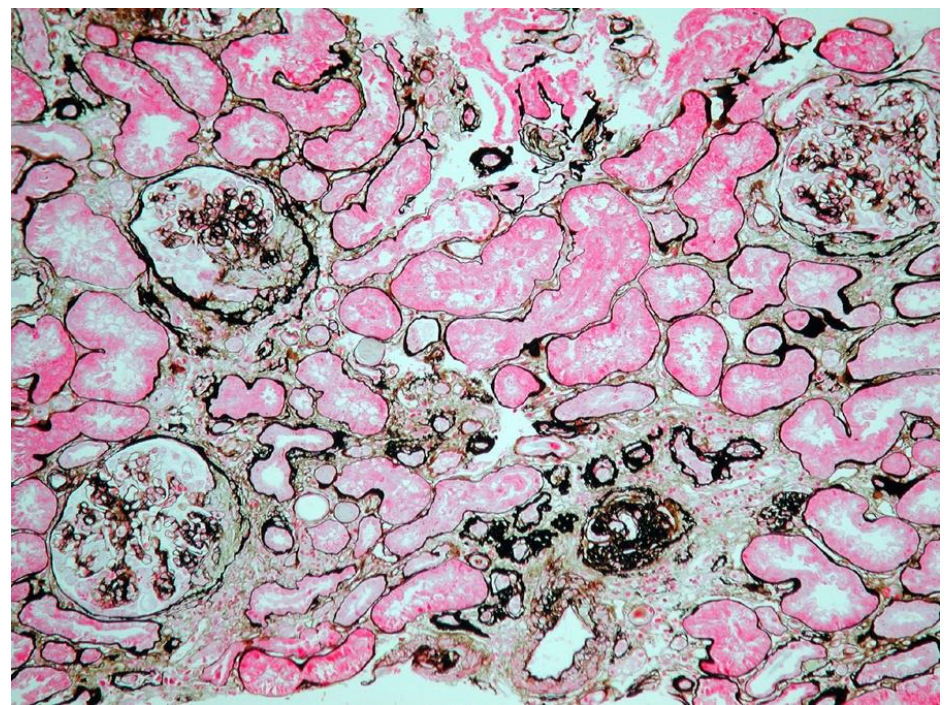
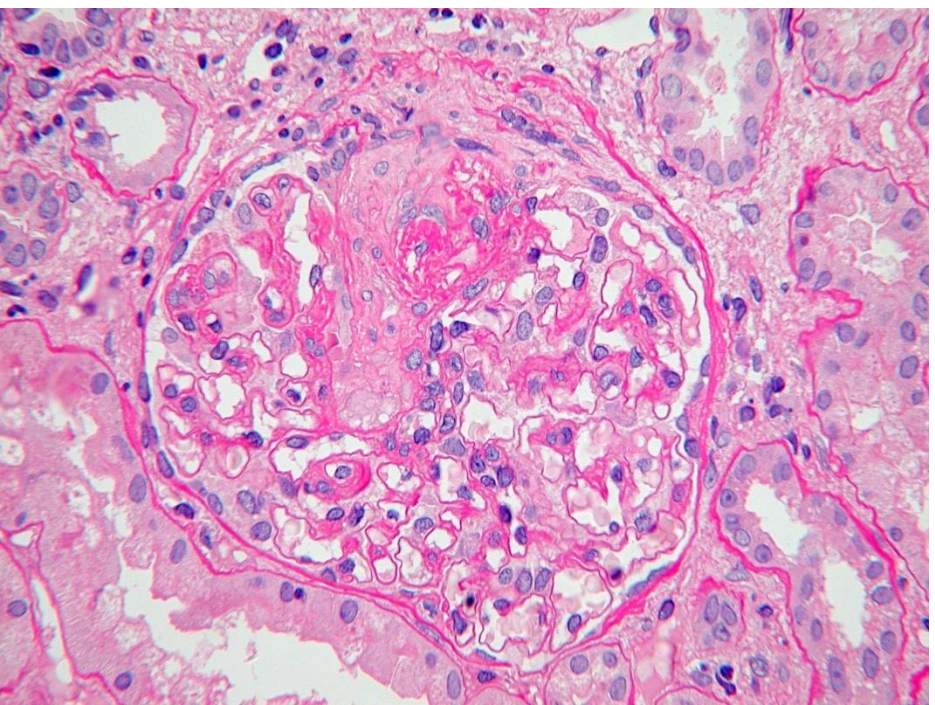
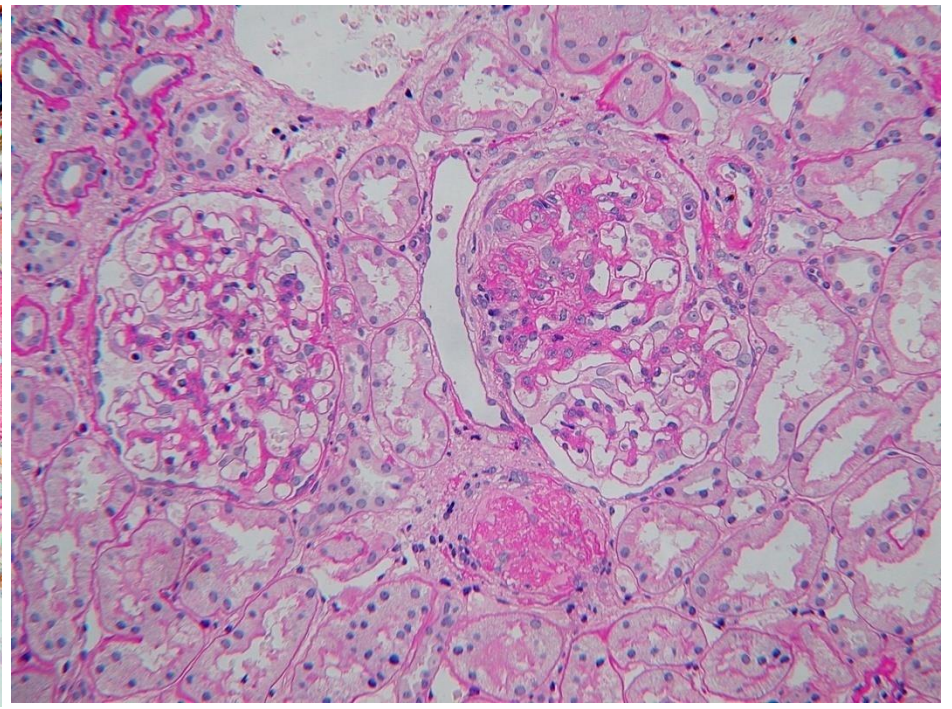
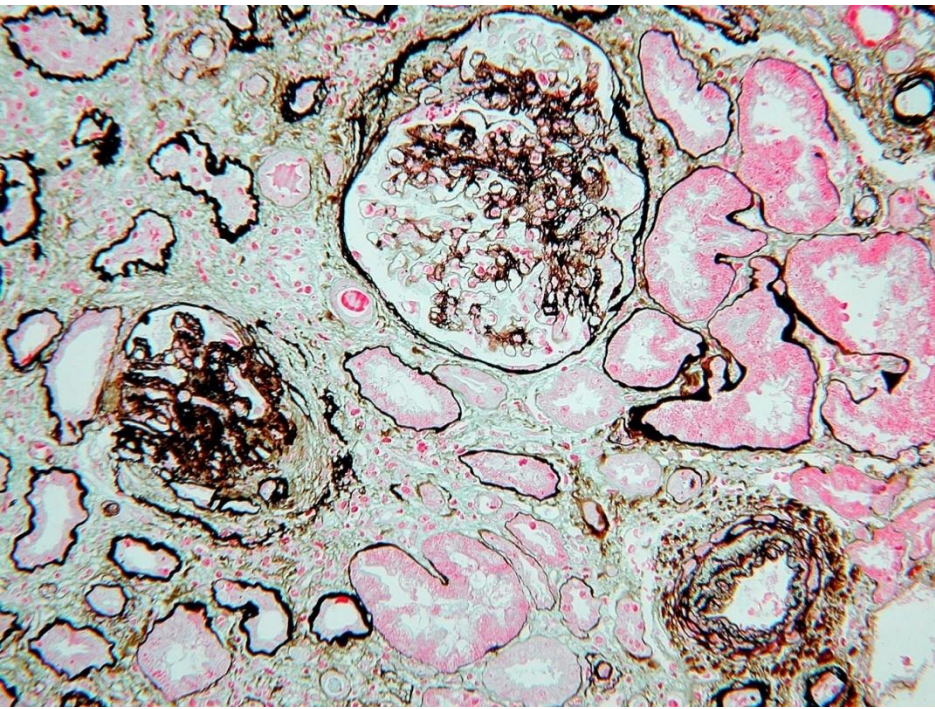
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Nanjing	1026	113	11

Acute tubular interstitial injury

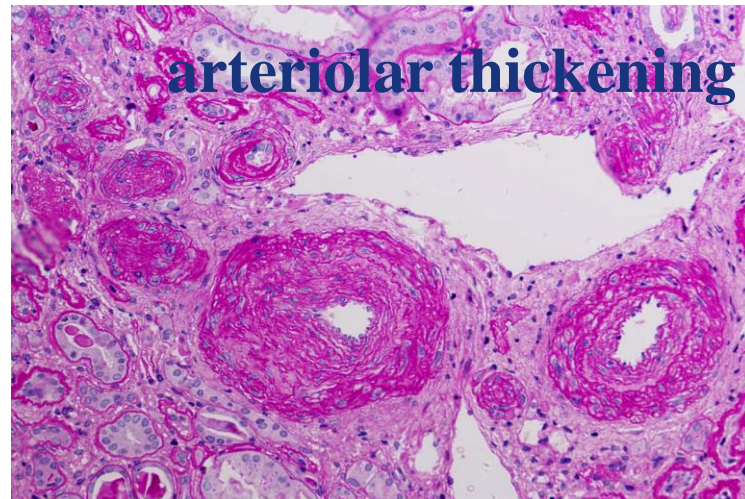
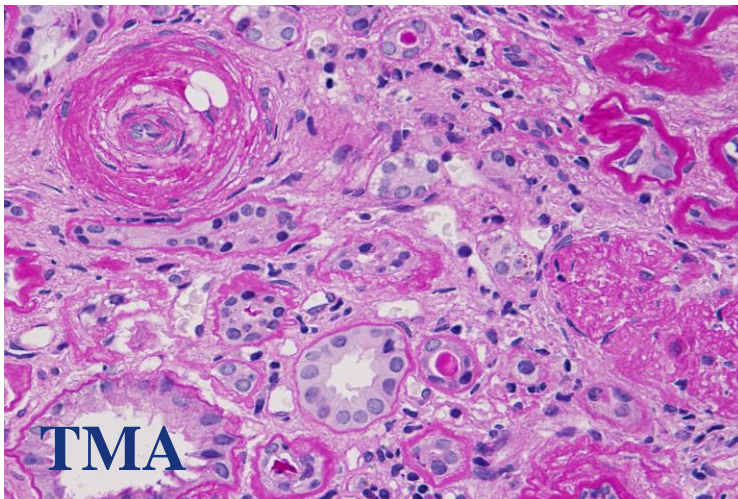
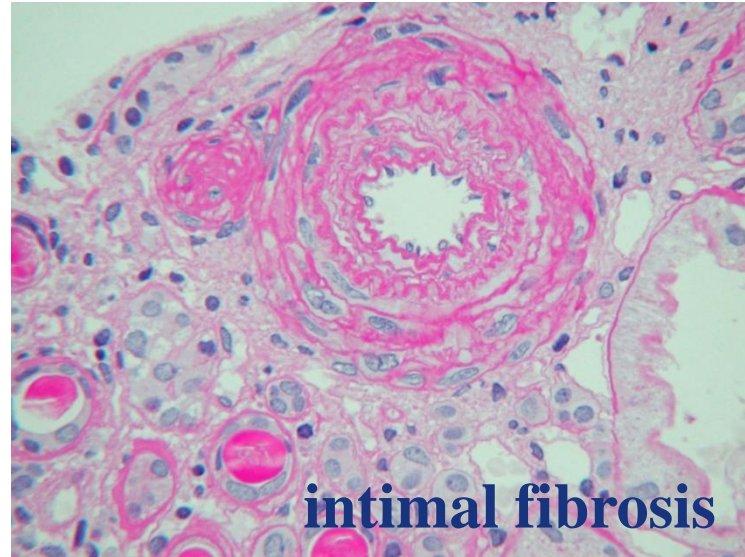


