

# **Atteinte rénale au cours des cryoglobulinémies mixtes: quels traitements en 2012**

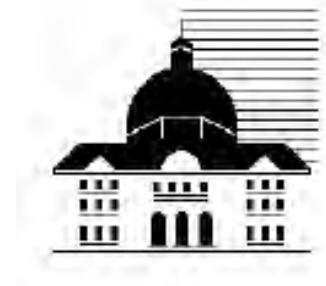
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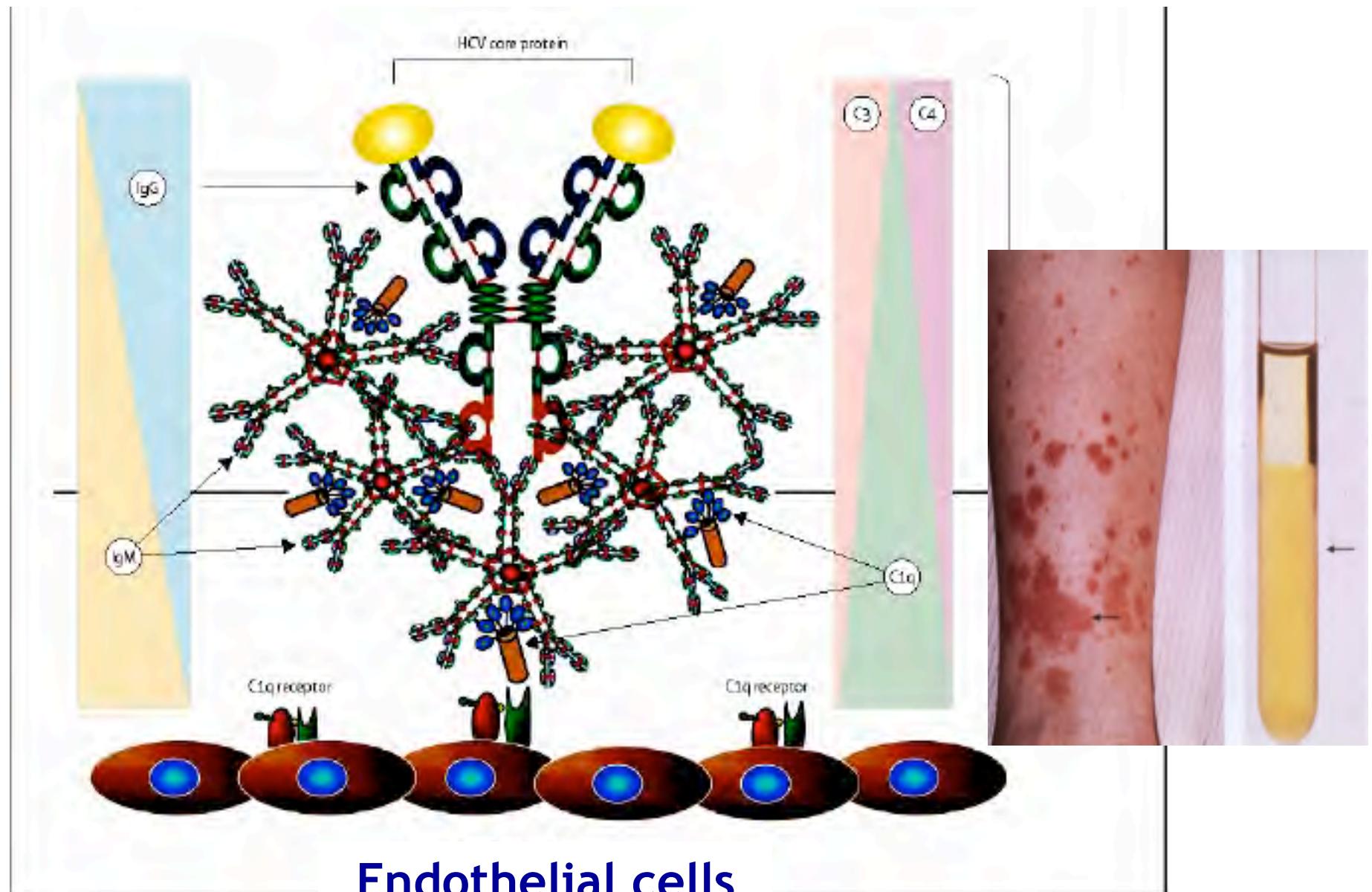
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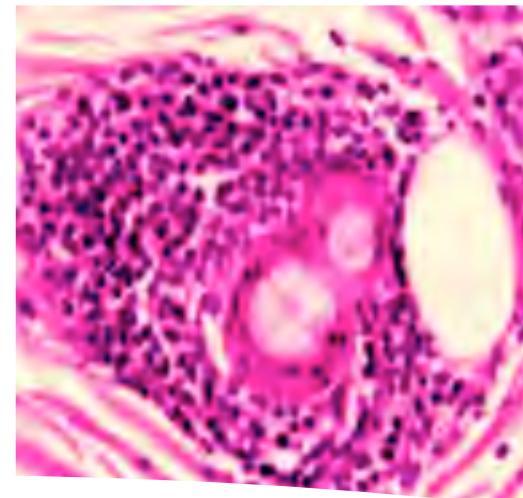
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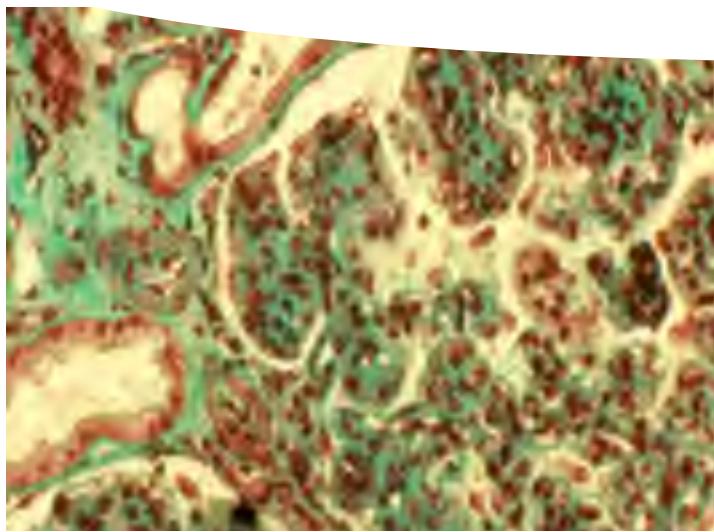
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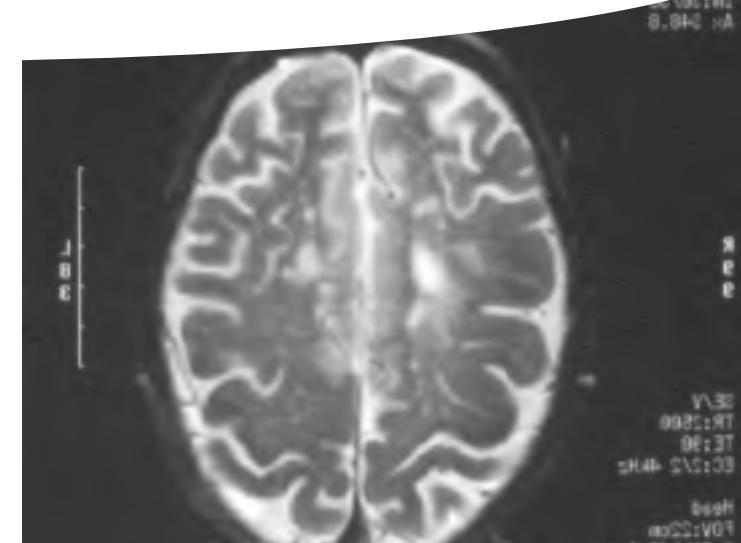
**Neuropathy**



## Cryoglobulinemia-Systemic Vasculitis



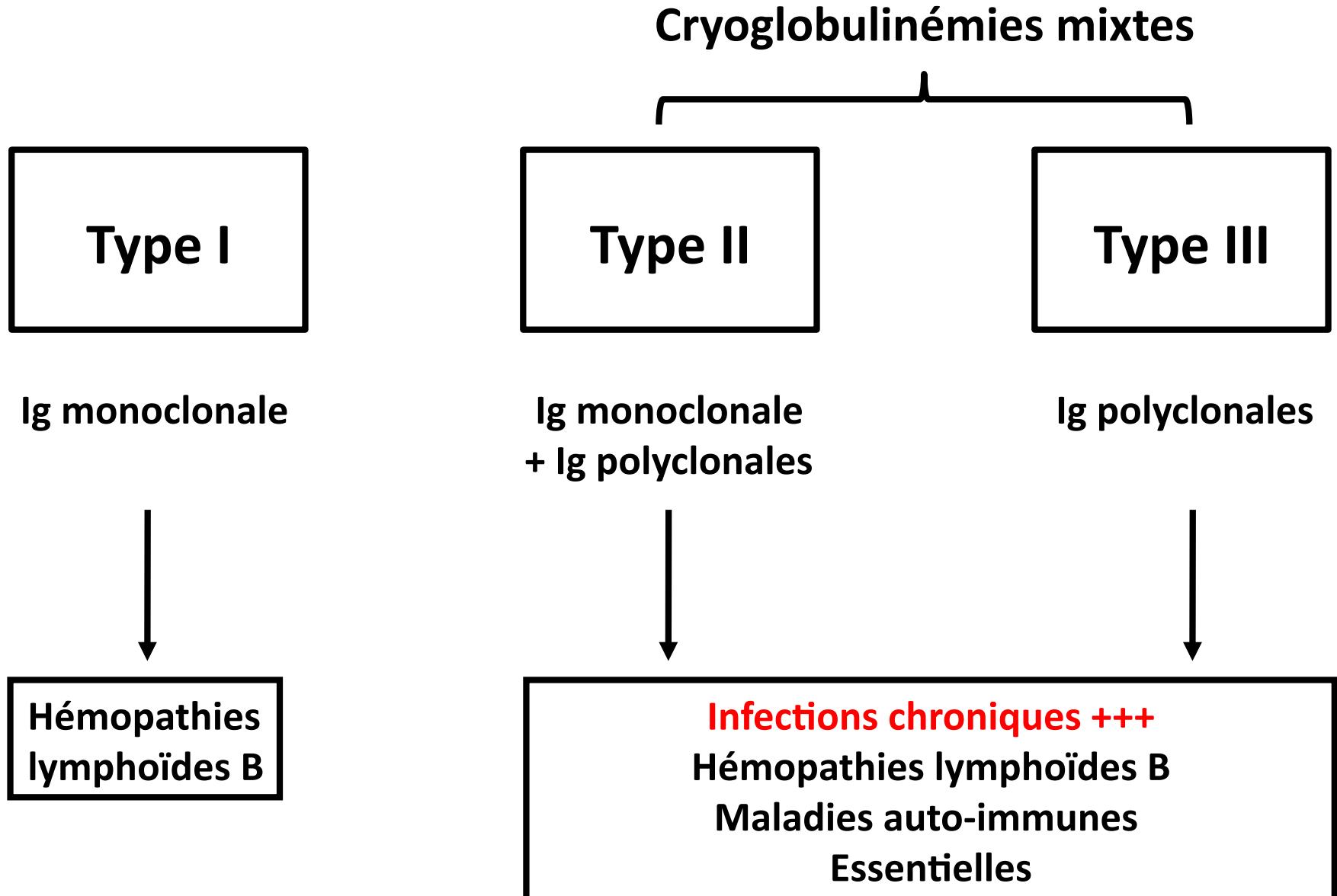
**Membrano-proliferative  
Glomerulonephritis**



**CNS Vasculitis**

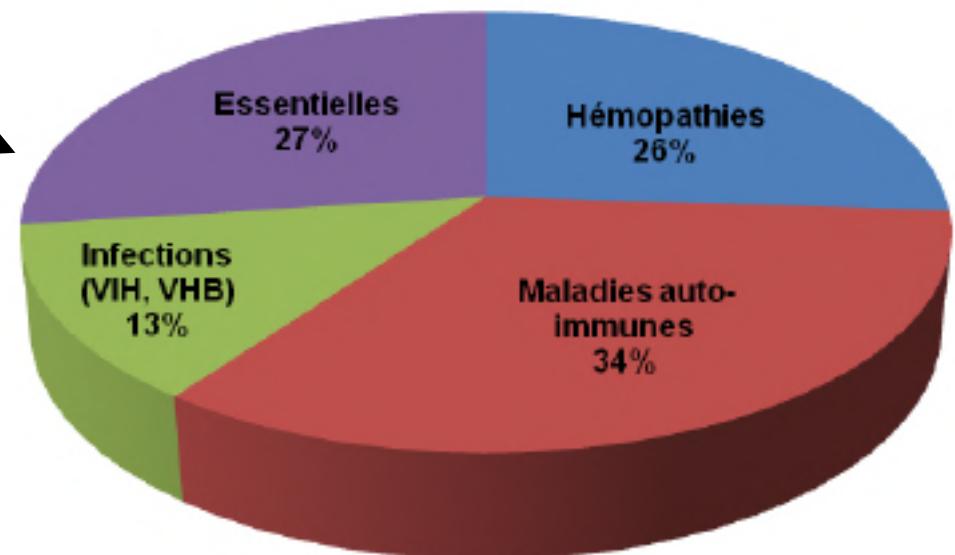
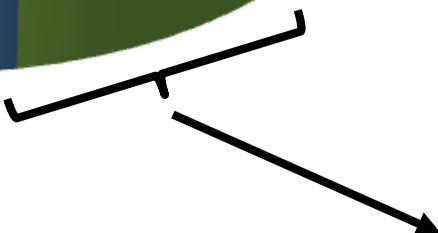
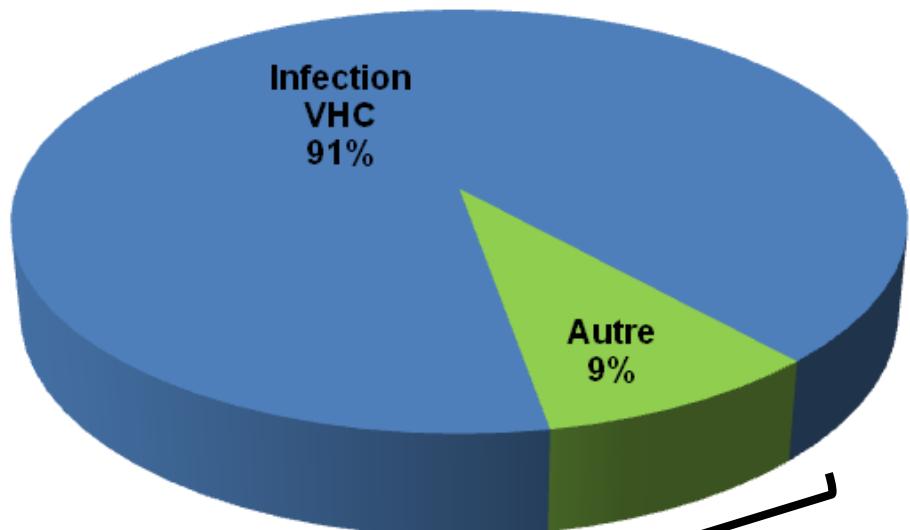
# Cryoglobulinémies

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# Cryoglobulinémies mixtes

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# **Cryoglobulinémies mixtes liées au virus de l'hépatite C**

# Features of 250 Mixed Cryoglobulinemic Patients

Age at disease onset	54 ± 13 (29-72)
Female/Male ratio	3
Purpura	98 %
Weakness	98 %
Arthralgias	91 %
Arthritis (non-erosive)	8 %
Raynaud's phenomenon	32 %
Sicca syndrome	51 %
Peripheral neuropathy	81 %
<b>Renal involvement</b>	<b>31 %</b>
B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	11 %
Hepatocellular carcinoma	3 %