Chronic lesions In IgAN

- **Global glomerulosclerosis**
- **Segmental glomerulosclerosis**
- **Fibrous crescents/ tuft adhesions/scar**
- **Tubular atrophy**
- **Interstitial fibrosis**



IgAN vasclular lesions



IF of IgAN

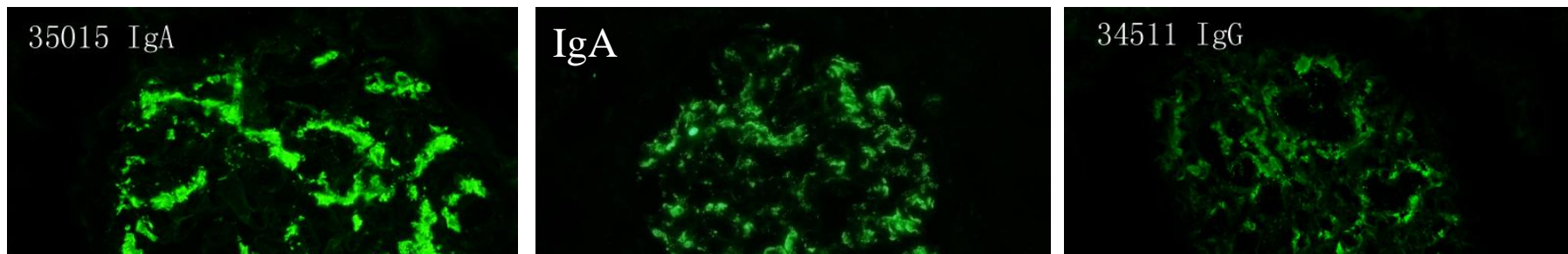


Table 1. Correlation of histological features with immunostaining patterns^a

	Mesangial-only IgA (n = 149)	Capillary wall IgA (n = 26)	P-value	No/trace IgG (n = 119)	IgG > trace (n = 30)	P-value
Mesangial cellularity score	0.9 ± 0.5	1.3 ± 0.6	0.007	0.9 ± 0.5	1.2 ± 0.6	0.03
% Glomeruli global glomerulosclerosis	8 (0–82)	11 (0–55)	>0.1	11 (0–82)	8 (0–63)	>0.1
% Glomeruli segmental glomerulosclerosis	6 (0–44)	5 (0–33)	>0.1	4 (0–38)	9 (0–38)	>0.1
% Glomeruli endocapillary proliferation	0 (0–54)	6 (0–47)	0.003	0 (0–50)	4 (0–47)	0.005
% Glomeruli cellular + fibrocellular crescents	0 (0–55)	0 (0–39)	>0.1	0 (0–55)	0 (0–39)	>0.1
% Tubular atrophy	10 (0–70)	10 (0–30)	>0.1	10 (0–70)	10 (0–60)	>0.1
% Interstitial fibrosis	10 (0–70)	10 (0–30)	>0.1	10 (0–70)	10 (0–60)	>0.1
Arteriosclerosis score	0 (0–2)	0 (0–2)	>0.1	0 (0–2)	0 (0–2)	>0.1
Arteriolar hyalinosis score	0 (0–3)	0 (0–3)	>0.1	0 (0–3)	0 (0–3)	>0.1

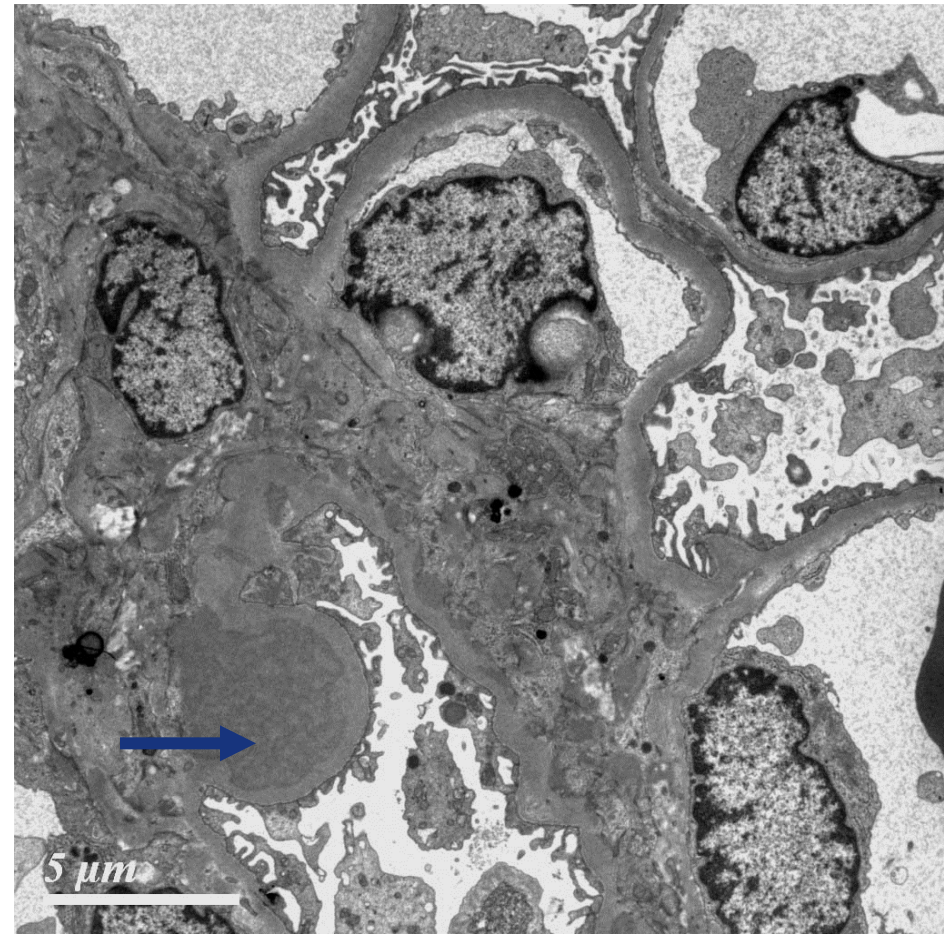
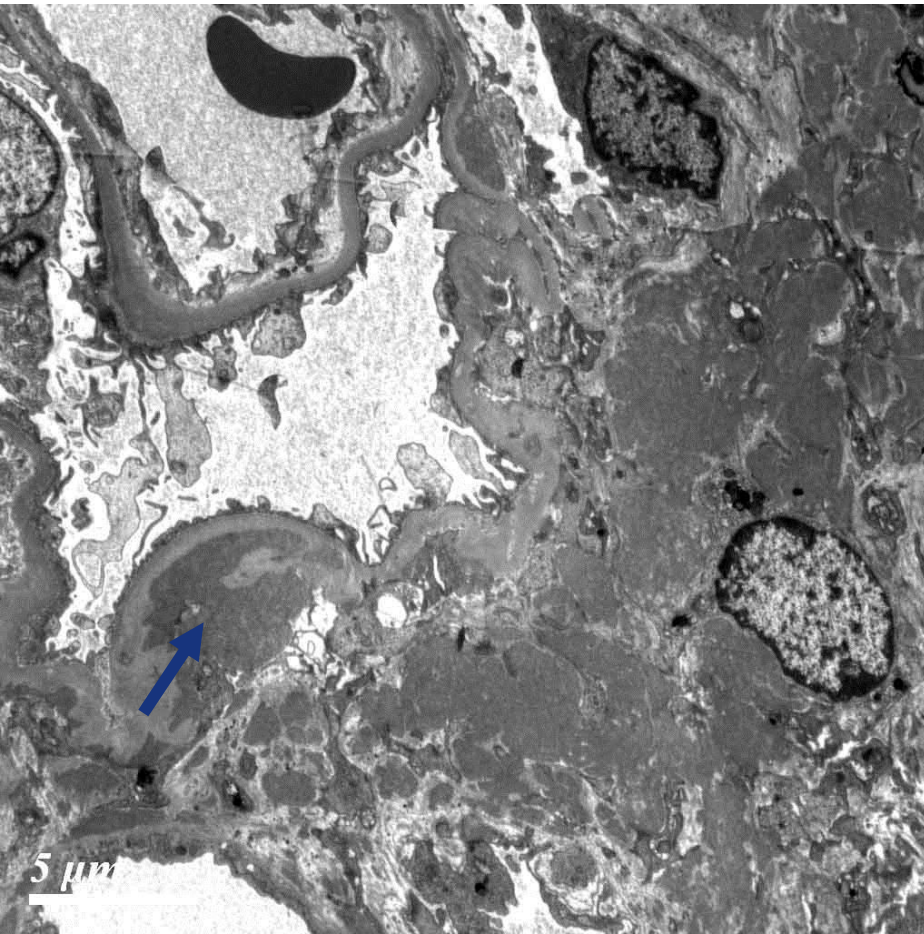
^aData are presented as mean ± SD for normally distributed data or median (range) for non-parametric distributions. **NDT (2011) 26: 2533–2536**

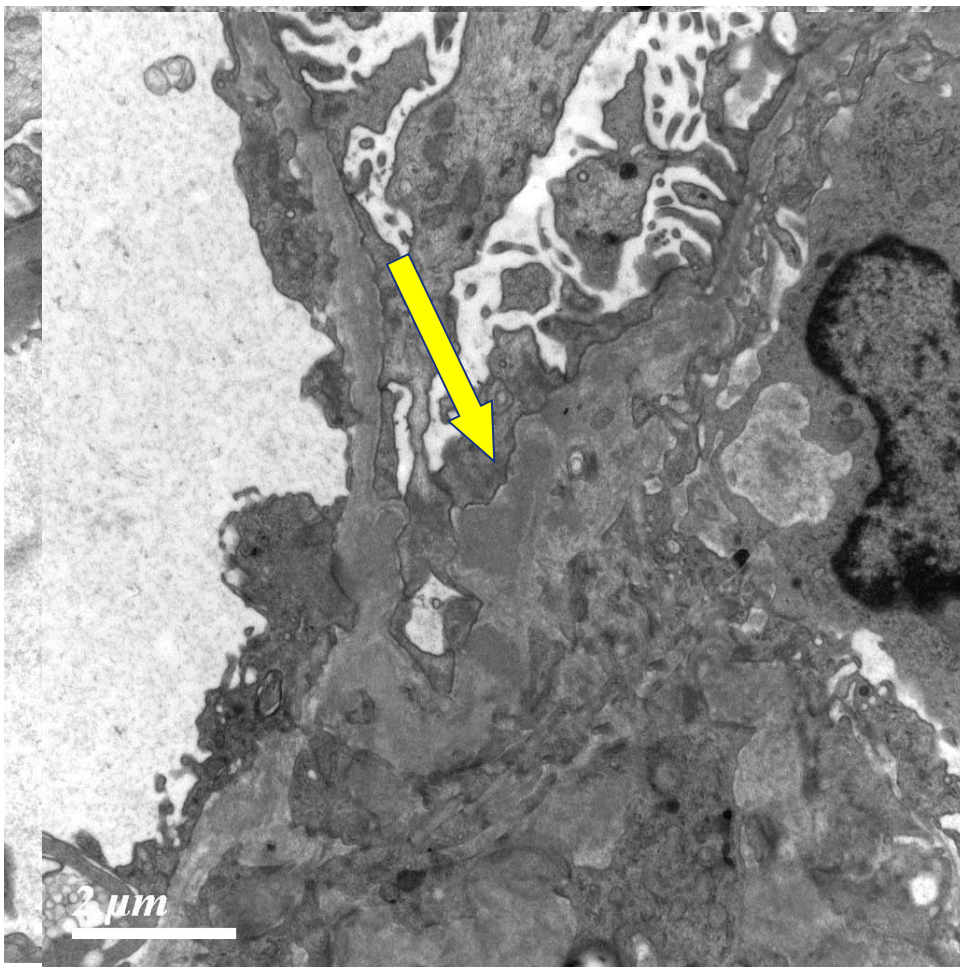
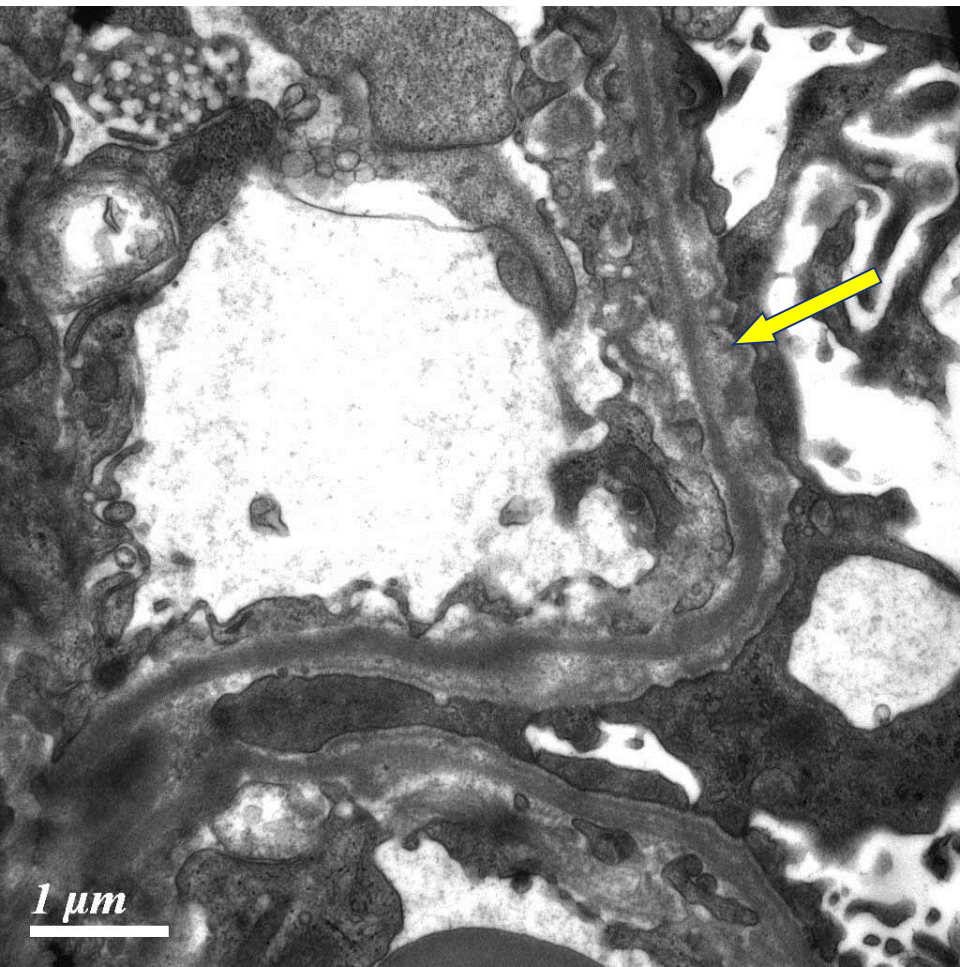
- **Co-deposition of C3 is common with IgG, and less common with IgM.**
Only IgA deposition: 15%
- **Predominant IgA1 subclass**
- **λ more brightly than κ light chains**

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IgAN Electron Microscopy

- Granular electron-dense immune deposits in the mesangium and paramesangium





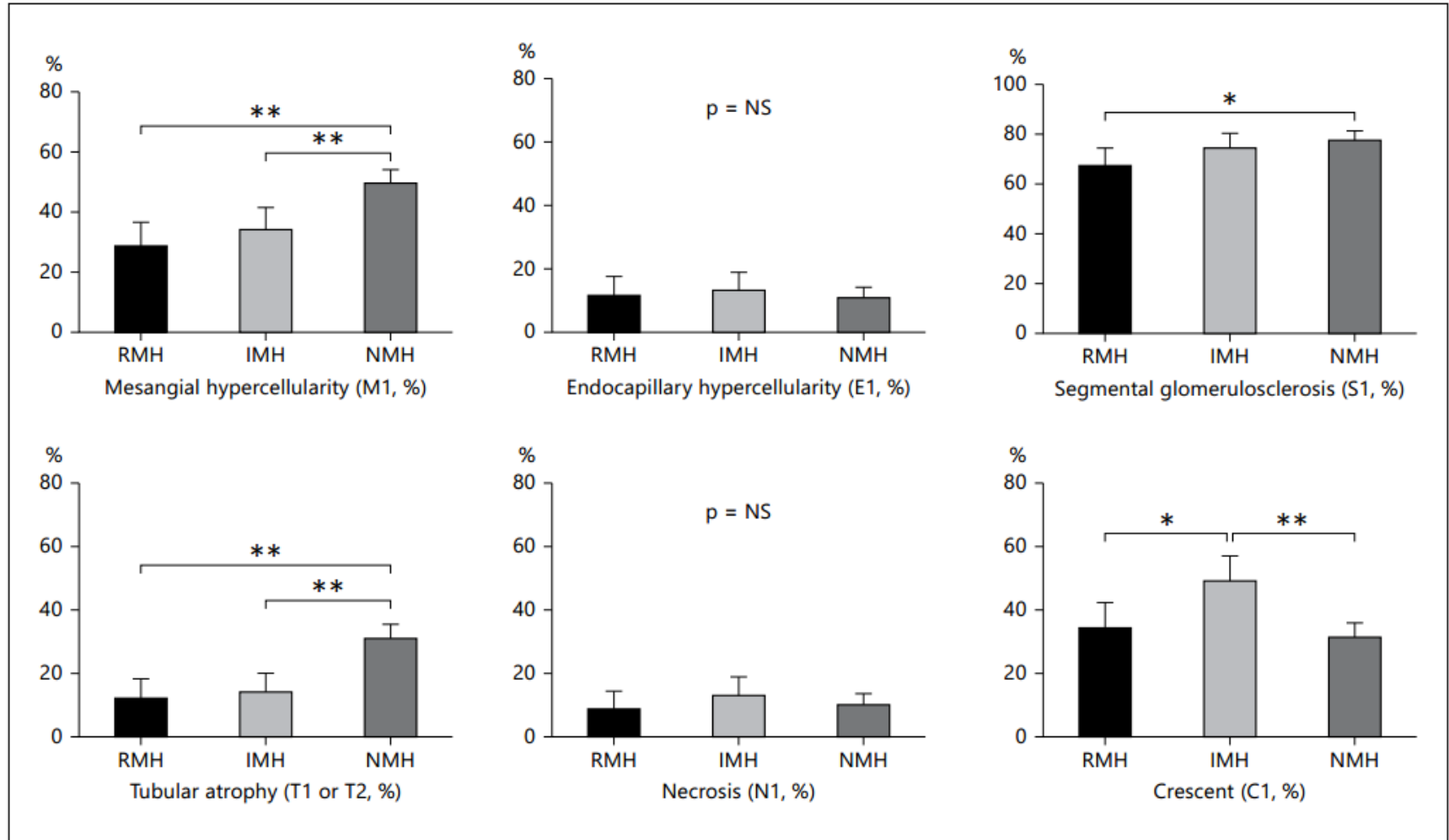
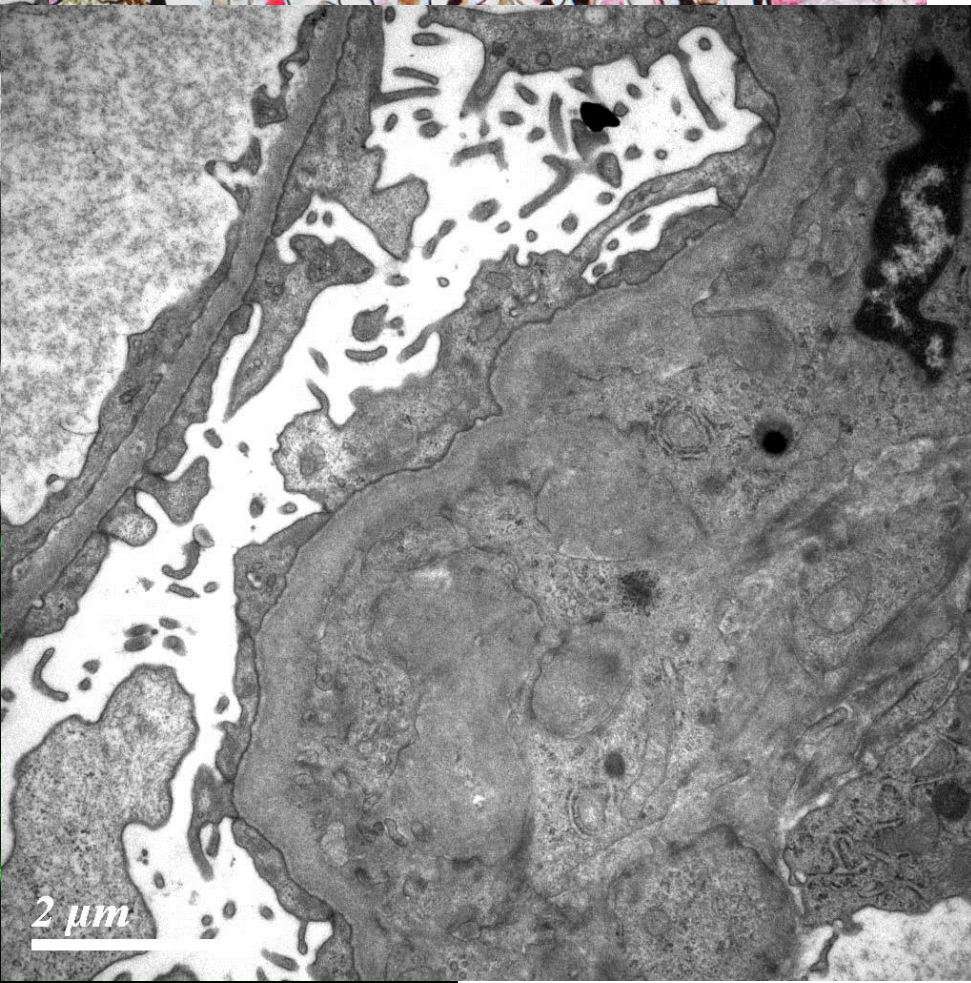
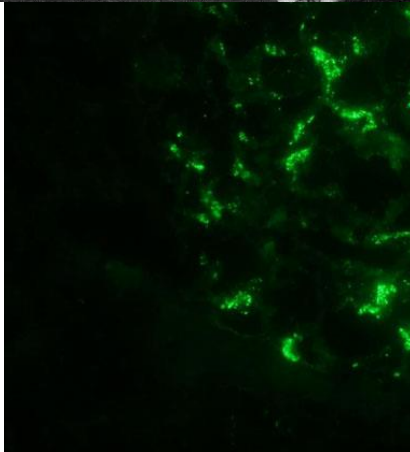
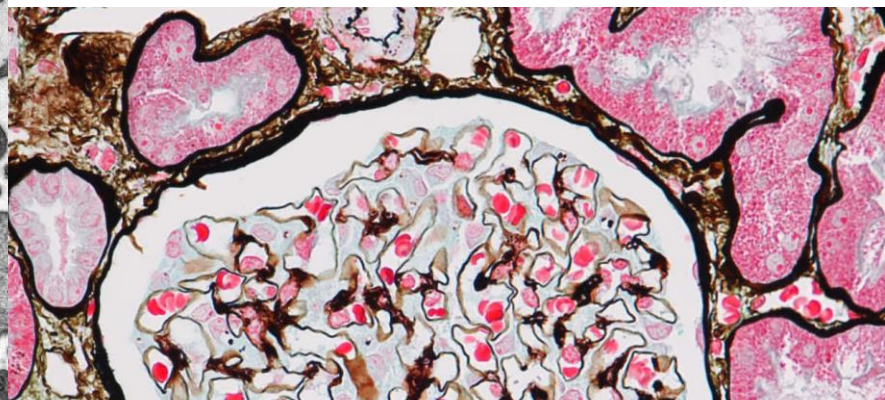
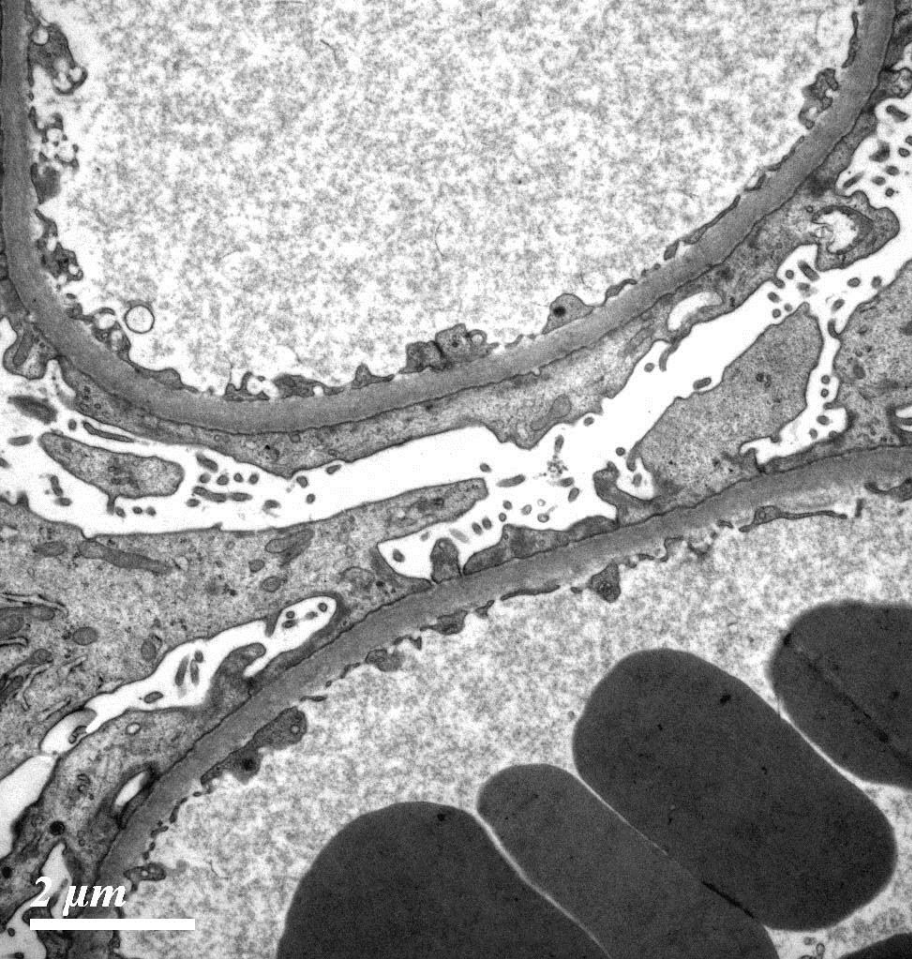