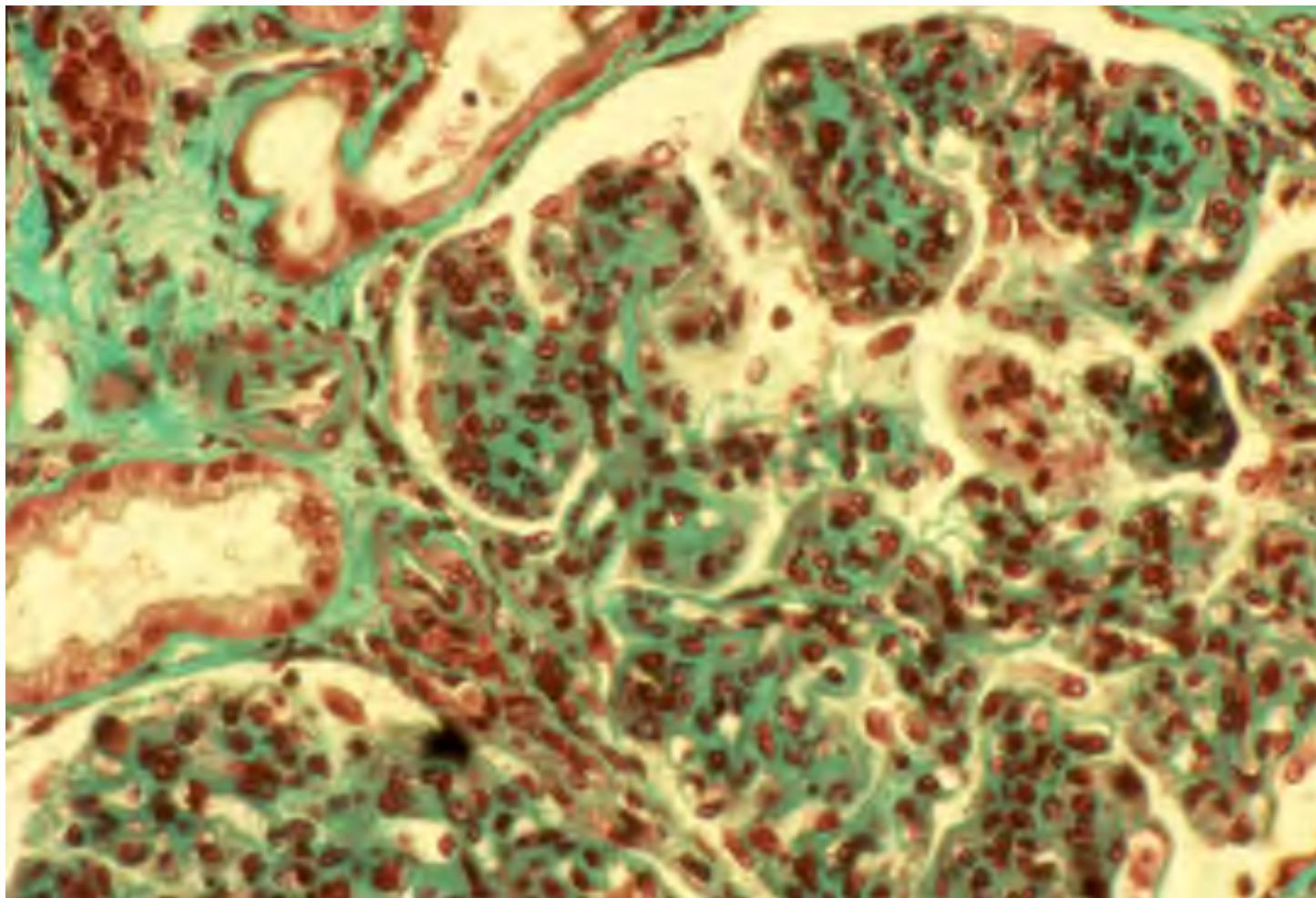
# HCV & glomerulonephritis

• Proteinuria (g/d)	$3.1 \pm 2.2$
• Albumin (g/L)	$29 \pm 5$
• Creatinine ( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{L}$ )	$118 \pm 41$
• Cryoglobulin (II/III)	16 / 2
• Cryoglobulin level (g/L)	$1.4 \pm 1.8$
• ALT (IU x N/ml)	$1.5 \pm 1$
• Genotype 1/ 2/ 3/ 4	11/ 3/ 2/ 2
• Treatment of nephrotic sd	
plasmapheresis	132 (66%)
steroids	8 (44%)
furosemide	18 (100%)
ACE	12 (66%)

## Cryoglobulinemic GN vs Idiopathic type I Membranoproliferative GN.

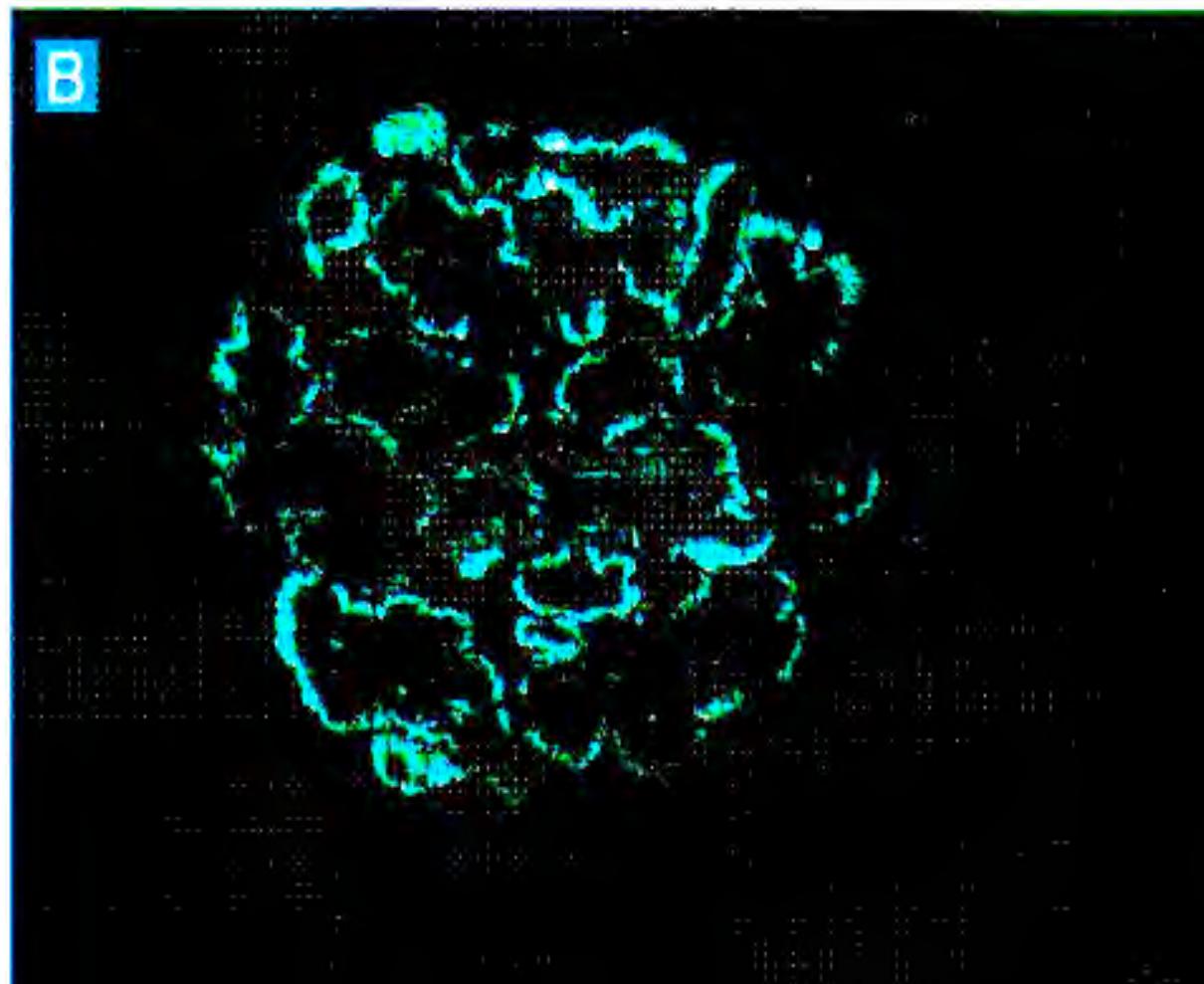
- **Glomérulonéphrite membrano-proliférative**
  - infiltrat monocytaire (+++)
  - thrombi intra-luminaux
  - basale glomérulaire = double contour
  - vascularite vaisseaux petits-moyen calibre  $\pm$  nécrose fibrinoïde
  - IF : dépôts sous-endothéliaux et intra-luminaux d'Ig (= cryo)
  - ME : dépôts cristalloïdes pathognomoniques

# Cryoglobulinemic Membrano-Proliferative Glomerulonephritis

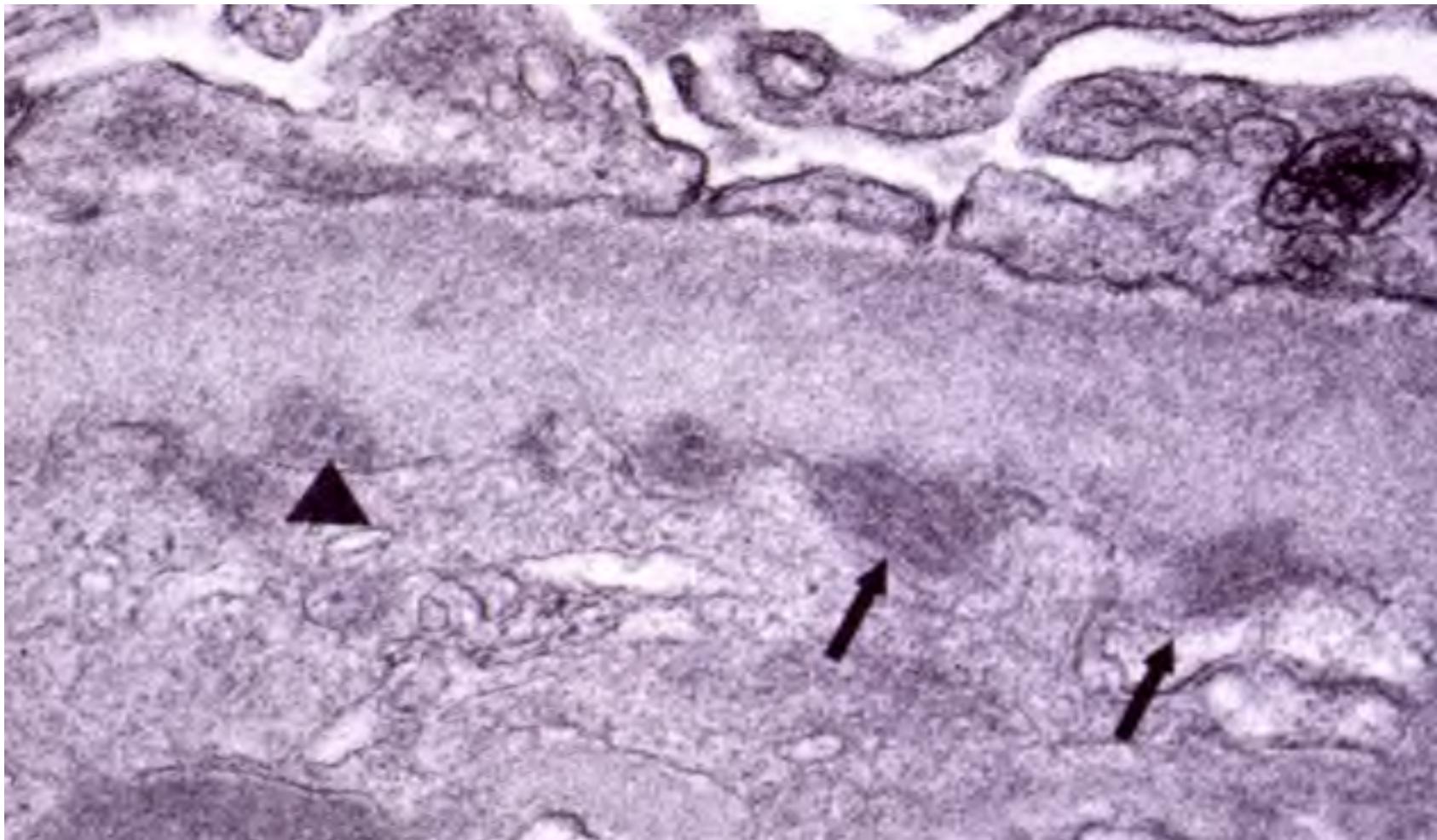


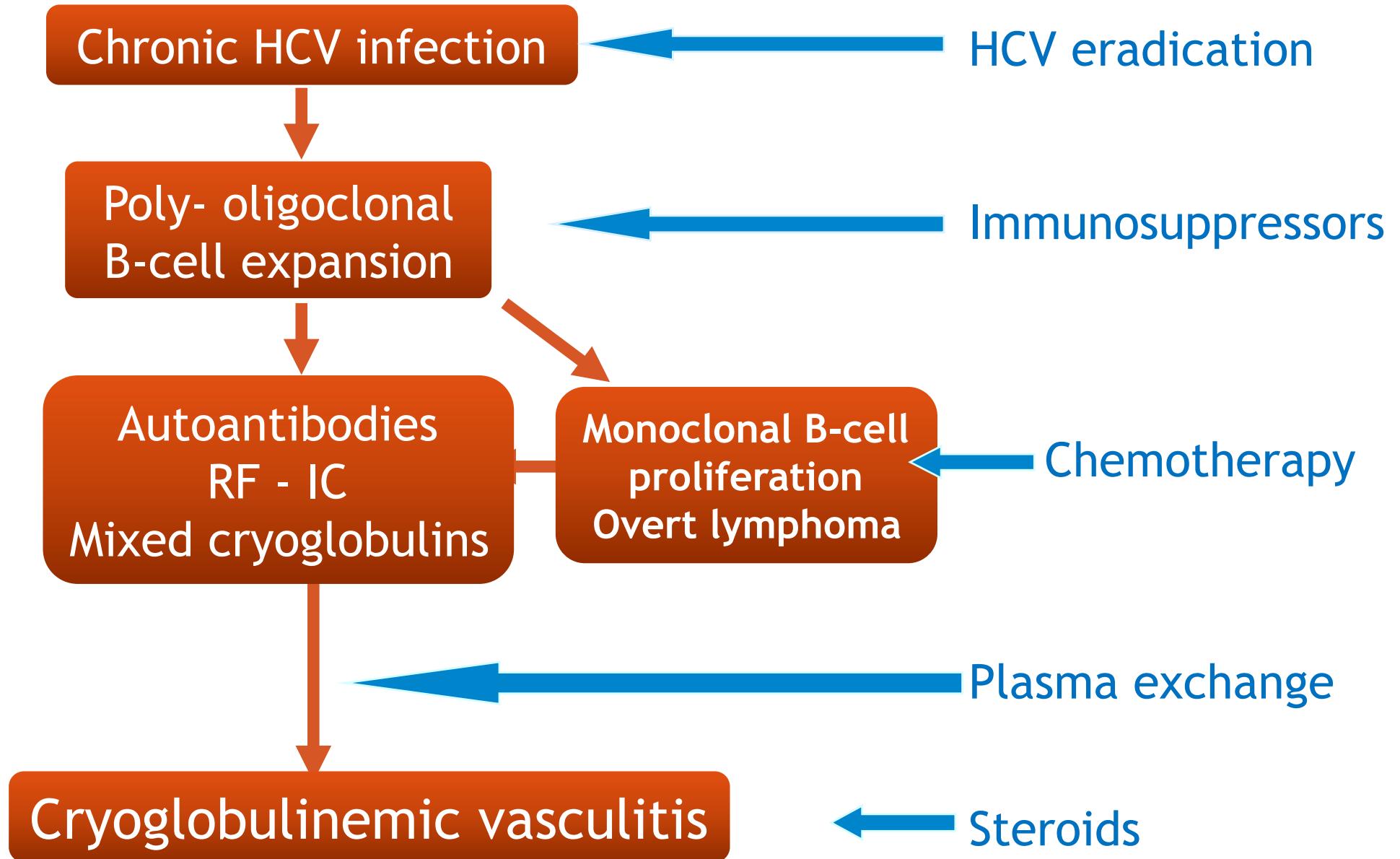
# HCV & membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis

Immunofluorescence : endoluminal deposits of IgG,  
eosinophils, PAS + (thrombi)