Fig. 1. Pathological features at biopsy among different MH patterns. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$; NS = not significant.

Minimal change disease like IgAN (MCD-IgAN)

- **Clinical features: NS, responsive to steroids**
- **Pathological features:**
 - **LM: Normal or minimal change**
 - **IF: IgA, with or without IgM, C3**
 - **EM: Electron dense deposits in mesangium, diffuse footprocess effacement**



Comparison of demographic , clinical and pathological characteristics

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Items	MCD-IgAN (n = 247)	Non-MCD-IgAN	<i>p</i>
Male, %	67.6		
Interval between presentation and biopsy (months)	1 (0.1–40)		
Age (years)	27.05 ± 1		
Initial symptom, %			
Edema	91.9		
Gastrointestinal discomfort	6.1		
Hypertension	0		
Gross hematuria	0		
Health examination	0.8		
Others	1.2		
Hypertension history, %	3.2		
Hypertension, %	19.0		
Urinary protein (g/day)	6.33 ± 3.1		
Grade of urinary protein (g/day), %			
<1.0	5.3		
1–3.5	11.3		
>3.5	83.4		
Urinary microscopic hematuria (10 ⁴ /ml)	1 (0–1100)		
Grade of urinary microscopic hematuria (10 ⁴ /ml), %			
<10	81.4		
10–100	13.8		
>100	4.9		
Serum albumin (g/l)	23.39 ± 5		
Total cholesterol (mmol/l)	10.77 ± 3		
Triglyceride (mmol/l)	2.69 ± 1.1		
Serum uric acid (μmol/l)	380.53 ±		
SCr (mg/dl)	0.93 ± 0.7		
eGFR (ml/min/1.73 m ²)	109.48 ±		

Items	MCD-IgAN (n = 247)	Non-MCD-IgAN (n = 1121)	<i>p</i>
Glomeruli, median (range)	24 (8–72)	21 (8–61)	0.168
Global glomerulosclerosis %, median (range)	0 (0–22.2)	13.6 (0–90.0)	<0.001
Oxford classification of IgAN, <i>n</i> (%)			
M1	27 (10.9)	408 (36.4)	<0.001
E1	0 (0)	105 (9.4)	<0.001
S1	0 (0)	754 (67.3)	<0.001
T1/T2	12 (4.9)	225 (20.1)	<0.001
N1	0 (0)	106 (9.5)	<0.001
C1	0 (0)	357 (31.8)	<0.001
Interstitial inflammation, <i>n</i> (%)			<0.001
0	106 (42.9)	72 (6.4)	
1	138 (55.9)	757 (67.6)	
2	3 (1.2)	212 (18.9)	
3	0 (0)	80 (7.1)	
Vascular lesion, <i>n</i> (%)			
Intimal thickening	35 (14.2)	430 (38.4)	<0.001
Hyaline degeneration	82 (33.2)	754 (67.3)	<0.001

MCD-IgAN immunoglobulin (Ig)A nephropathy with mini-estimated glomerular filtration rate

M mesangial hypercellularity, *E* endocapillary proliferation, *S* segmental sclerosis or adhesion, *T* tubular atrophy/interstitial fibrosis, *N* glomerulus necrosis, *C* crescents. For other abbreviations, see Table 1

Corticosteroid therapy in IgA nephropathy with minimal change-like lesions: a single-centre cohort study

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- **27 biopsy-proven adult MCD-IgAN, 15 males and 12 females**
- **Prednisone:1 mg/kg(maximum 60 mg/day) for 6 weeks or until 2 weeks after CR**
- **Reduced by 10 mg, followed by tapering 5 mg every 2 weeks down to 30 mg/day, and then 2.5 mg every 2 weeks down to 15 mg/every-other-day,**

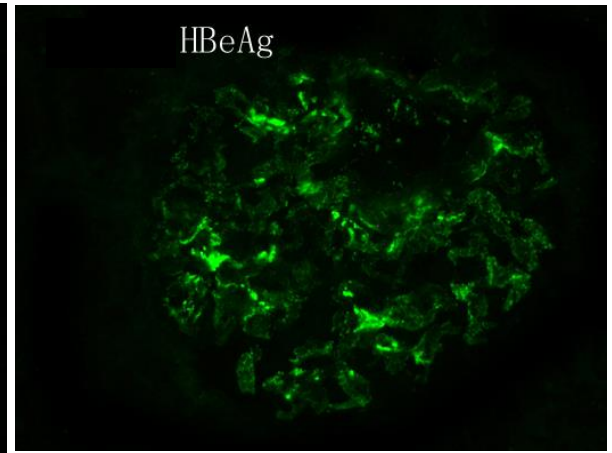
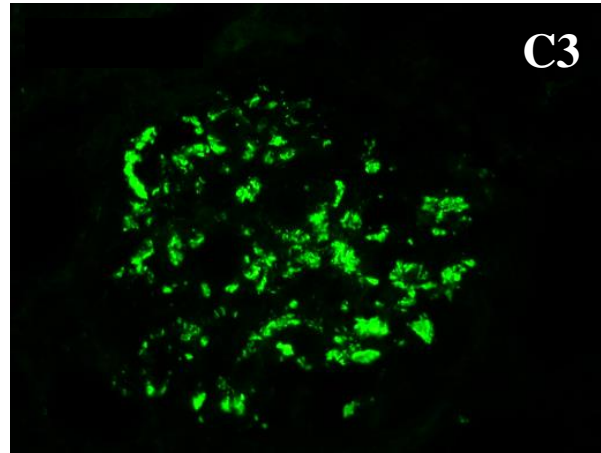
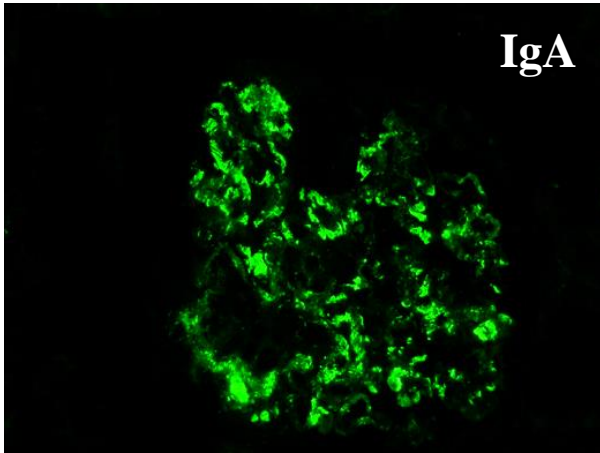
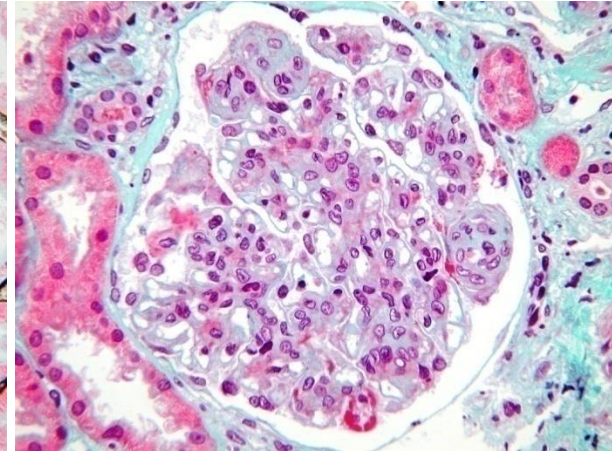
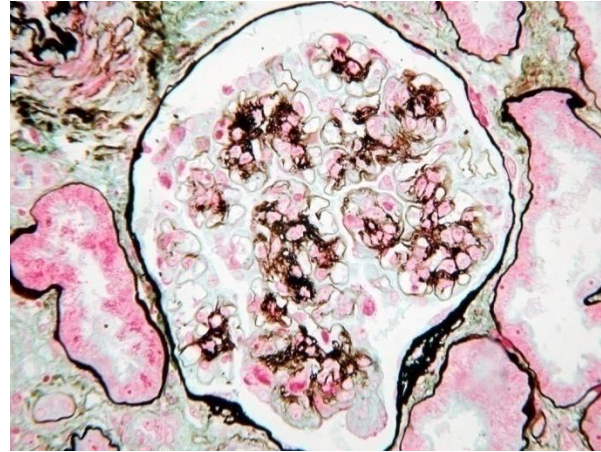
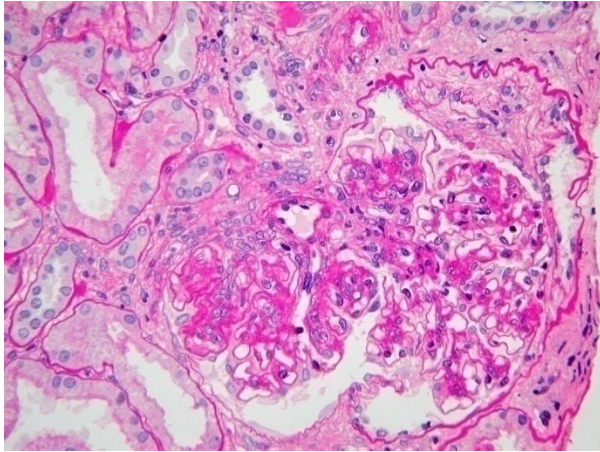
Week after treatment	1	2	4	8	12
complete remission rate(%)	3.7	48.1	92.6	100	100

complication	Infection	alanine aminotransferase elevation	FBG elevation	K<3.5 mmol/L
Cases	2	5	2	5