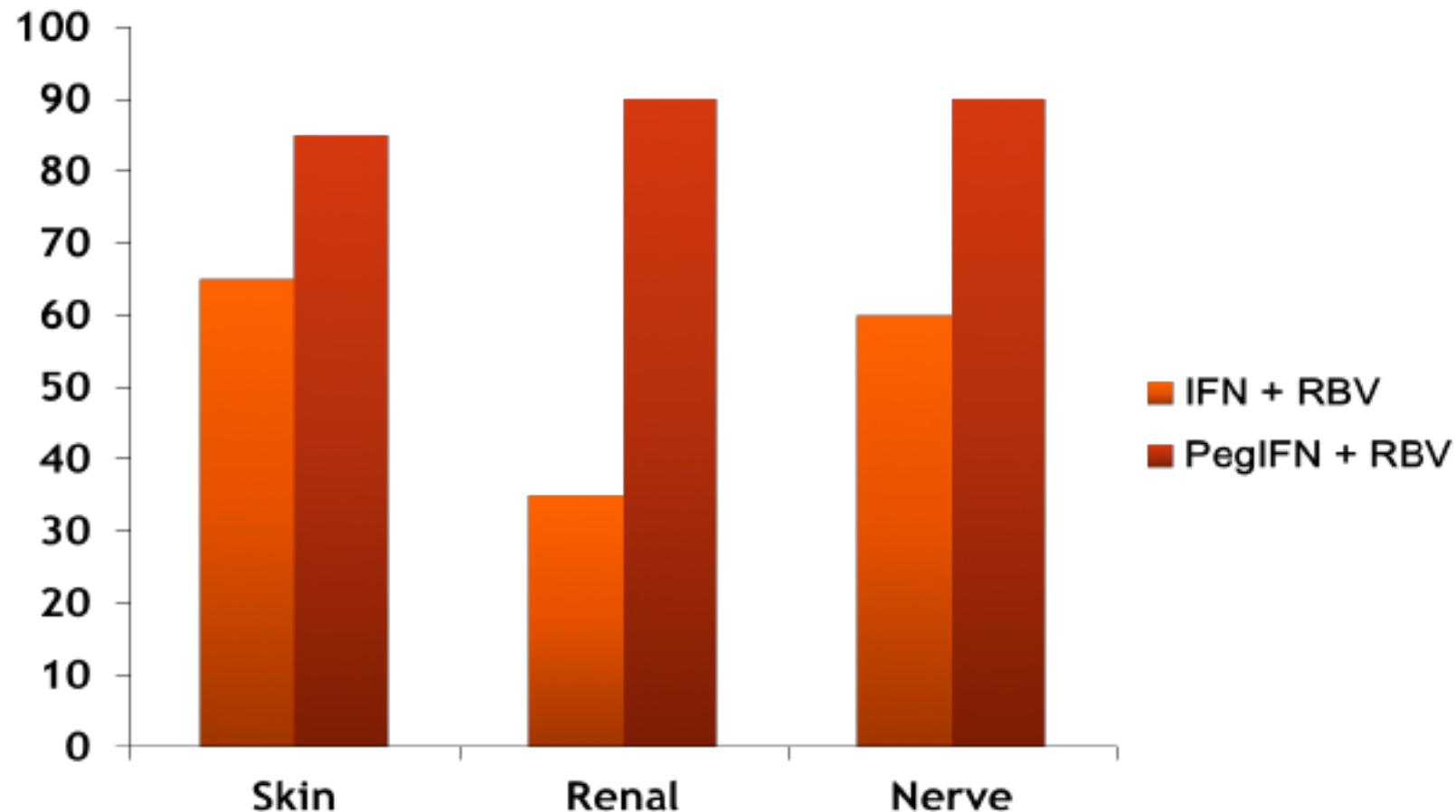


# Cryoglobulinemic Membrano-Proliferative Glomerulonephritis (EM)





# HCV Treatment Efficacy in HCV-Vasculitis



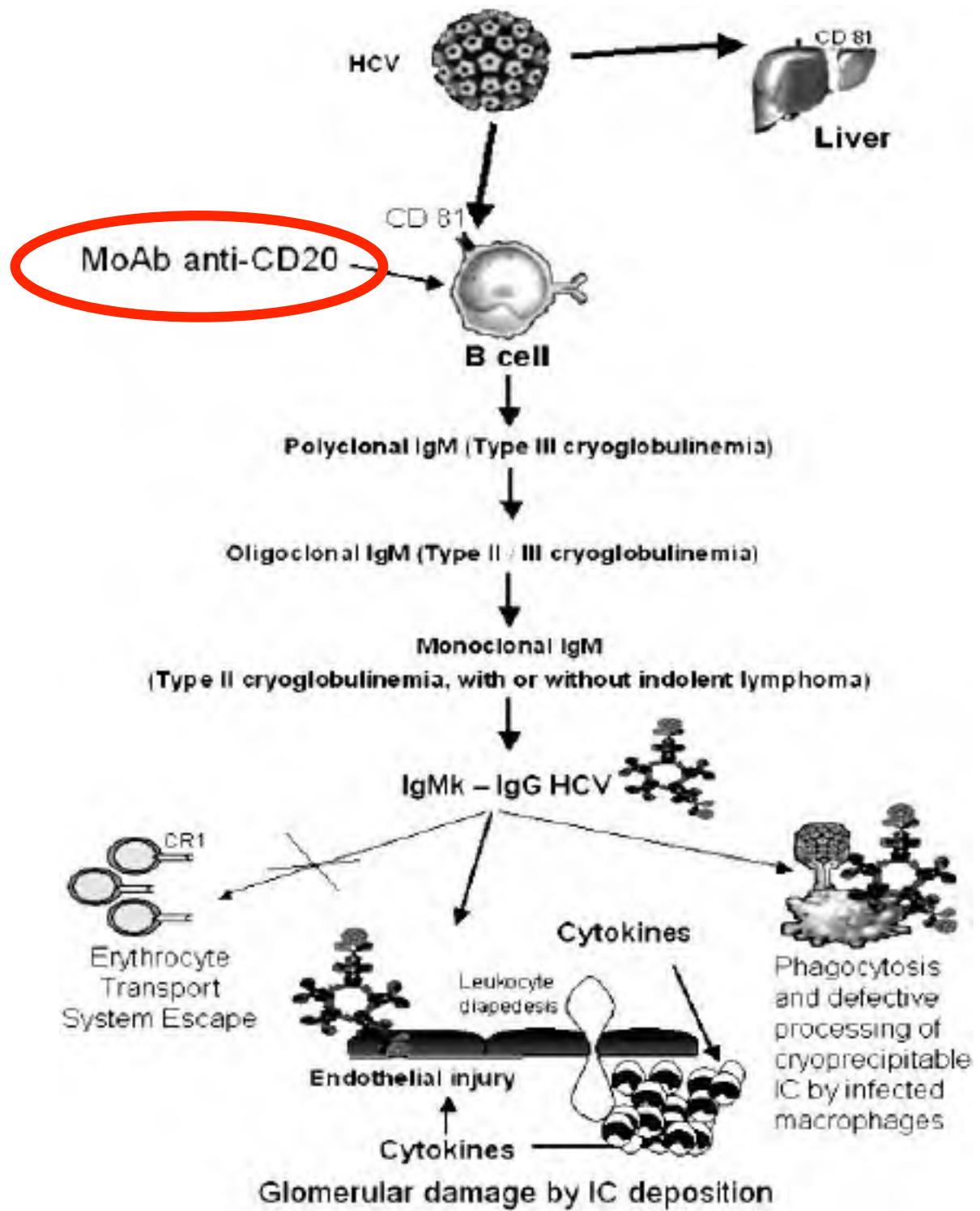
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# Predictive Factors of Clinical Response to HCV Therapy in Mixed Cryoglobulinemia Vasculitis

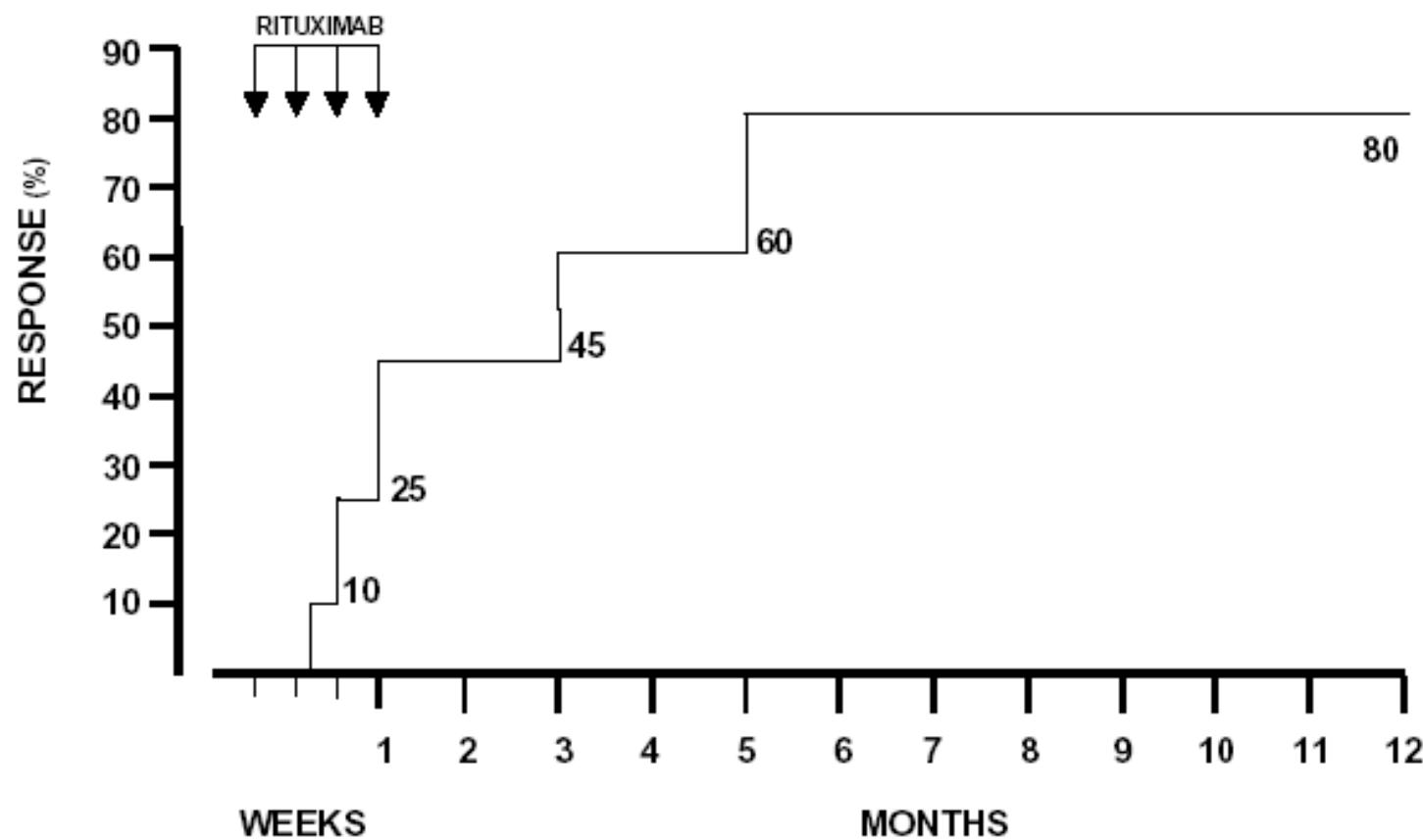
## Multivariate Analysis

	Odds ratio	[95%CI]	p
• Renal involvement	0.27	[0.08-0.87]	0.02
• Renal insufficiency (GFR<70)	0.18	[0.05-0.67]	0.01
• Daily proteinuria > 1g	0.32	[0.09-1.11]	0.05
• Early virological response	3.53	[1.18-10.59]	0.02

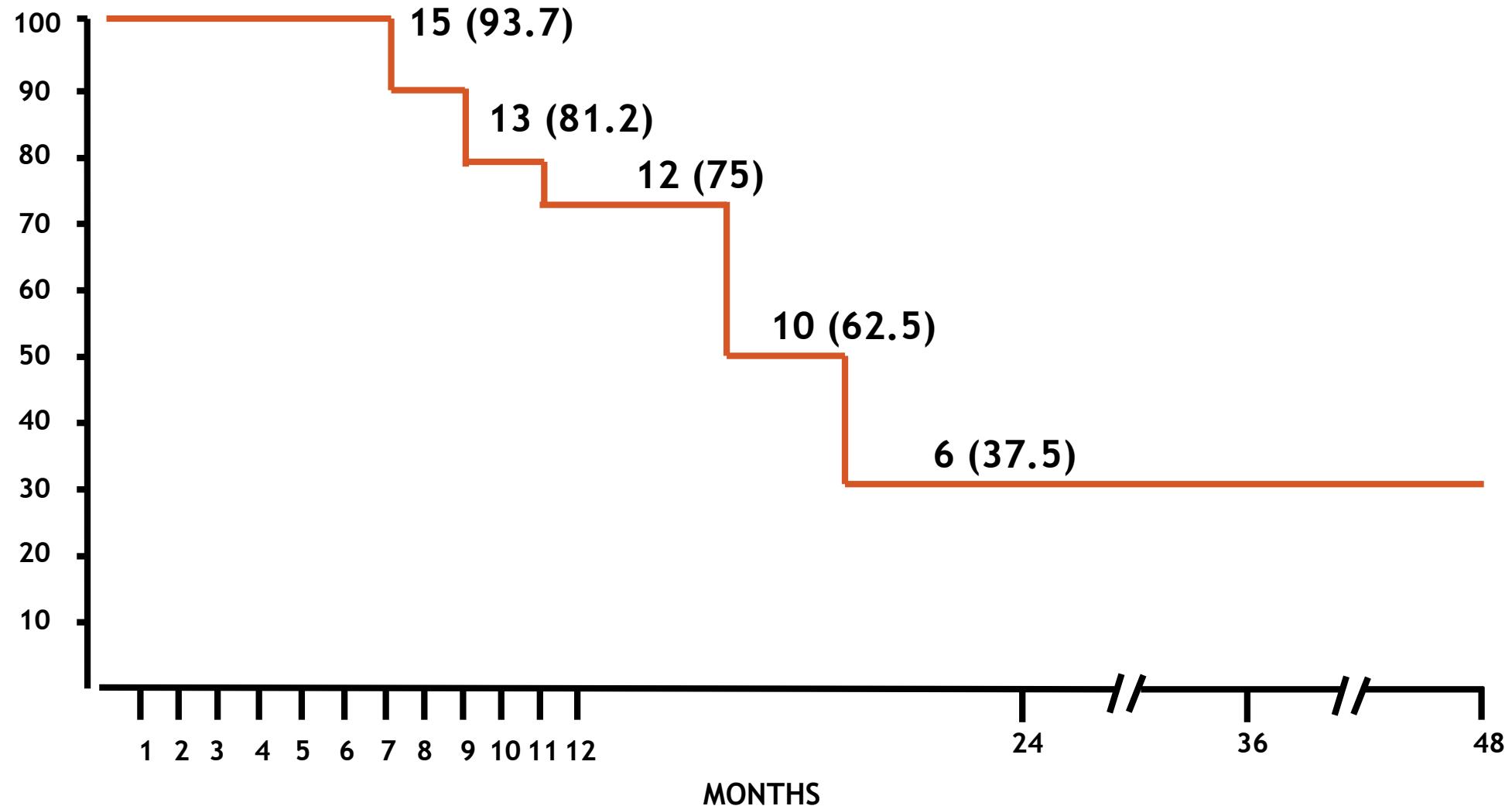
# Rationale for Rituximab treatment in cryoglobulinemic vasculitis



# Treatment of Mixed Cryoglobulinemia Resistant to Interferon $\alpha$ with Rituximab



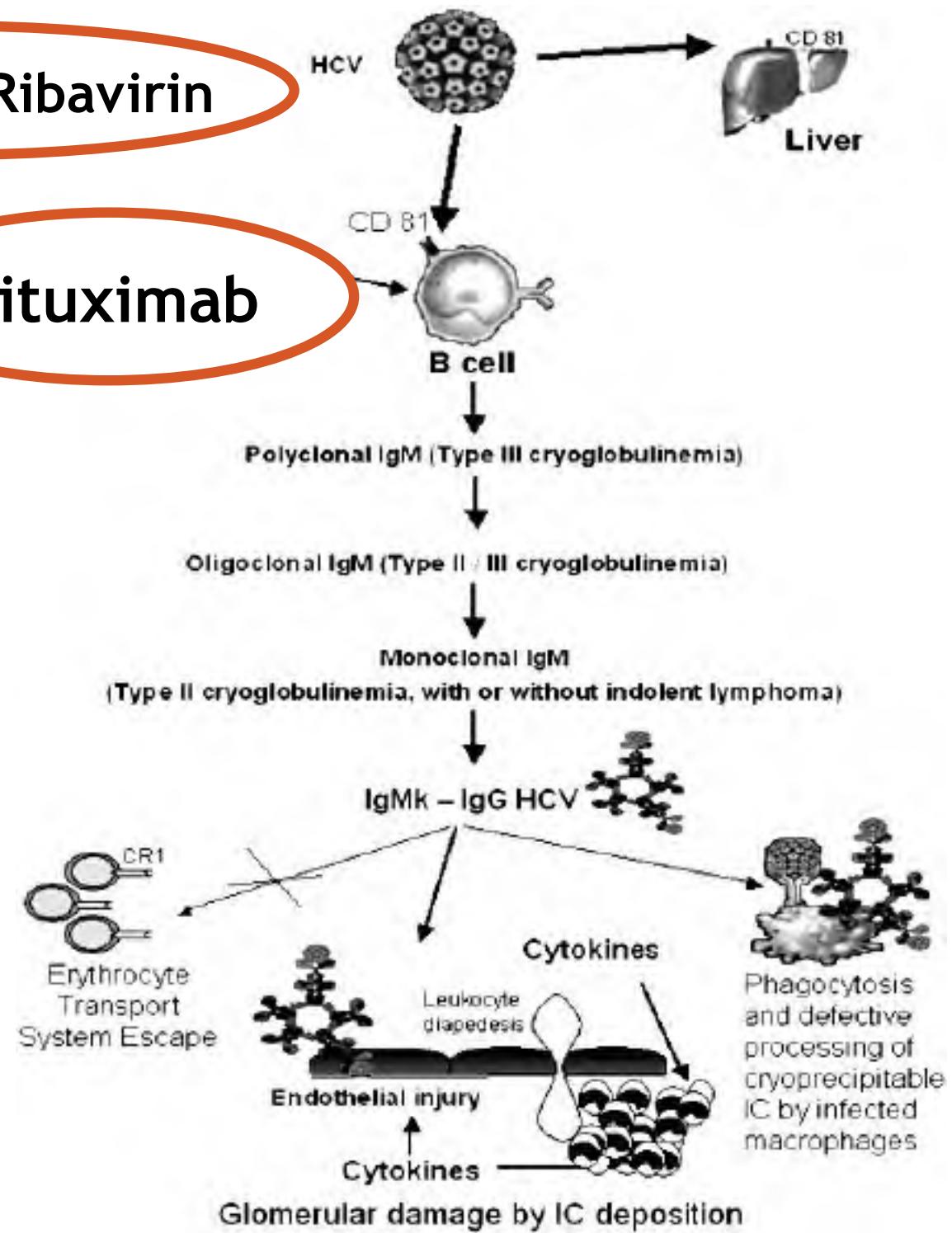
# Cryoglobulinemia Vasculitis: Response Maintenance after Discontinuation of Rituximab



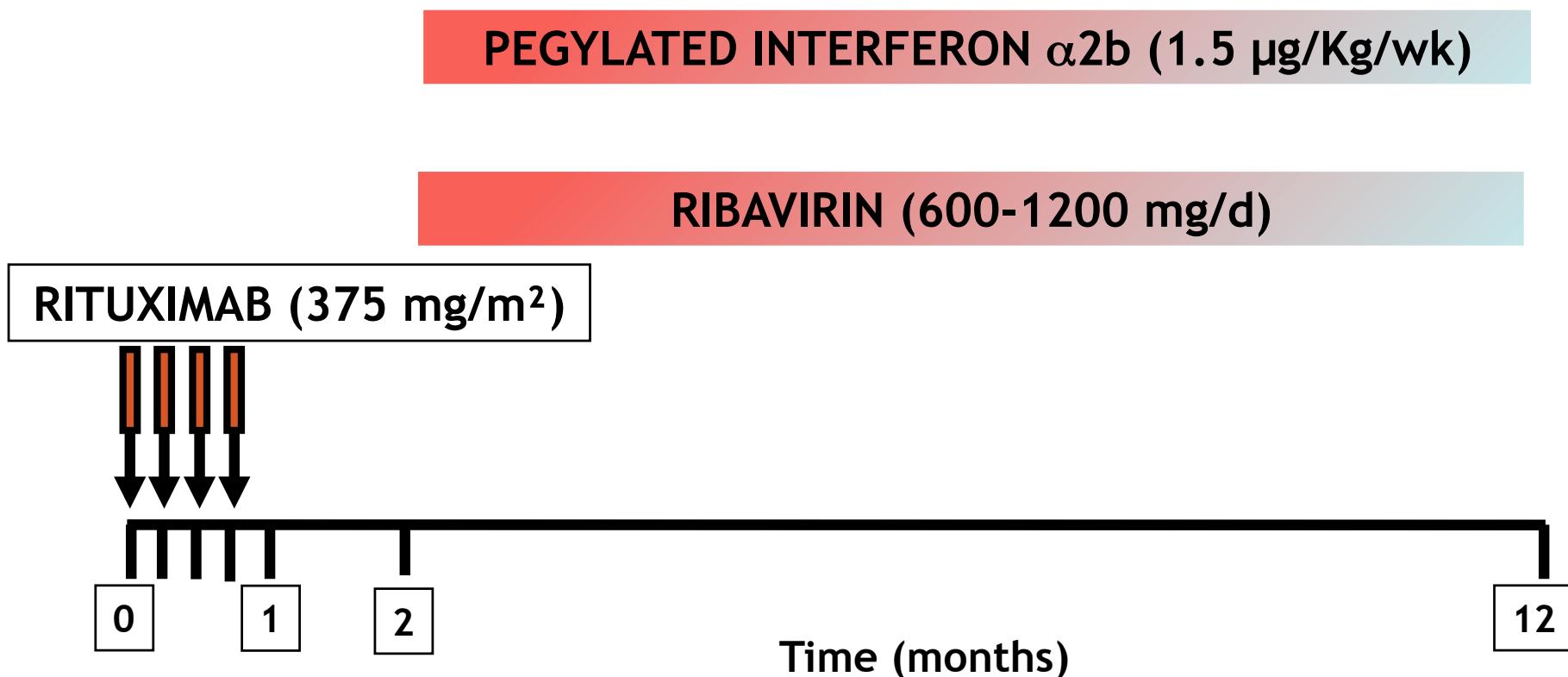
**HCV Vasculitis: a Two-Faces Disease**  
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**Needs a Two Faces Treatment Strategy**

**PegIFN plus Ribavirin**

**Rituximab**



# Rituximab plus Peg-IFNa2b-Ribavirin in Refractory HCV-Related Systemic Vasculitis



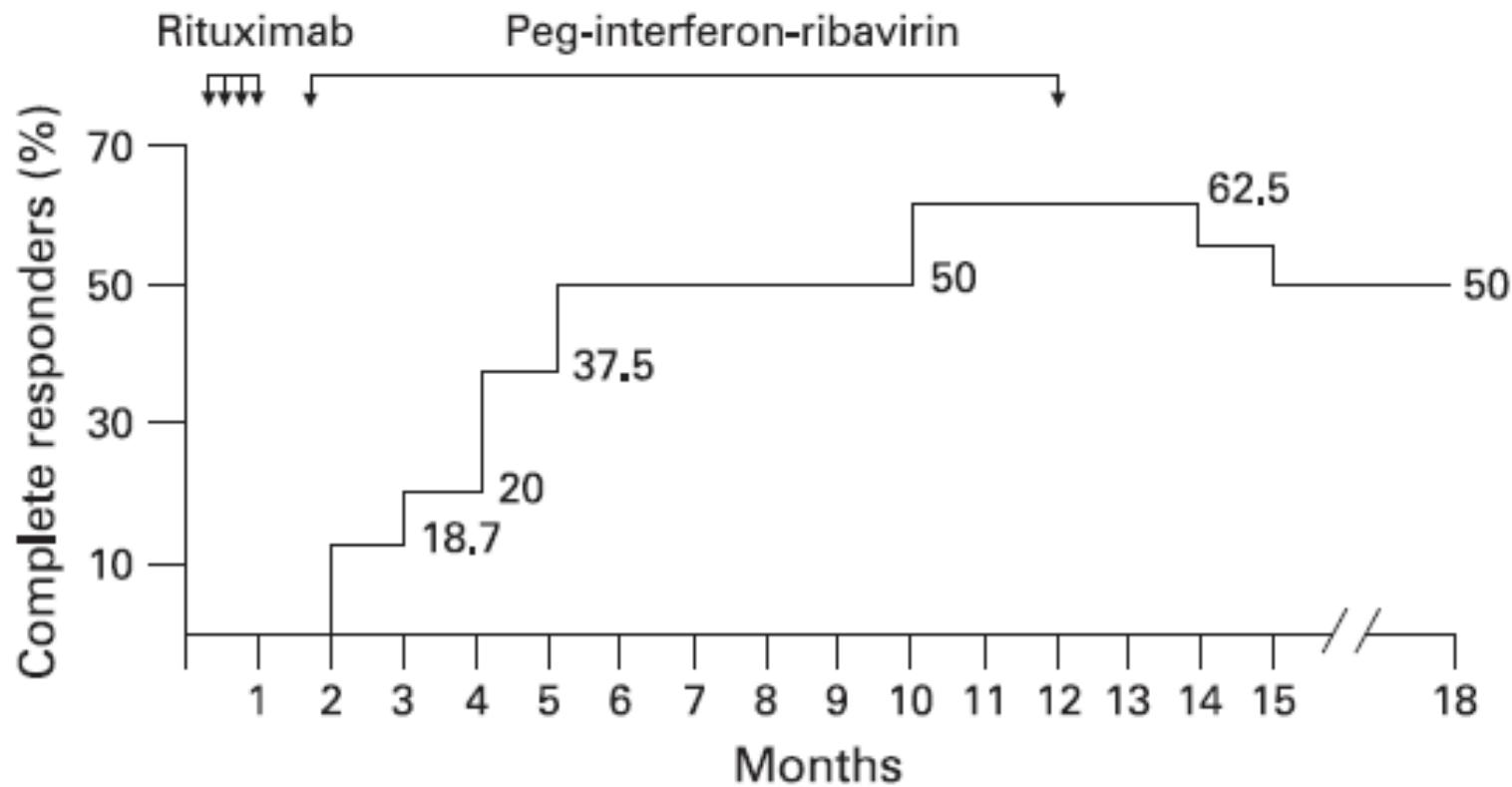
# Rituximab combined with Peg-interferon-ribavirin in refractory hepatitis C virus-associated cryoglobulinaemia vasculitis

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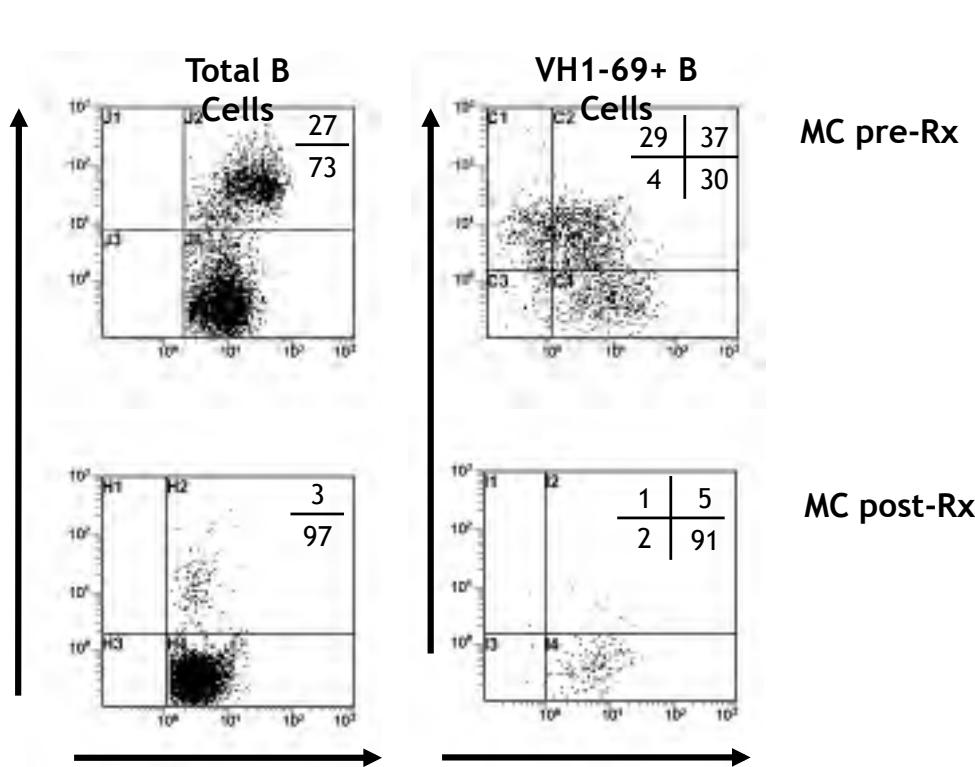
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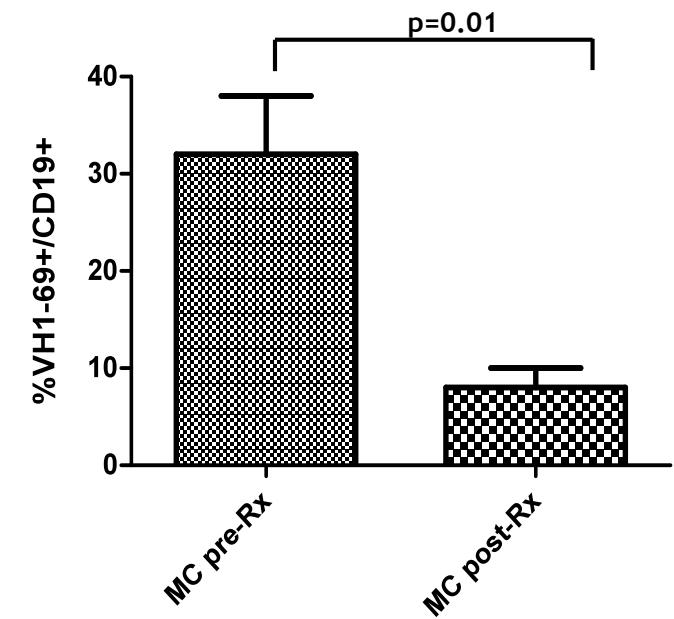
## Response rate of HCV-cryoglobulinemia vasculitis with Rituximab plus Peg-IFNa2b + Ribavirin.



# Effects of rituximab on VH1-69 clonal B cells



A patient with HCV-MC-vasculitis demonstrating staining with anti-Vh1-69 gene product mAb (MC pre-Rx) and disappearance of VH1-69+ B cells following rituximab (MC post-Rx).



**VH1-69+ cells among CD19+ B cells in patients with HCV-MC vasculitis (n=11) before and after rituximab**

# Rituximab plus Peg-interferon- $\alpha$ /ribavirin compared with Peg-interferon- $\alpha$ /ribavirin in hepatitis C-related mixed cryoglobulinemia

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# Outcome of HCV-MC according to treatment

Parameters	All n=93	PegIFNα-ribavirin n=55	RTX-PegIFNα-ribavirin n=38	P
<b>Time clinical response, months</b>	<b>6.8 ± 4.7</b>	<b>8.4 ± 4.7</b>	<b>5.4 ± 4.0</b>	<b>0.004</b>
Clinical response				
CR	<b>68 (73.1)</b>	<b>40 (72.7)</b>	<b>28 (73.7)</b>	<b>0.98</b>
PR	22 (23.6)	13 (23.6)	9 (23.7)	
NR	3 (3.2)	2 (3.6)	1 (2.6)	
Relapse	17 (18.3)	10 (18.1)	7 (18.4)	
Immunological response				
CR	<b>49 (52.7)</b>	<b>24 (43.6)</b>	<b>26 (68.4)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
PR	35 (37.6)	25 (45.4)	10 (26.3)	
NR	8 (8.6)	6 (10.9)	2 (5.2)	
Relapse	17 (18.3)	10 (18.1)	7 (18.4)	
Virological response				
SVR	<b>55 (59.1)</b>	<b>33 (60)</b>	<b>22 (57.9)</b>	<b>0.94</b>
Death	5 (5.4)	2 (3.6)	3 (7.9)	0.70

## Course of kidney parameters in HCV-MC according to the type of treatment

	PegIFN $\alpha$ -ribavirin n=10	p	RTX-PegIFN $\alpha$ - ribavirin n=21	p
Kidney inv. CR	4 (40)		17 (80.9)	0.04

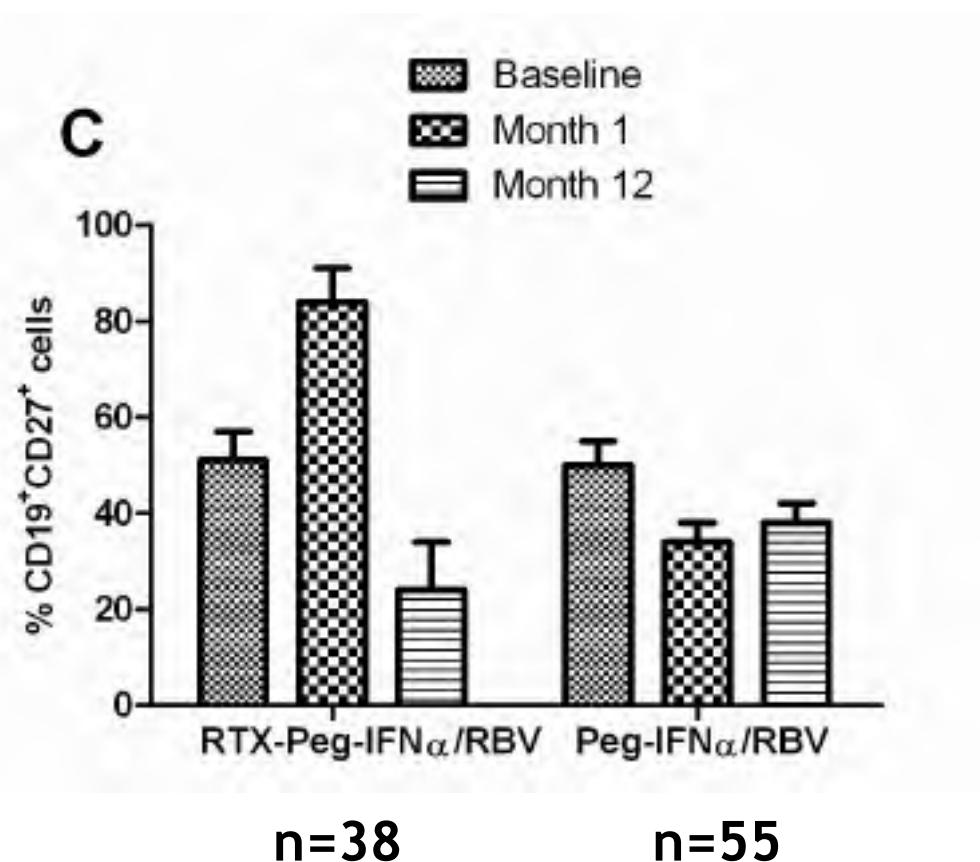
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<b>Creatininemia (μmol/l)</b>				
Baseline	150 ± 30		217 ± 47	
EOF	169 ± 44	0.28	136 ± 27	0.03
<b>GFR (ml/min)</b>				
Baseline	58 ± 7		42 ± 5	
EOF	59 ± 9	0.41	57 ± 4	0.01

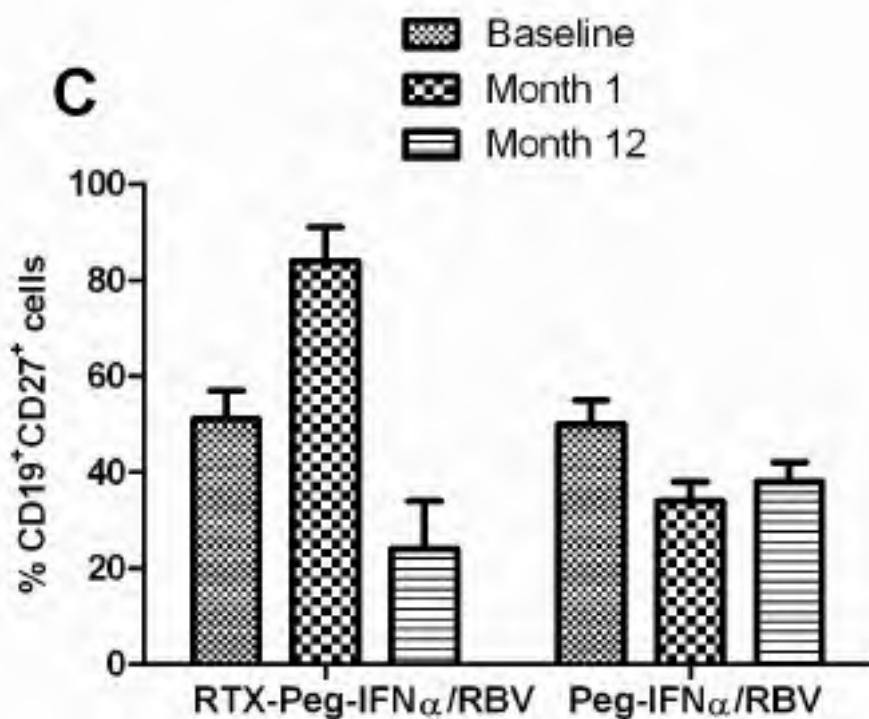
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<b>Daily Proteinuria (gr/d)</b>				
Baseline	3.1 ± 0.9		3 ± 1	
EOF	1.2 ± 0.5	0.046	0.4 ± 0.1	<0.001
<b>Hematuria (n,%)</b>				
Baseline	10 (100)		19 (90.5)	
EOF	2 (20)		2 (10.5)	<0.001