Differential Diagnosis

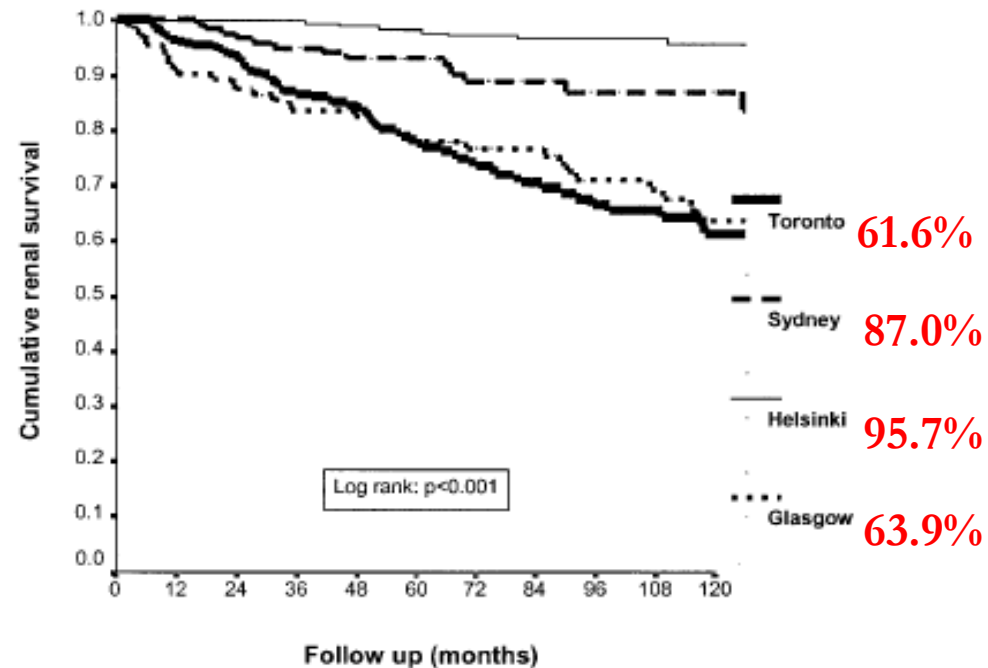
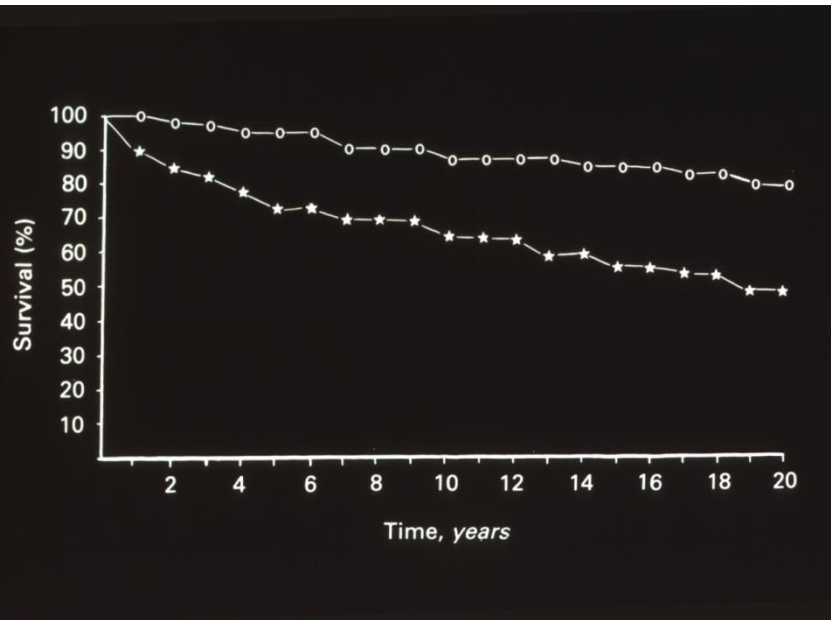
- **Secondary IgAN**
 - Hepatobiliary diseases
 - Rheumatologic diseases
- **Henoch-Schönlein purpura(HSP)**
- **IgA-dominant postinfectious glomerulonephritis**

HBV related IgAN



Prognosis in IgA Nephropathy

- 10 years 10 - 25% to ESRD
- 20 years 25 - 50% to ESRD

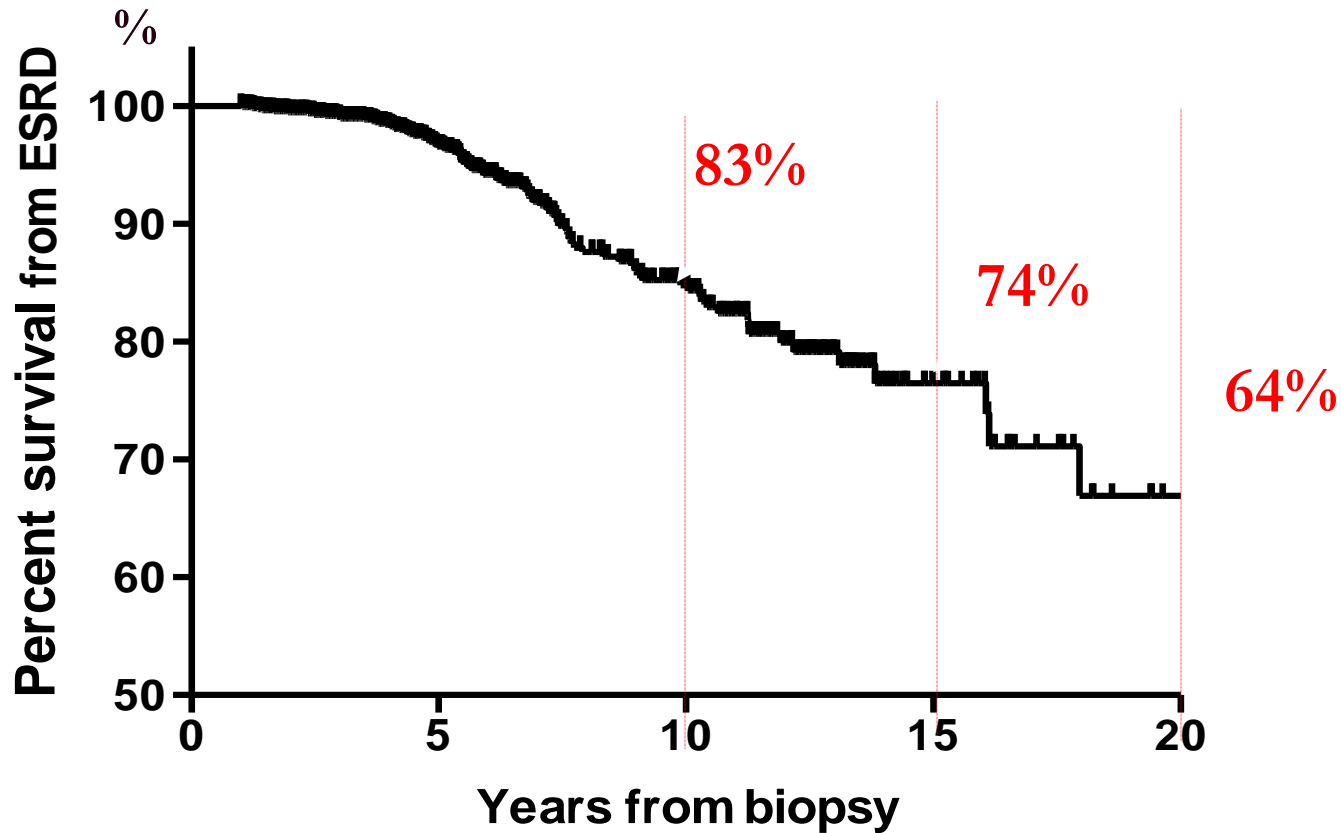


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Geddes et al, NDT 2003

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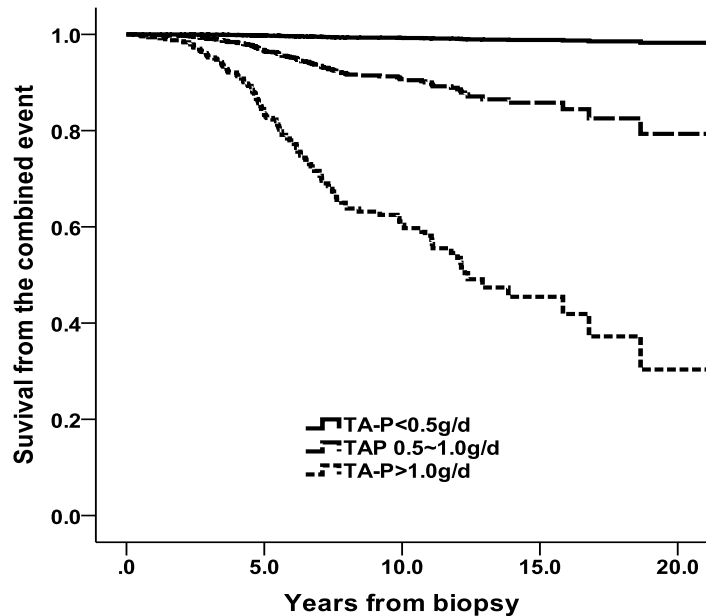


Clinical risk factors for progression

- **Poor prognosis**
 - Older age
 - Severity of proteinuria
 - Renal impairment
 - Hypertension
 - Increased BMI
- **Good prognosis**
 - Recurrent macroscopic hematuria
- **No impact on prognosis**
 - Sex
 - Ethnicity
 - Serum IgA levels