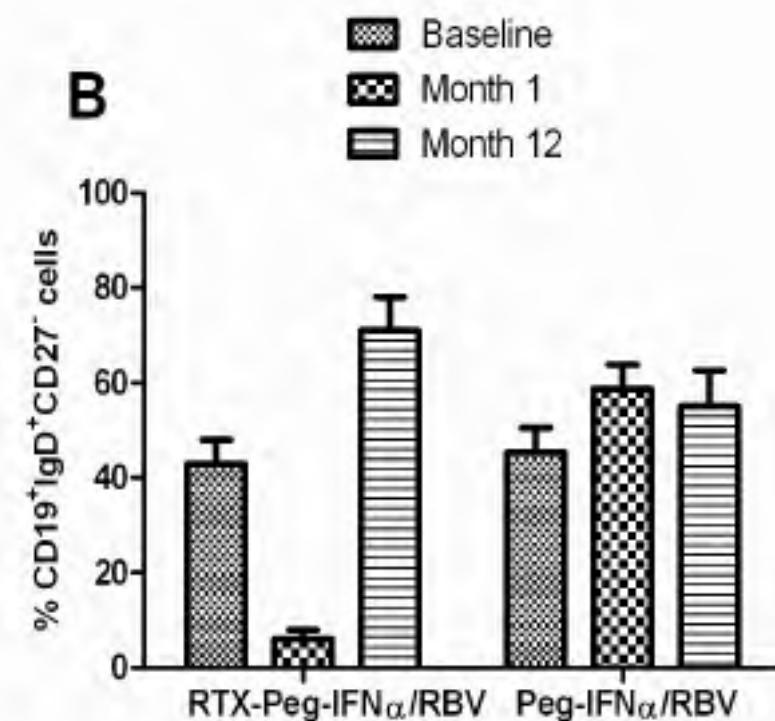
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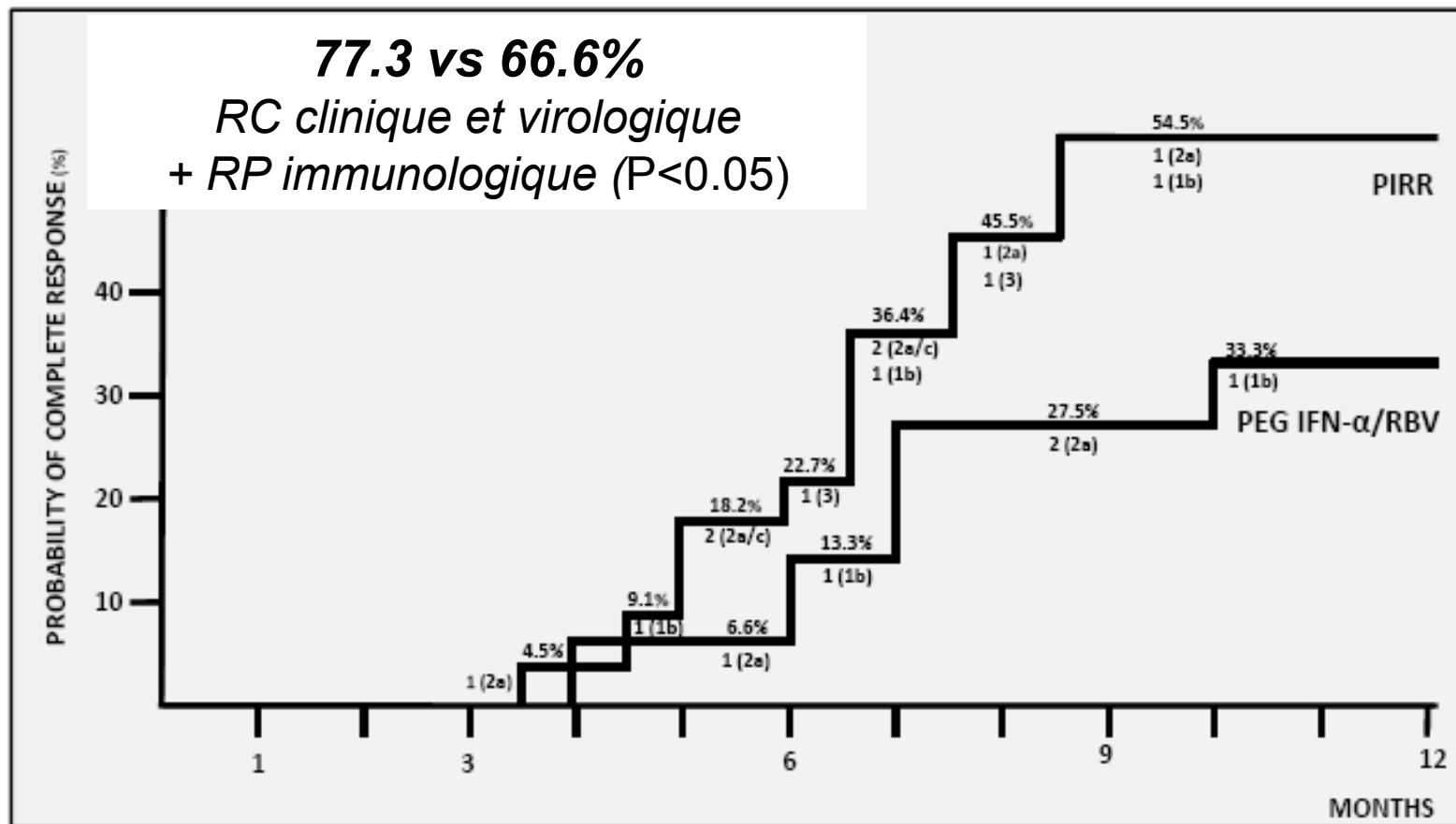
## Antiviral therapy alone decreases the memory B cells



## Antiviral therapy plus Rituximab decrease naive B-cells



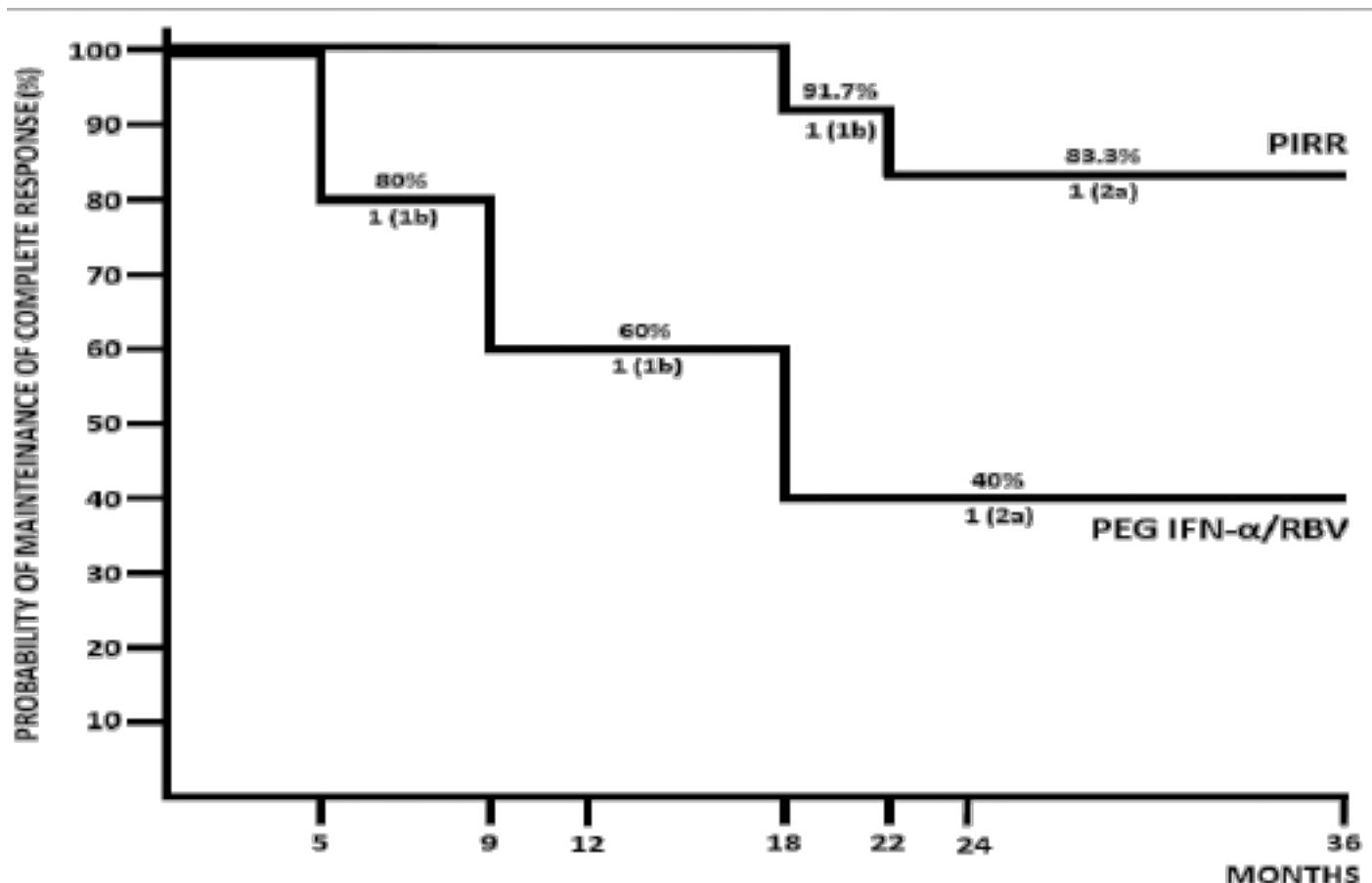
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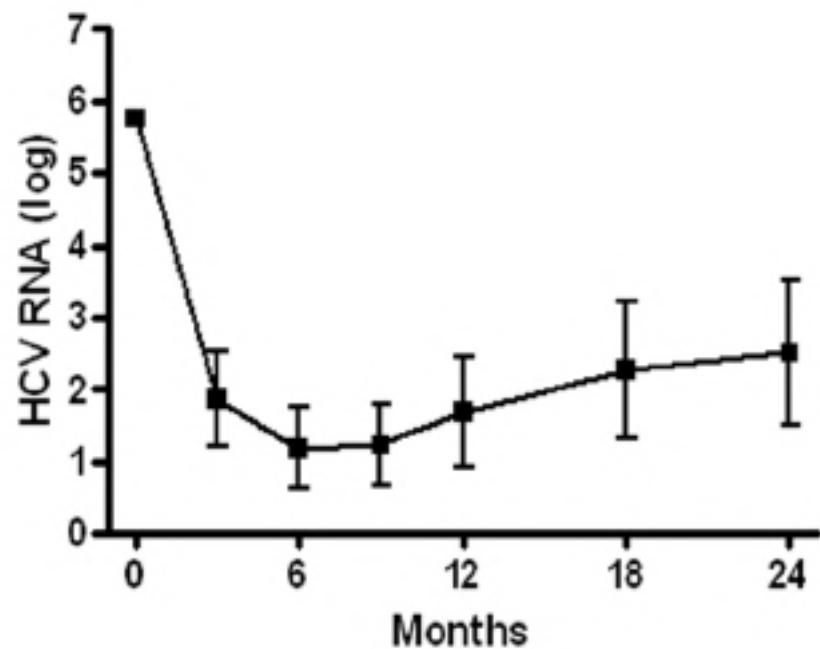
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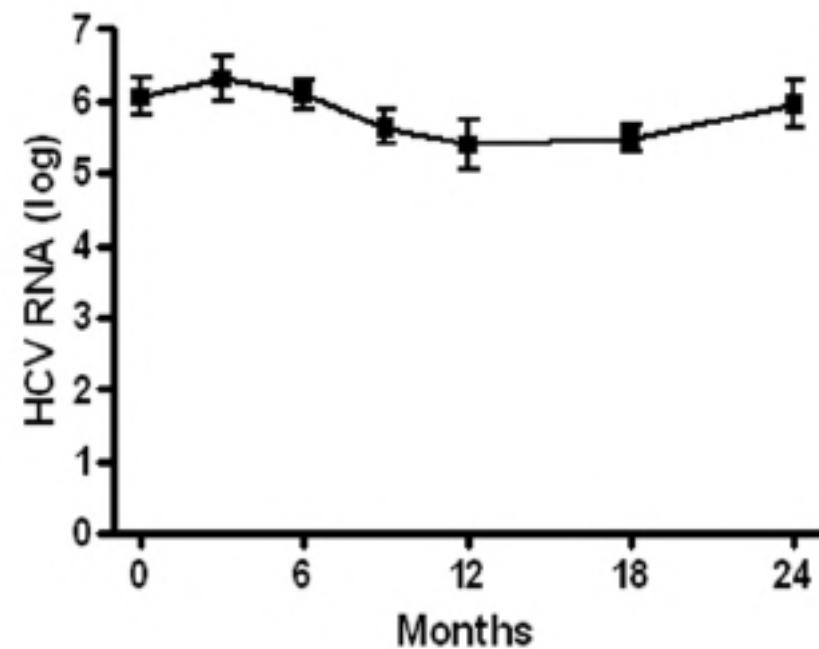


# Reassuring Time Course of HCV Viral Load with Rituximab

RTX and Peg-IFN $\alpha$ 2b



RTX alone

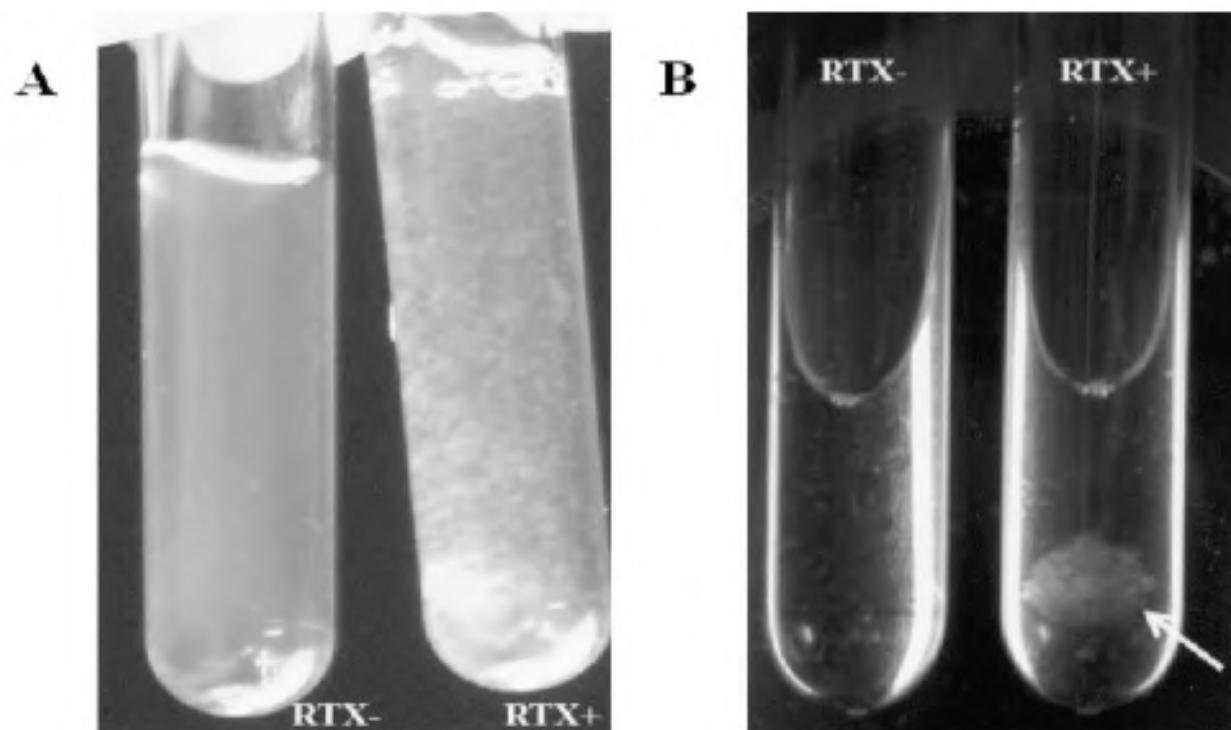


## Rituximab May Complex With IgM $\kappa$ Mixed Cryoglobulin and Induce Severe Systemic Reactions in Patients With Hepatitis C Virus–Induced Vasculitis

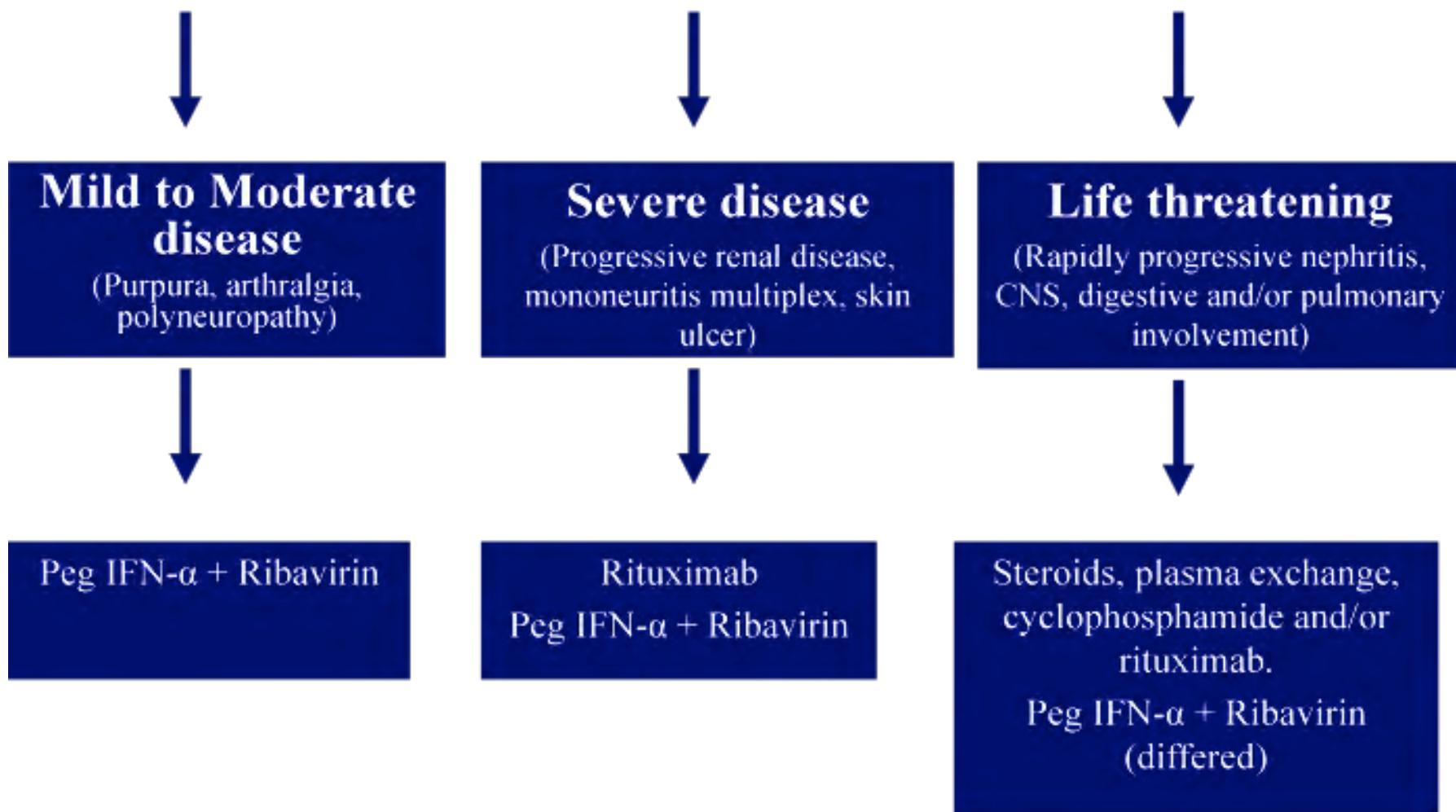
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2°) The 6 patients with RTX related severe systemic drug-reaction, compared to those without were characterized by:

- higher MC levels:  $1.4 \pm 0.8$  g/L vs  $0.71 \pm 0.77$  g/L;  $P = 0.0475$
- lower CA levels:  $0.02 \pm 0.005$  vs  $0.07 \pm 0.07$  g/L;  $P = 0.02$
- more frequent receipt of the RTX-1000 high dose protocol (3/6 = 50% vs 1/15 = 6.7%;  $P = 0.05$ )



## Therapeutic Strategies in HCV-related Cryoglobulinemic Vasculitis



- If failure or CI to PegINF/riba: RTX alone
- Place to be defined for PegIFN/Riba/Previr

# **Cryoglobulinémies mixtes non infectieuses**

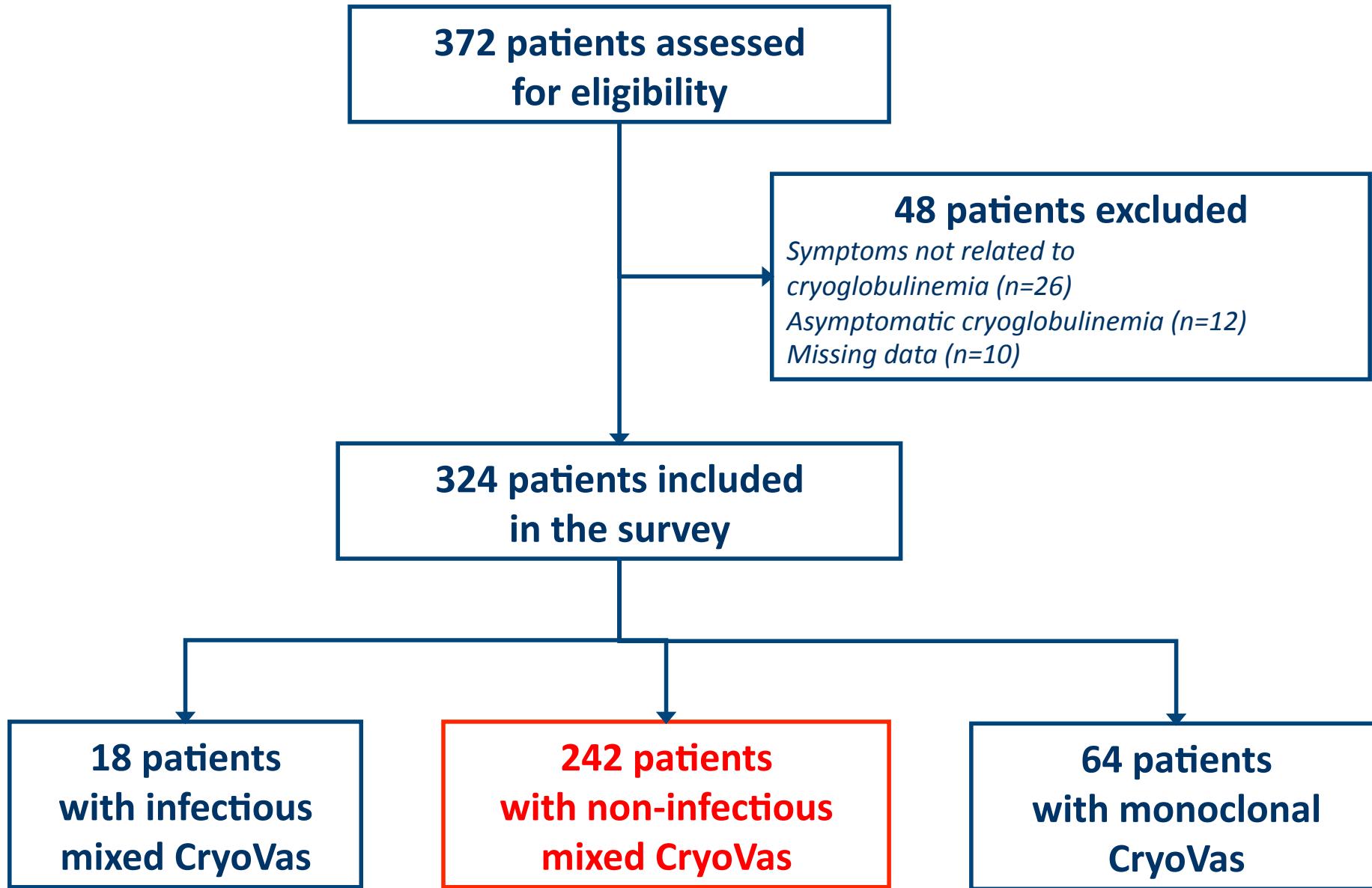
# **Efficacy and safety of treatments in patients with non-infectious mixed cryoglobulinemia vasculitis**

***Results from the French CryoVas survey***

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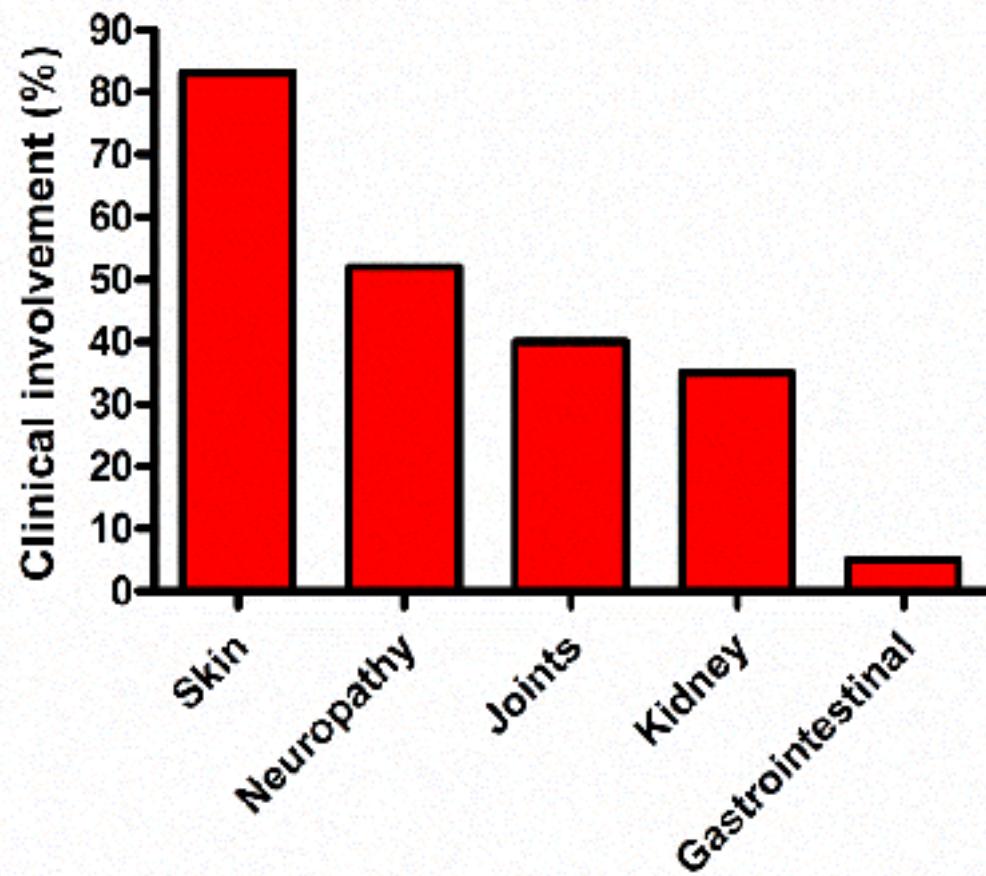


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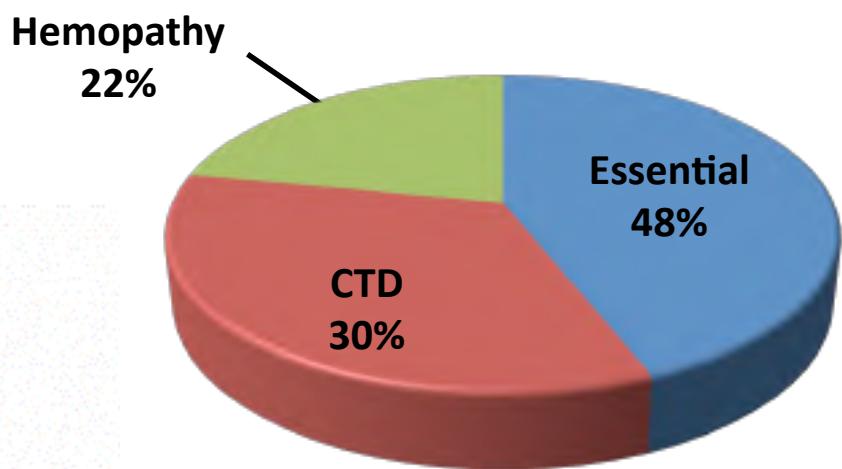
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**$62.6 \pm 14.5$  years**

**Females : 69%**



**Etiologic factors**



## Therapeutic regimens in non-infectious mixed CryoVas

n=209

Lines of treatment, n (%)      1.8 ± 1.2

Corticosteroids      209 (100%)

Rituximab      104 (50%)

Alkylating agents      97 (46%)

Plasmapheresis      43 (21%)

Azathioprine/MMF      31 (15%)

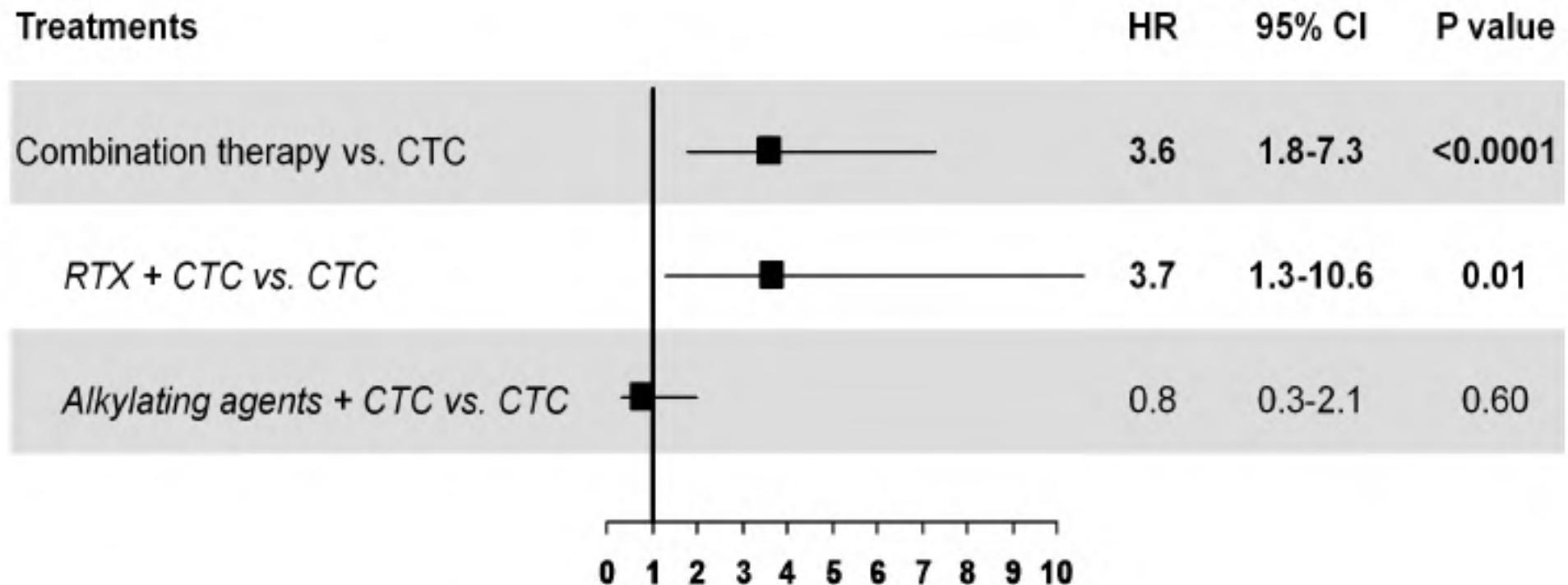
# **Assessment of treatment efficacy and safety**

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- 1. Randomized controlled trials : difficult in rare diseases**
- 2. Observational studies using marginal structural models :**  
evaluation of efficacy and safety of treatments after  
adjustment on confounding factors (baseline characteristics,  
treatment used, response to therapy...)