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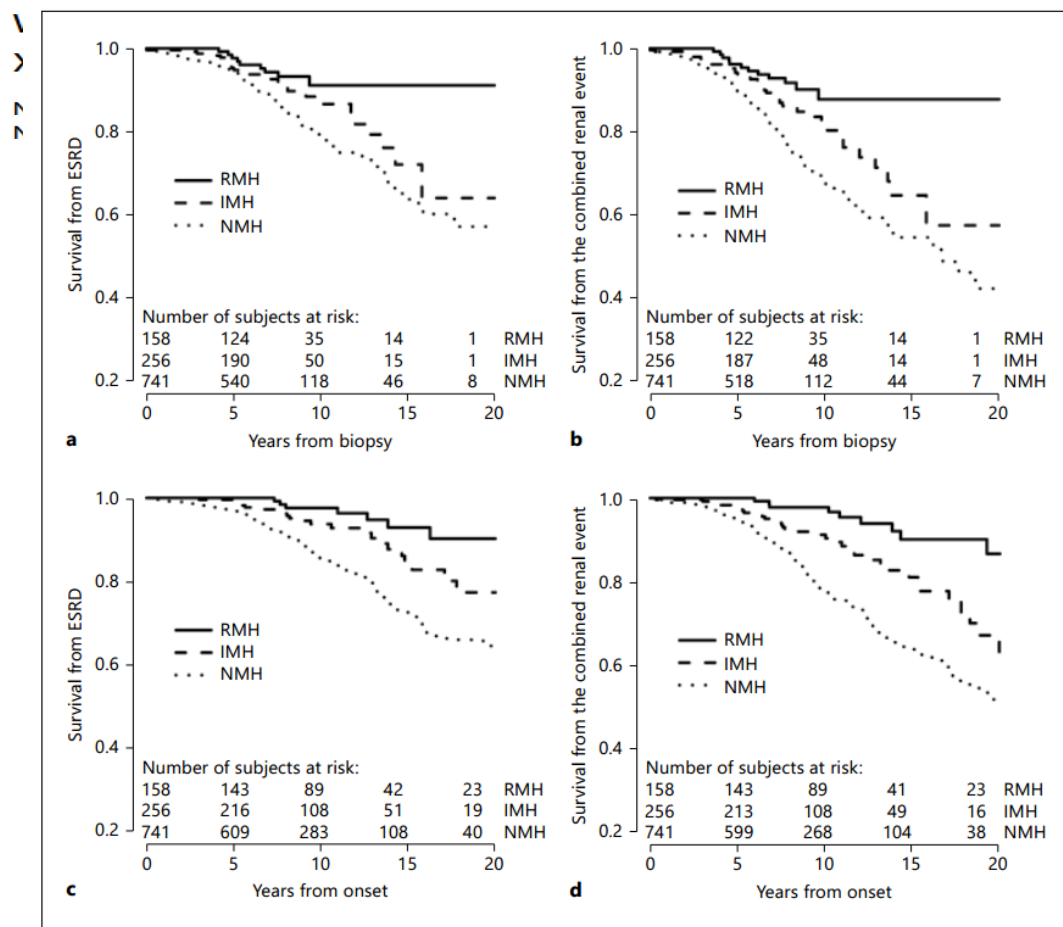


- Higher level of proteinuria, hypertension, impaired renal function, and **hyperuricemia** are independent predictors of worse prognosis.
- Sustained proteinuria >1.0g/day was the strongest predictor of renal failure.

TA-Proteinuria, TA-P, Time-average Proteinuria

Combined event: 50% reduction in renal function, or ESRD

Long-Term Outcome of IgA Nephropathy Patients with Recurrent Macroscopic Hematuria



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	5Y(%)	10Y(%)	20Y(%)
RMH	98	91	91
IMH	95	89	64
NMH	95	79	57

Combined renal event

	5Y(%)	10Y(%)	20Y(%)
RMH	96	90	90
IMH	94	83	55
NMH	89	71	41

Fig. 2. a–d Kaplan-Meier renal survival curve of IgAN patients with different MH patterns.

The strongest independent predictors of poor outcome in adult and pediatric IgAN

- **Extensive interstitial fibrosis and tubular atrophy,**
- **High index scores for glomerular and/or tubulointerstitial damage (based on semiquantitative scales),**
- **Higher class designations, as per the Lee and Haas classification systems.**

D'Amico G. (2004). Natural history of idiopathic IgA nephropathy and factors predictive of disease outcome. *Semin Nephrol* 24:179–96.

Weaker predictors of poor outcome in adult and pediatric IgAN

- **Extensive segmental to global glomerulosclerosis,**
- **Cellular crescents,**
- **Prominent hyaline arteriolosclerosis, and**
- **Immune deposits extending into glomerular capillary loops.**

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Proposed histologic features for progression

- **Poor prognosis**
 - **LM**
 - **Capsular Adhesions & crescents**
 - **glomerulosclerosis,**
 - **Tubular atrophy**
 - **interstitial fibrosis**
 - **Vascular wall Thickening**
 - **IF**
 - **Capillary loop IgA Deposits**
 - **Only IgA deposit**
 - **EM**
 - **Mesangiolysis**
 - **mesangial hypercellularity**
- **Good prognosis**
 - **Minimal light microscopic abnormalities**
- **No impact on prognosis**
 - **Intensity of IgA deposits**
 - **Co-deposition of IgG, IgM or C3**

Prognostic studies of extracapillary proliferation in primary IgAN

References	Year	Cases	Predicting value	Inclusion criteria
Boyce et. al	1986	112	●	At least one year of further observation since the apparent onset.
Freese et. al	1998	67	●	Kidney transplant patients with native IgAN.
Hogg et. al	1994	80	●	Follow up>4 years
Bitencourt et. al	2004	56	●	Patients with one or more crescents.
El Karoui	2010	121	●	Adults
D'Amico et. al	1986	292	● □	Follow up>1 year since the apparent onset. Patients with IgAN.
Edstrom Halling et. al	2012	127	● □	
Alamartine et. al	1993	510	○	All primary IgAN patients.
Chacko et. al	2005	374	□	All primary IgAN patients.
Pankhurst et. al	2009	363	○	Patients with IgAN or HSPN.
Cattran DC et. al	2009	256	○, □	Patients with IgAN.
Zeng et. al	2012	1026	○, □	Patients with IgAN

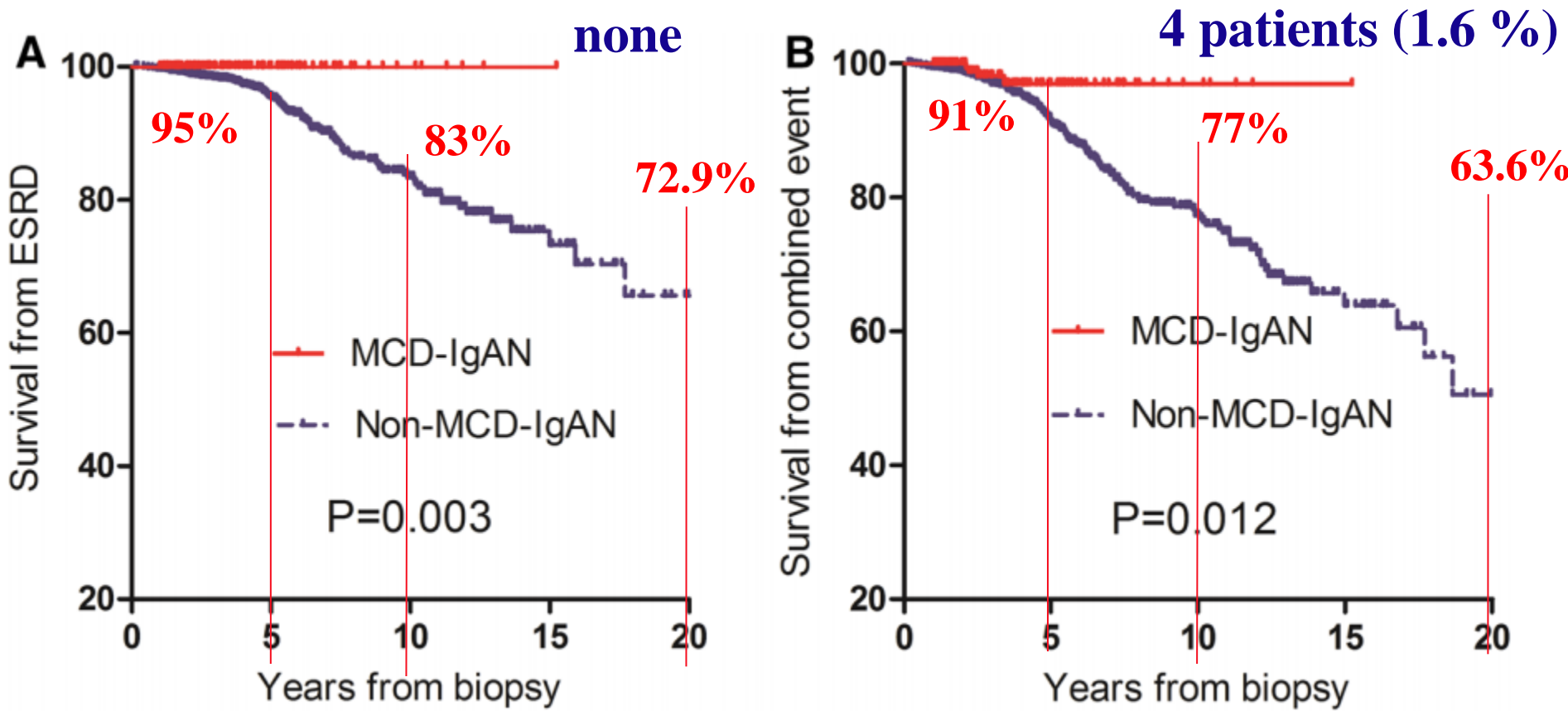
Univariate ● = significant, ○ = not significant; Multivariate ■ = significant, □ = not significant



Long-term outcome of IgA nephropathy with minimal change disease: a comparison between patients with and without minimal change disease

247 MCD-IgAN , 1121 Non-MCD-IgAN

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follow-up of 2.6 years (range 1.0–15.2)



The Oxford Classification of IgA nephropathy

RPS

Pathology variables that were independently predictive of clinical outcome

- **Mesangial hypercellularity**
- **Segmental glomerulosclerosis/adhesion**
- **Endocapillary hypercellularity (segmental or global)**
- **Tubular atrophy/interstitial fibrosis**

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Table 1. Summary of the published validation studies of the Oxford Classification of immunoglobulin A nephropathy

Reference	Centre	Patients: Adult A	% steroid	Steroid / Antihypertensive	Renal outcome, MV inc	Rate of loss of renal function, MV	Interaction with IS	Other		
		Predicted outcome				M, T	E			
		13 studies				—	—	E, S, T predict outcome in UV analysis		
Oxford Classification study [1,2]	Multicentre, Europe, A									
Alamartine <i>et al.</i> [11]	Single centre									
El Karoui <i>et al.</i> [10 [*]]	Single centre	M	4			E, S, T	—			
Edström Halling <i>et al.</i> [12]	Single centre paediatric					—	—	M, E, T, Crescents predict outcome in UV		
Herzenberg <i>et al.</i> [13]	Multicentre, Canada	E	2			S, T	Crescents, E			
Kang <i>et al.</i> [14]	Single centre	indirect evidence :E is responsive to immunosuppressive therapy				—	—			
Katafuchi <i>et al.</i> [9 [*]]	Single centre					—	Crescents, S	Optimal cut-off for crescents 6.8%		
Kataoka <i>et al.</i> [15]	Single centre impact of	S	4			—	—	BMI		
Lee <i>et al.</i> [16]	Single centre						—			
Moriyama <i>et al.</i> [17]	Single centre impact of syndrome					—	low T predicts response to steroids			
Shi <i>et al.</i> [18]	Single centre	T	10			—	E			
Shima <i>et al.</i> [19]	Japan, paed					—	—	7 reached end-point		
					proteinuria)			proteinuria, not eGFR)		
Yau <i>et al.</i> [20]	Single centre, US	54 A	All IgAN	35%	78%	—	—	T		
Zeng <i>et al.</i> [5]	Multicentre, China	1026 A	All IgAN	31%	89%	E, Crescents, necrosis	—	M, T	M, T	S without adhesion in UV analysis



Extracapillary proliferation and arteriolar hyalinosis are associated with long-term kidney survival in IgA nephropathy

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- Extracapillary proliferation and arteriolar hyalinosis were independently associated with renal outcome in patients with UPC \geq 0.5 g/day.**
- Arteriolar sclerosis was significantly associated with higher UP, higher MAP, and lower eGFR at the diagnosis.**

Original Article

Mesangial C4d deposition: a new prognostic factor in IgA nephropathy

Table 2. Clinical and pathological data of the patients at the time of renal biopsy and evolution to ESRD in the follow-up according to the C4d staining