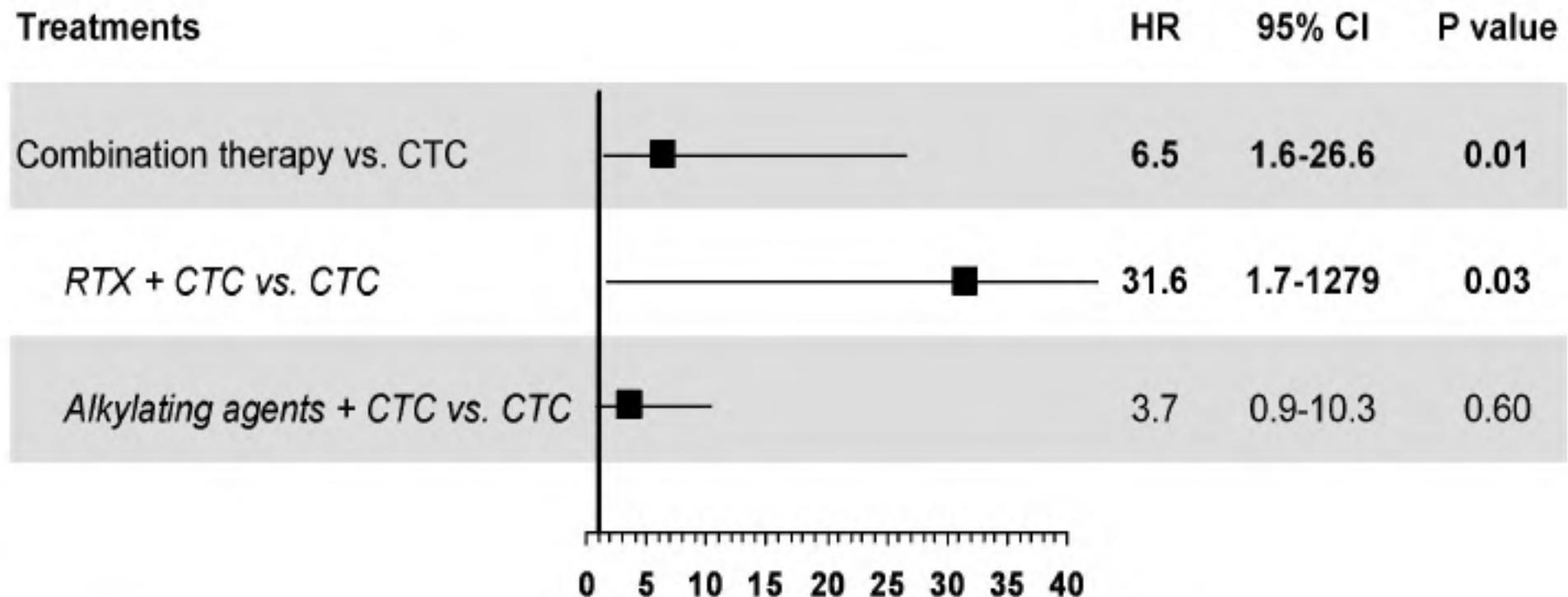
# Therapeutic strategies associated with a complete clinical response in non-infectious mixed CryoVas

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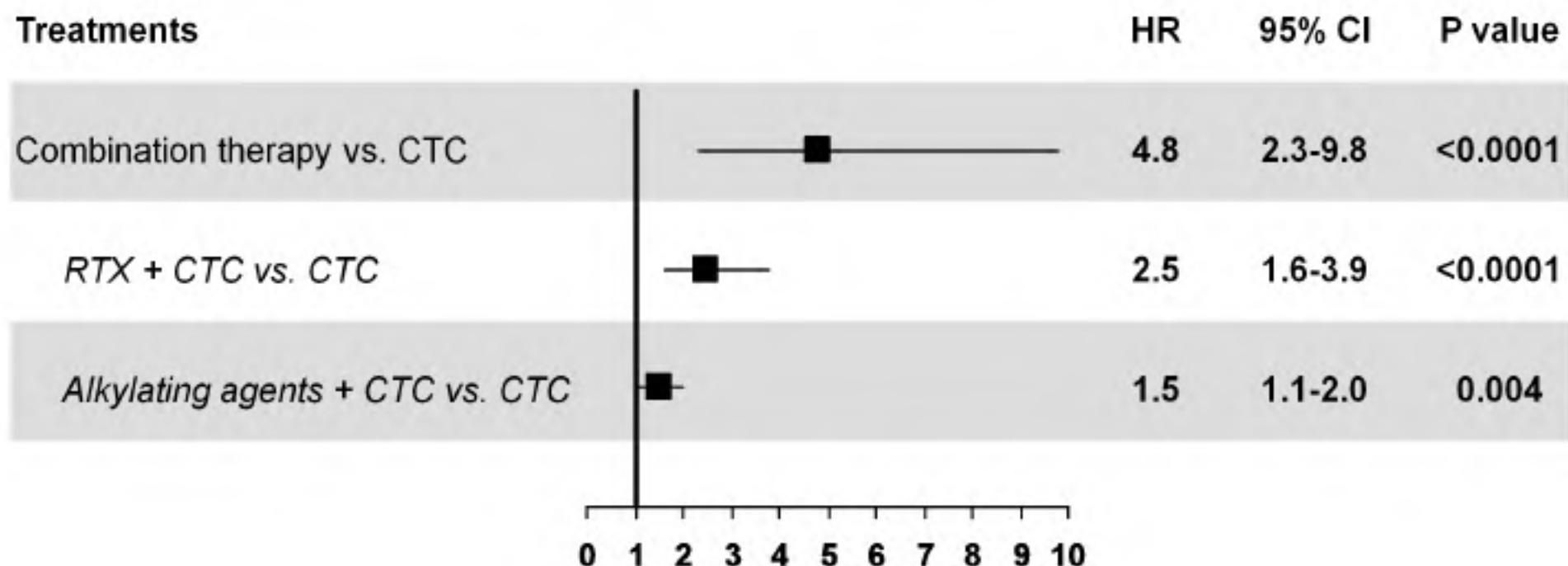
## Greater efficacy of rituximab plus corticosteroids on renal response vs. other regimens

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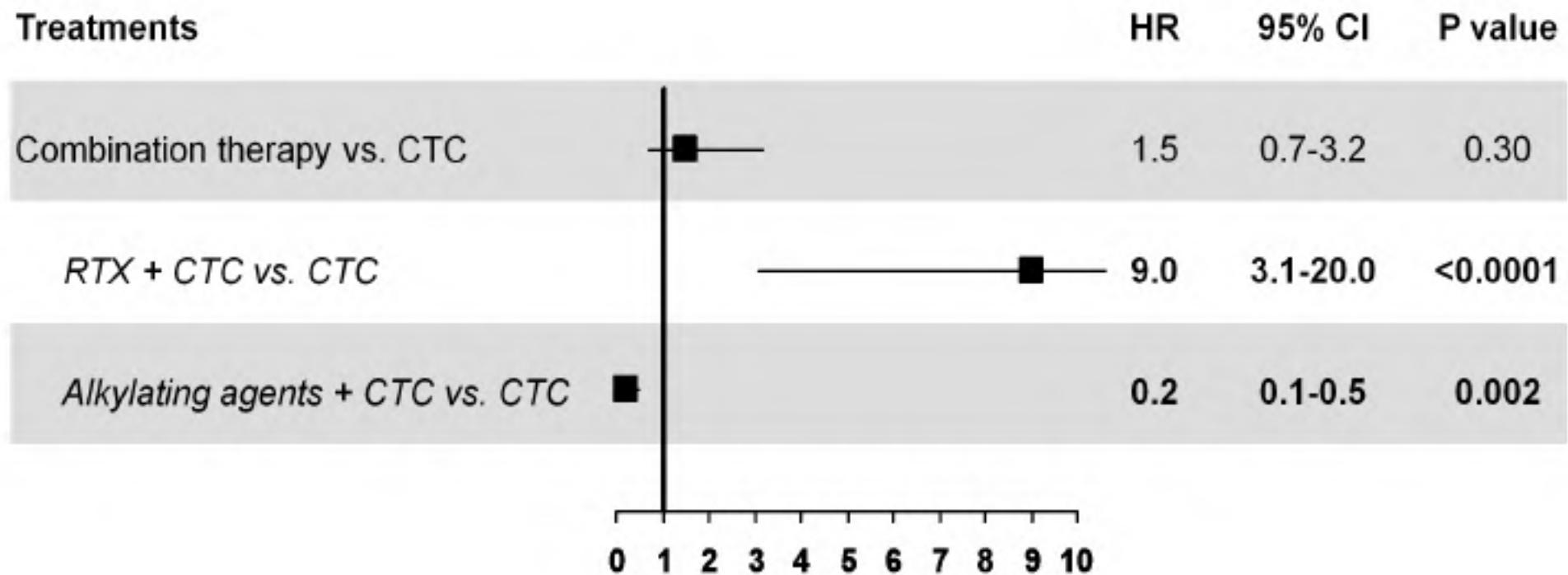


# Corticosteroid-sparing effect of rituximab plus corticosteroids and alkylating agents plus corticosteroids

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## Increased risk of severe infections using rituximab plus corticosteroids in non-infectious mixed CryoVas



Prednisone > 50 mg/d associated with serious infections (71% vs. 39%, P=0.008) +++

## Conclusion

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- Rituximab plus corticosteroids showed a greater efficacy than alkylating agents plus corticosteroids and corticosteroids alone

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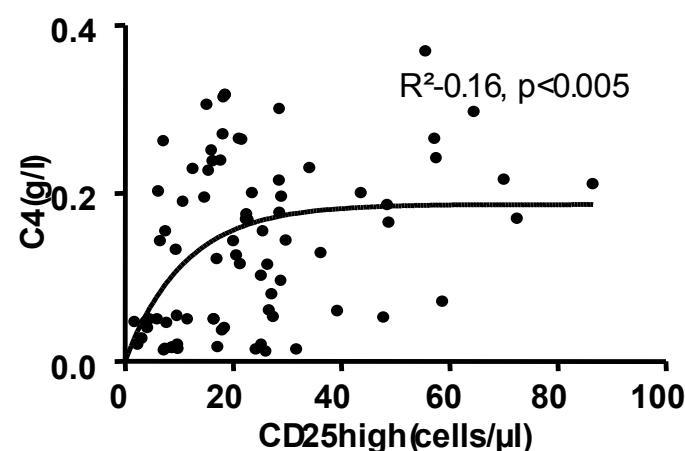
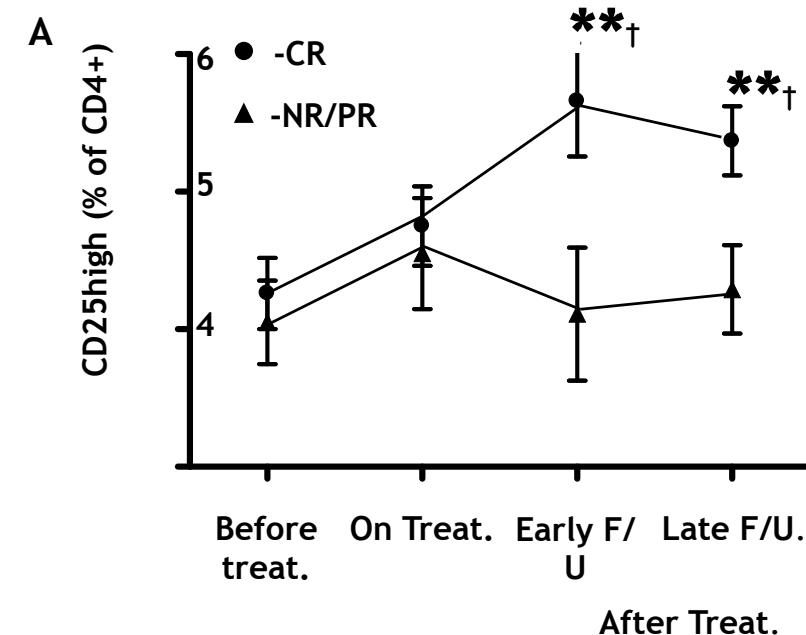
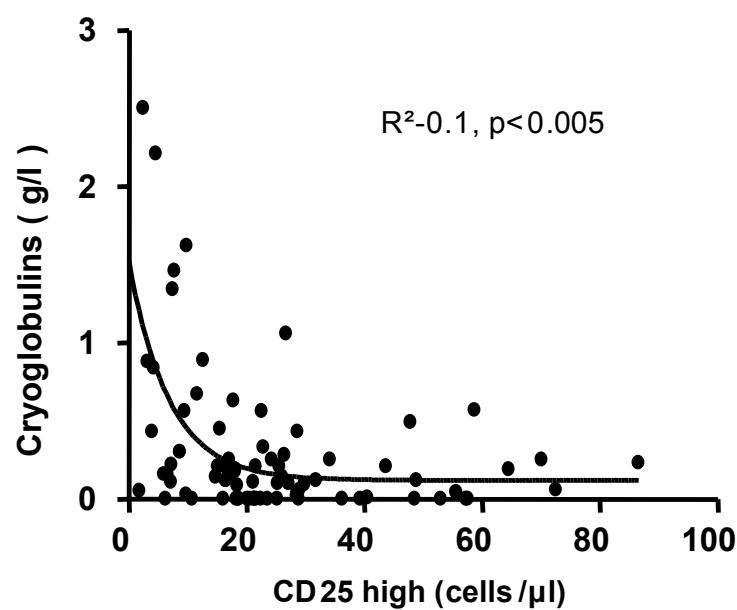
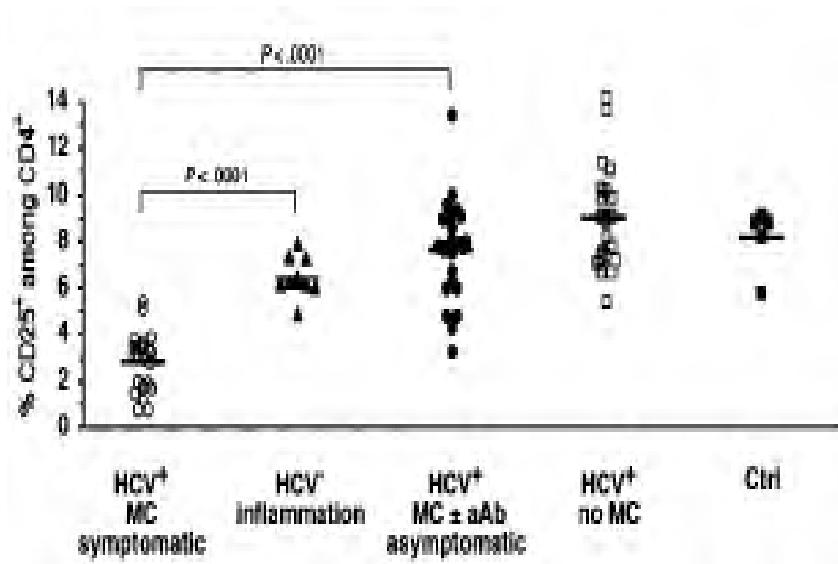
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## Reversible Quantitative Deficit in Treg Lymphocytes (CD4+CD25+) in HCV-Systemic Vasculitis

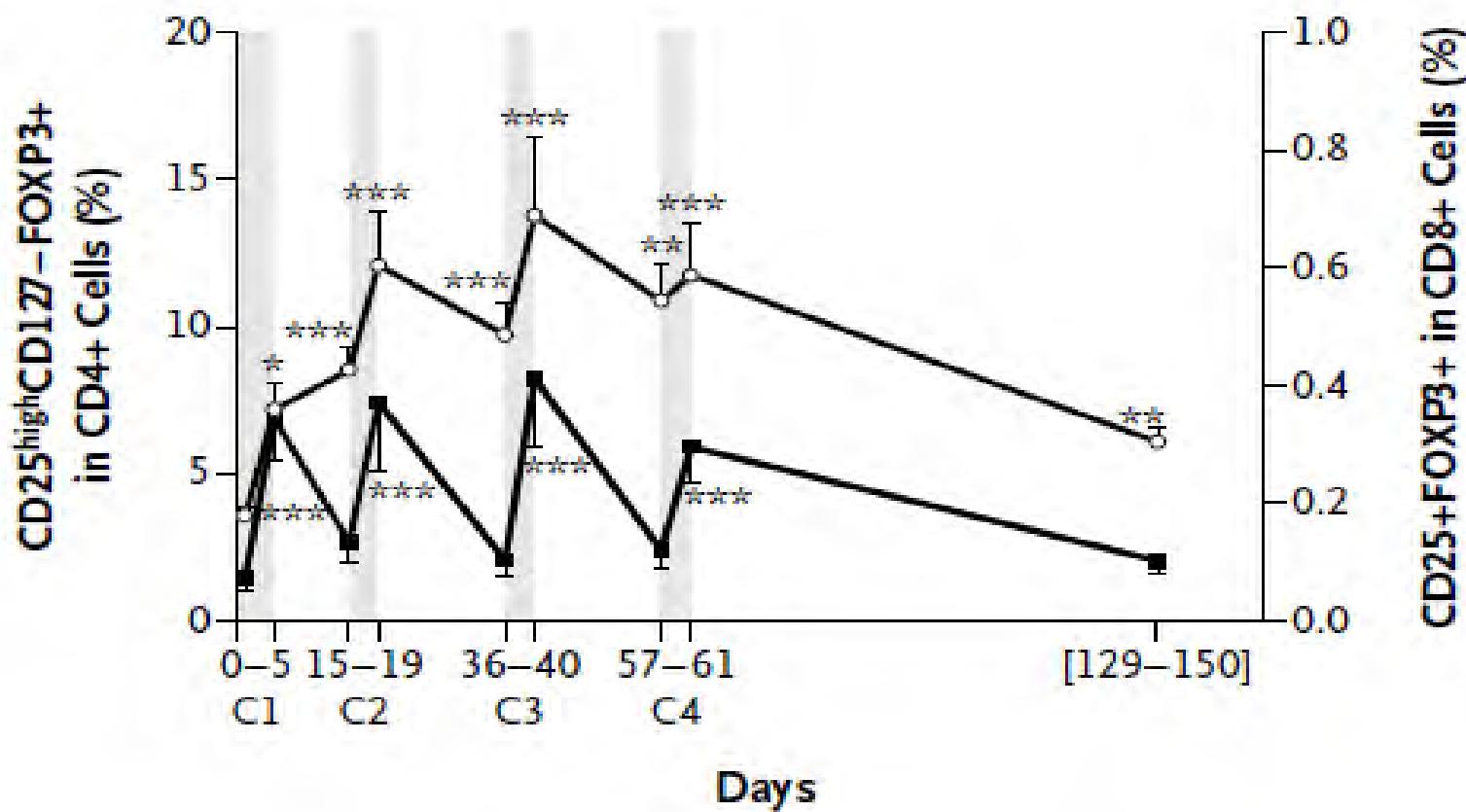


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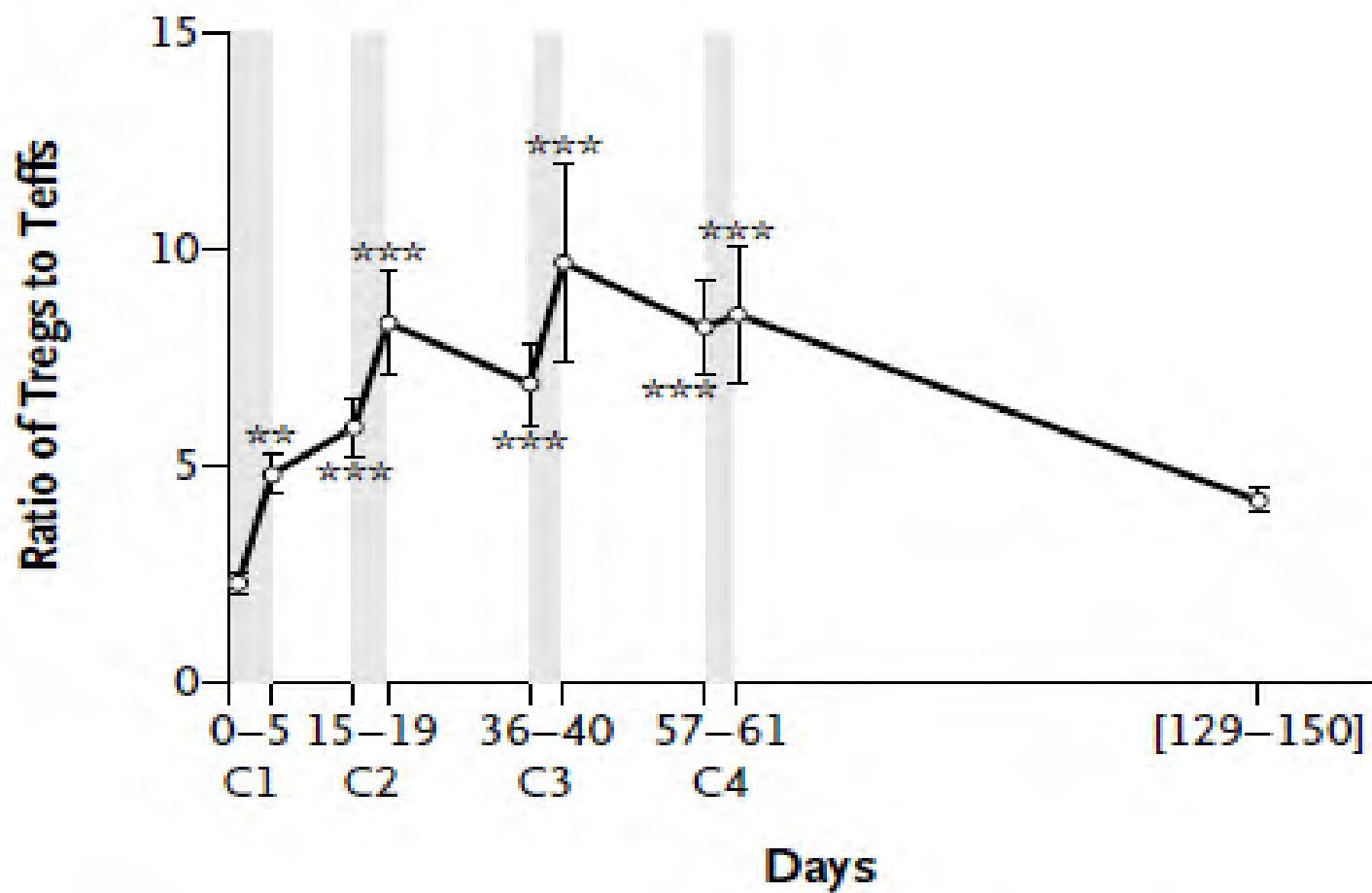
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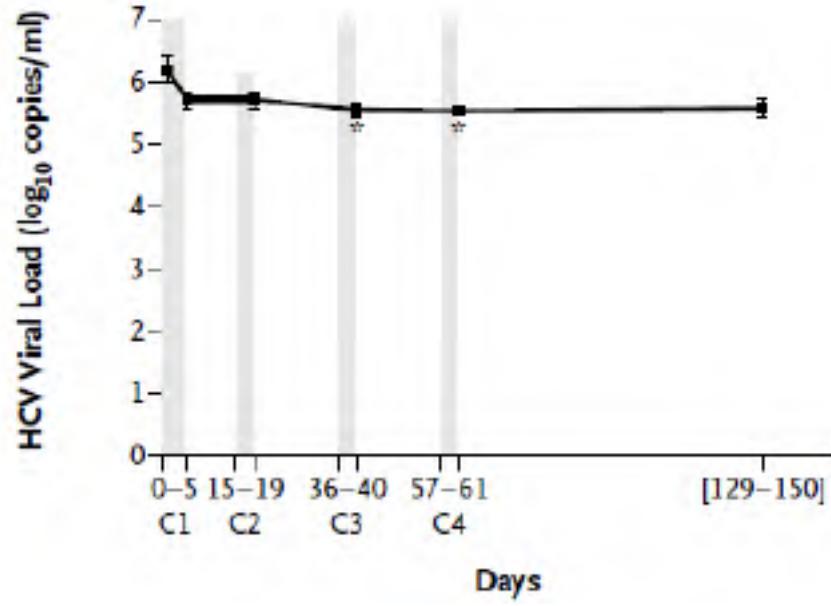
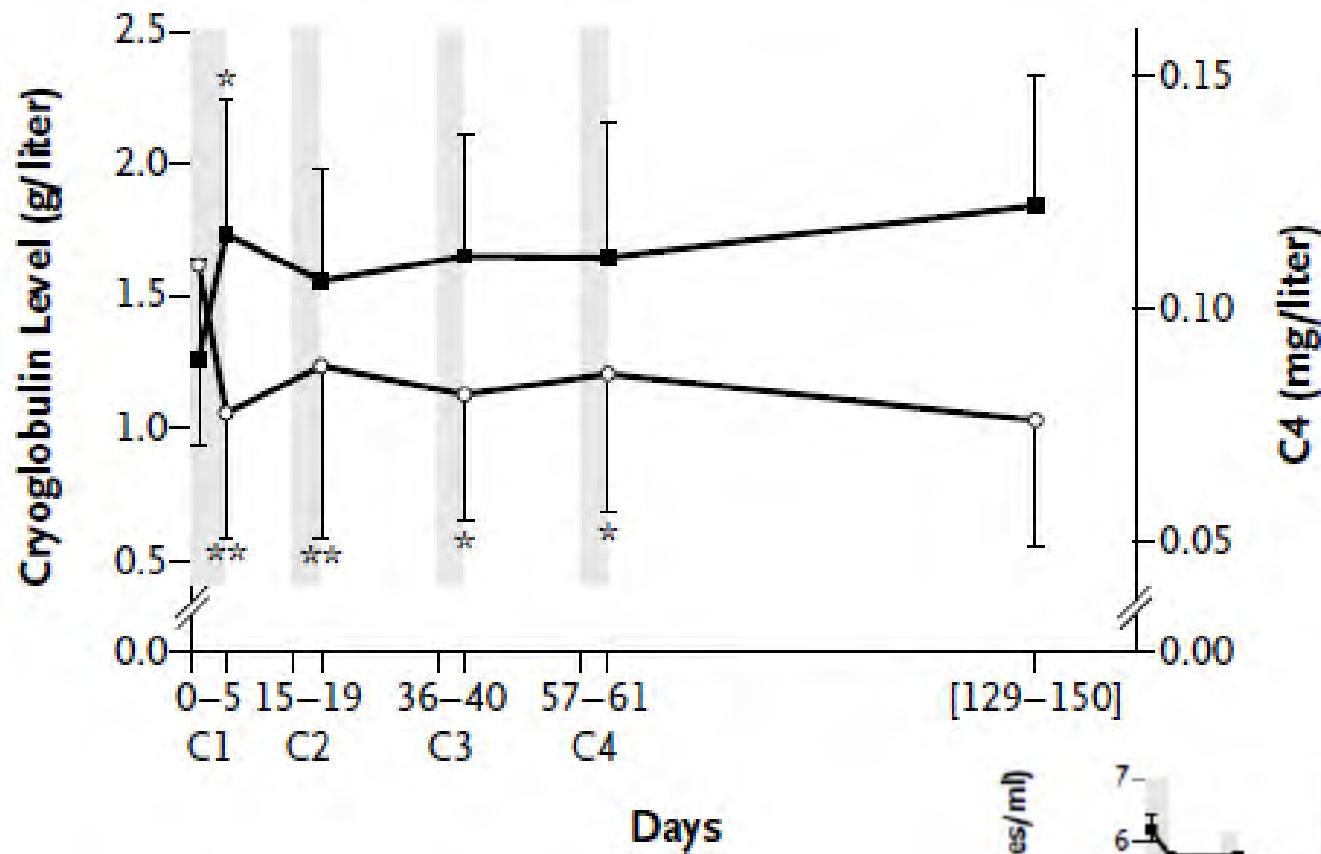
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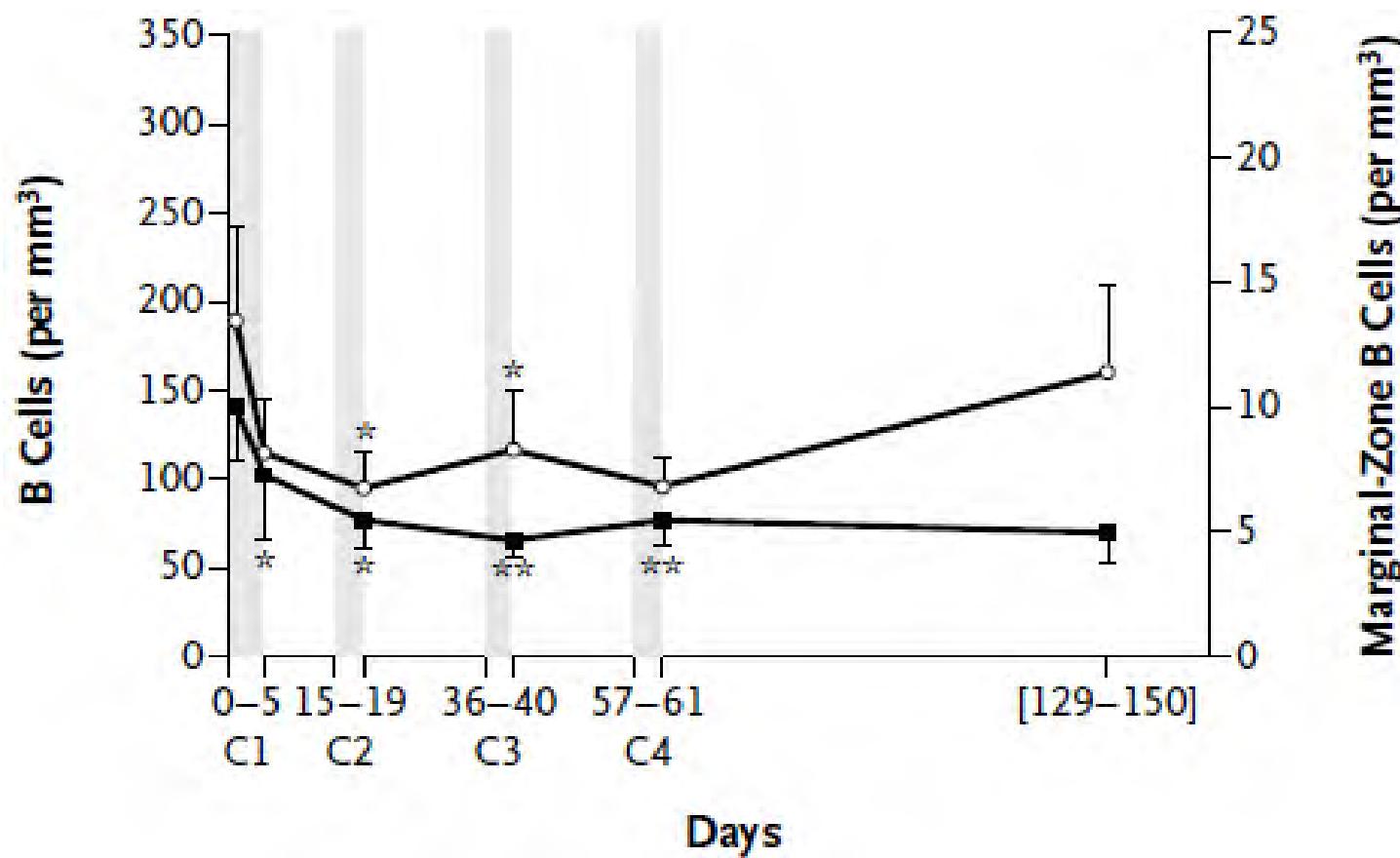


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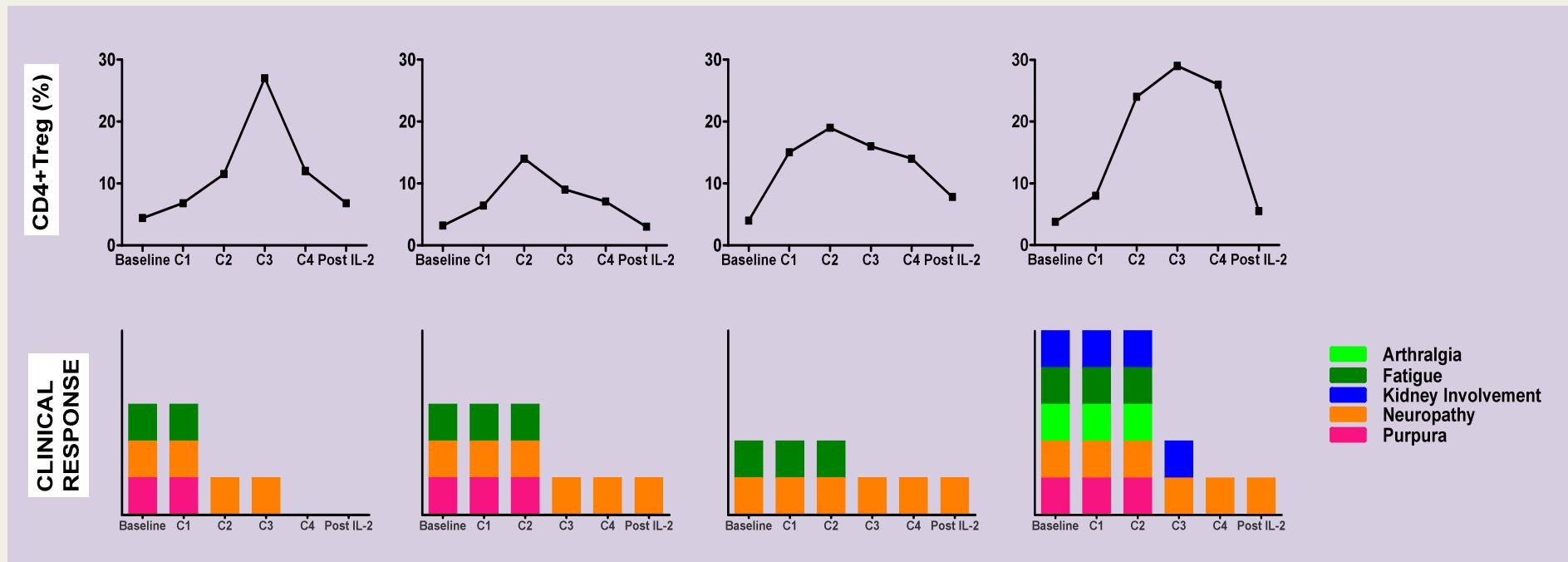




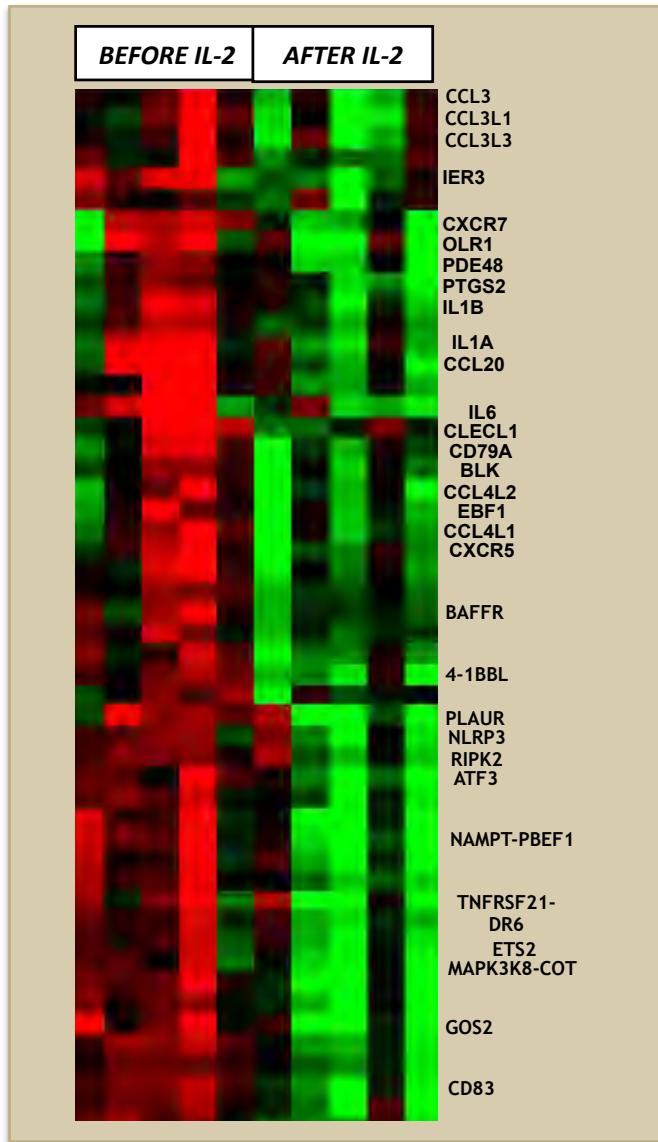
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# Temporal Effects of Low-Dose Interleukin-2 on Clinical Features, Levels of Regulatory T Cells, and Cryoglobulin for Each Study Patient



# Anti-inflammatory Effects of