Clinical and pathological data	C4d+ (N = 19)	C4d- (N = 40)	P-value
Age (year)	39.4 ± 12	27.9 ± 12	0.002
Gender male (%)	57.9%	82.5%	0.058
Macroscopic haematuria	44.4%	71.8%	0.04
Hypertension	57.9%	17.5%	0.003
Henoch-Schönlein purpura (%)	10.5%	15%	0.4
Urinary protein excretion (g/day)	3.0 ± 1.9	2.1 ± 2.2	0.1
Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	2.6 ± 1.5	1.3 ± 0.8	0.004
eGFR (ml/min/1.73 m ²)	44 ± 33	80 ± 33	0.001
Glomeruli showing sclerosis (%)	35 ± 30	13.3 ± 22	0.01
Glomeruli showing crescents (%)	4.9 ± 9.8	1.4 ± 4.2	0.1
Mesangial proliferation moderate-severe	26.3%	17.5%	0.4
Interstitial fibrosis moderate-severe	52.6%	10%	0.001
Evolution to ESRD in the follow-up	42.1%	7.5%	0.003

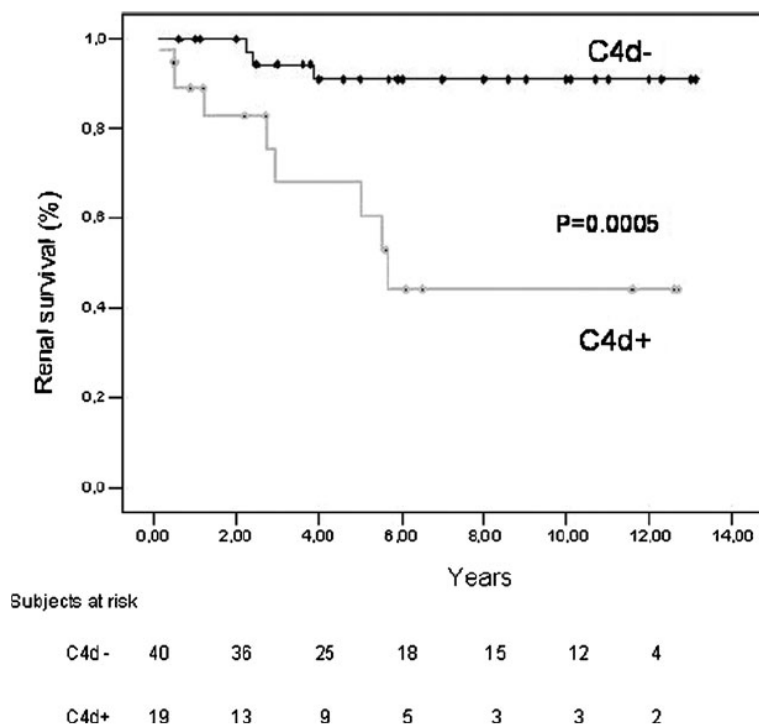
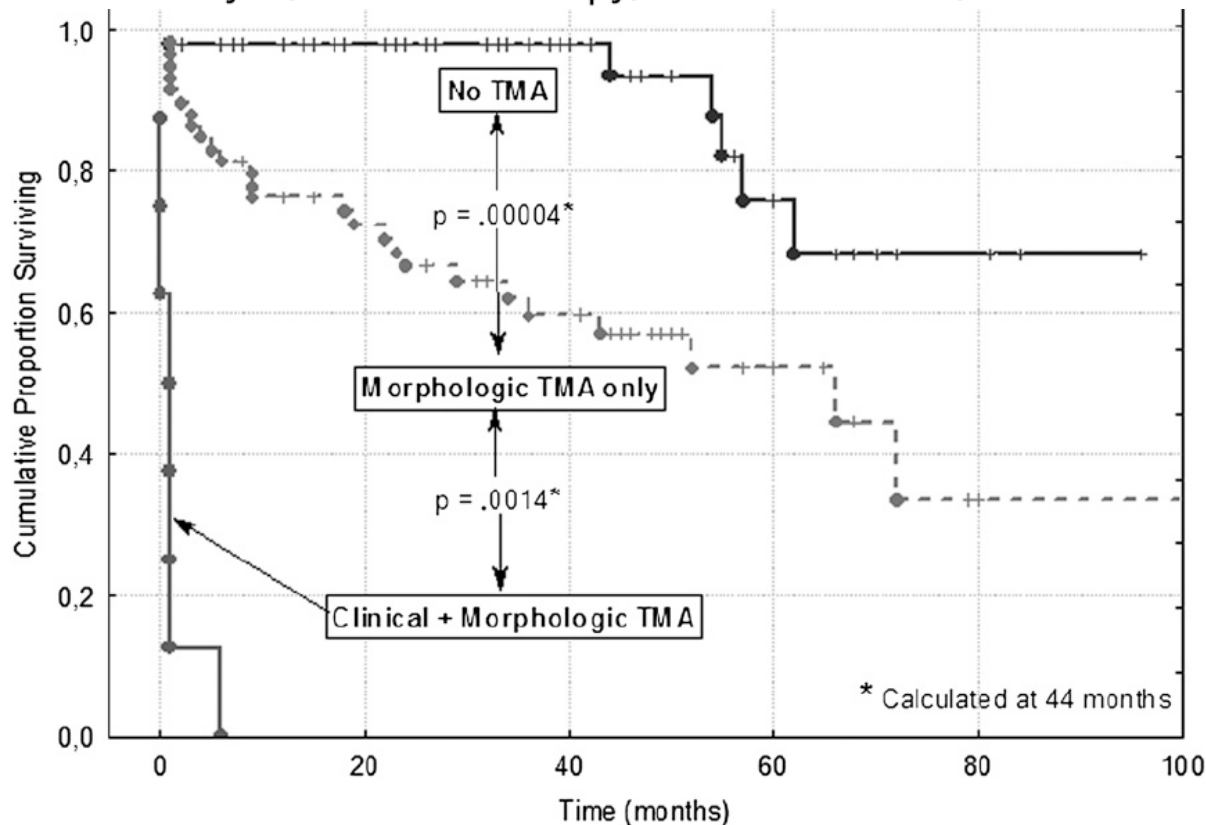


Fig. 3. Kaplan-Meier renal survival according to C4d positive (+) and negative (-) staining.

A Clinicopathologic Study of Thrombotic Microangiopathy in IgA Nephropathy

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- 128 patients
- 53% with TMA,
- Normotensive 4%
- Controlled HT 25%
- Uncontrolled HT 71%

Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis plays a major role in the progression of IgAN

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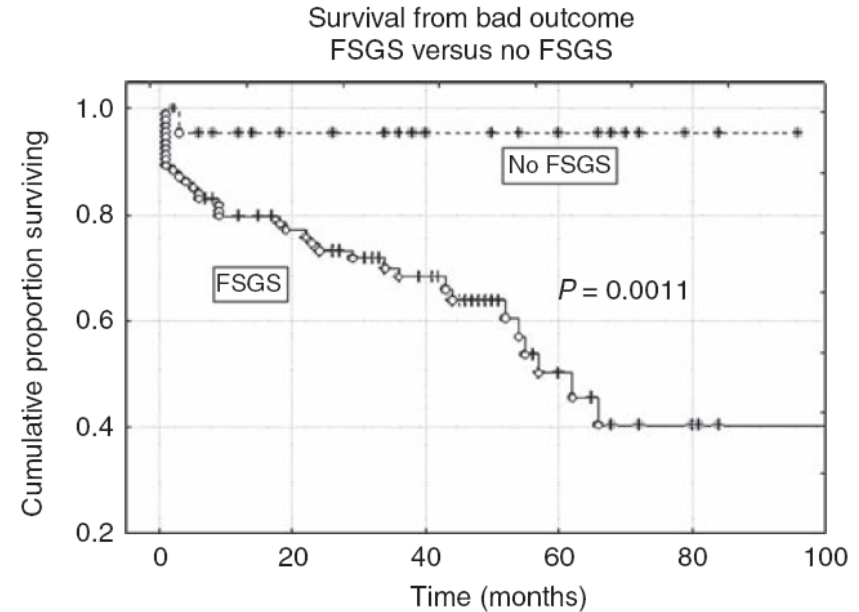
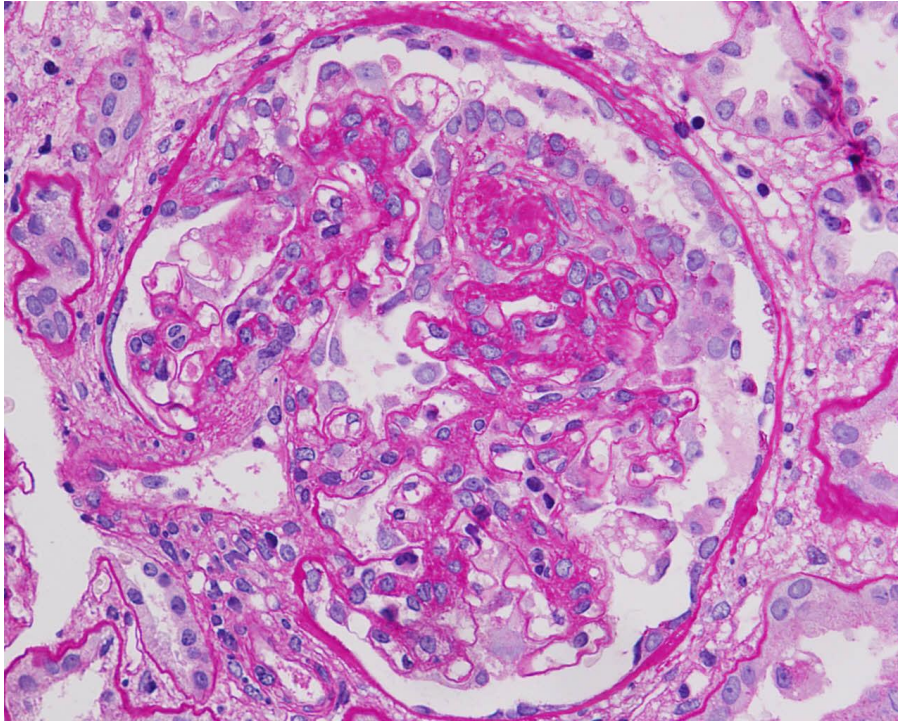
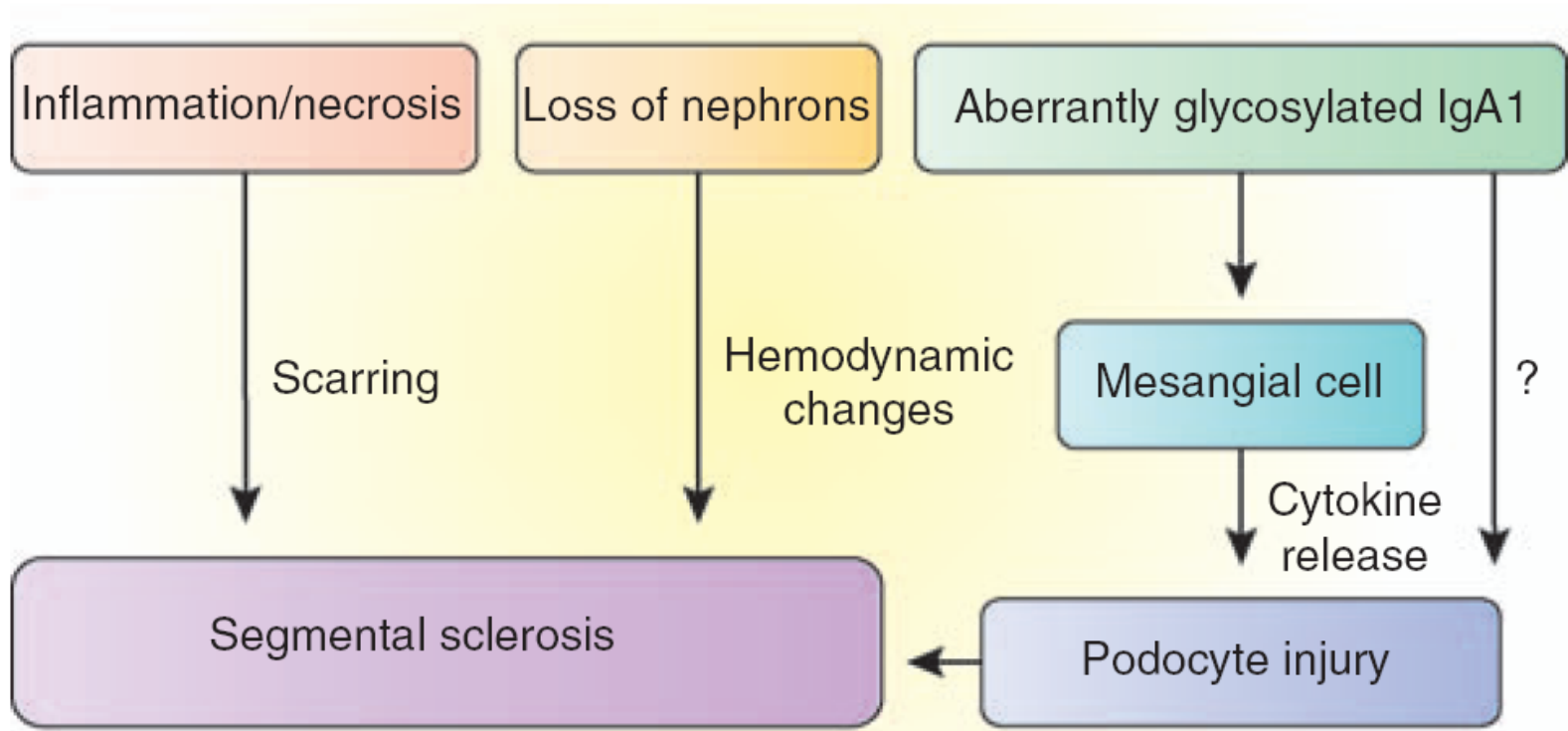


Figure 3 | Survival from bad outcome—all cases. Kaplan–Meier survival curves, comparing survival from bad outcome for all cases with focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) compared with those without FSGS. Bad outcome is defined as doubling of serum creatinine (SCr) or need for dialysis.

- with the cellular and collapsing forms having particularly bad outcomes, using modified Columbia criteria.

- **The interesting glomerular epithelial cell proliferation is not sufficient to classify these as typical collapsing lesions.**
- **These lesions are linked to a poor prognosis is important**
- **Perhaps ‘active proliferative sclerosis’ or ‘sclerosis with epithelial reactivity’ would come closest to capturing the essence of the lesions as described.**

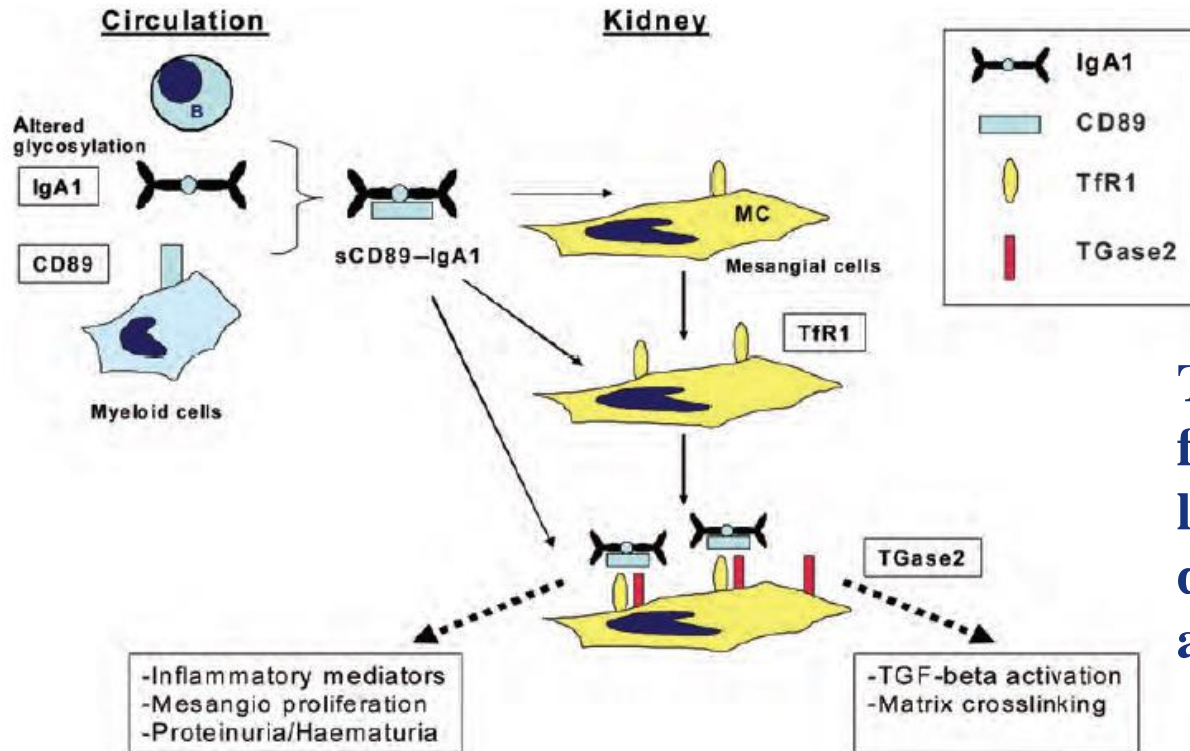
Possible pathways by which segmental glomerulosclerosis develops in IgA nephropathy.



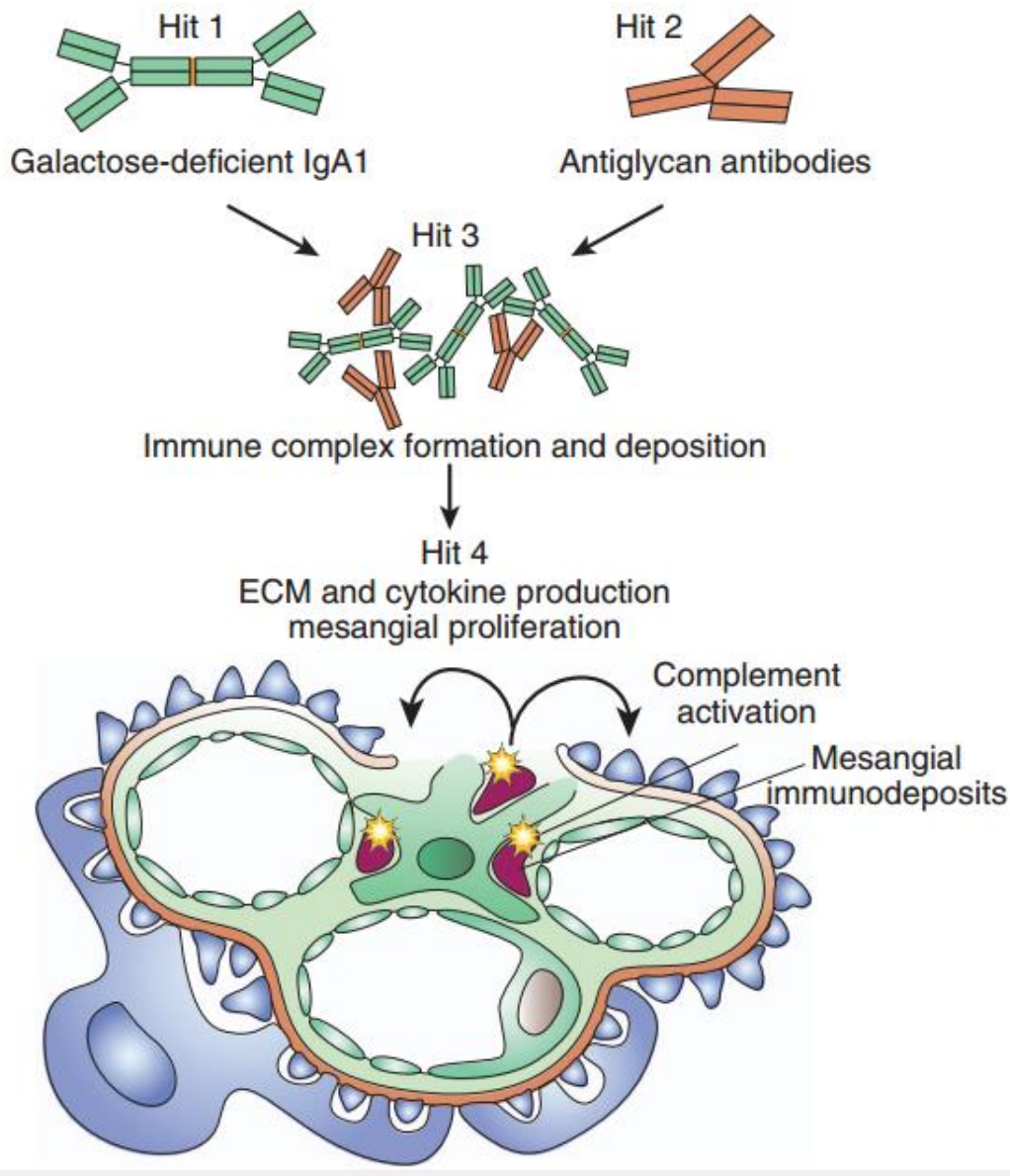
Possible Pathogenesis of IgAN

- Abnormal glycosylation of IgA
- Ab against abnormally glycosylated IgA
- Defective clearance of circulating IgA complexes
- Increased affinity for IgA deposits in mesangium
- Mucosal excess Ab reaction in response to Ag exposure
- Increased mucosal permeability to Ag
- Genetic susceptibility

- Soluble CD89 as a new ligand of CD71 expressed on mesangial cells of IgAN patients and as inducers of transglutaminase 2 in their mesangium.



TGase2 is responsible for a pathogenic amplification loop facilitating IgA1-sCD89 deposition and mesangial cell activation



The multihit pathogenesis model of
IgA nephropathy

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Abnormal miR-148b Expression Promotes Aberrant Glycosylation of IgA1 in IgA Nephropathy

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- **Upregulation of miR-148b directly correlated with levels of galactose-deficient IgA1.**
- **MiR-148b modulates IgA1 O-glycosylation and the levels of secreted galactose-deficient IgA1.**
- **Abnormal expression of miR-148b may explain the aberrant glycosylation of IgA1.**

Original Article

Role of let-7b in the regulation of *N*-acetylgalactosaminyltransferase 2 in IgA nephropathy

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- **Let-7b expression levels were higher in IgAN patients**
- **GALNT2 levels were significantly lower in IgAN patients**
- **Let-7b targets GALNT2, responsible for a decreased GALNT2 expression in IgAN**

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In a retrospective international study, circulating miR-148b and let-7b were found to be serum markers for detecting primary IgA nephropathy

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- **Serum levels of the combined miRNA biomarker, let-7b and miR-148b, appears to be a novel, reliable, and noninvasive test to predict the probability of having IgAN**



Increased miR-374b promotes cell proliferation and the production of aberrant glycosylated IgA1 in B cells of IgA nephropathy

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- **miR-374b up expression promotes B cell proliferation and aberrant glycosylation of IgA1 by targeting PTEN and Cosmc in B cells of IgA nephropathy.**
- **Inhibition of miR-374b prevents the B cell proliferation and aberrant glycosylation of IgA1**
- **It might represent a new therapeutic approach for IgAN**

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MiR-223 downregulation promotes glomerular endothelial cell activation by upregulating importin α 4 and α 5 in IgA nephropathy

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- **miR-223 downregulation promotes glomerular endothelial cell activation by upregulating importin α 4 and α 5 in IgAN.**
- **Monitoring the level of miR-223 in circulating endothelial cells may provide a noninvasive method for evaluating the severity of IgAN**

Thank you !

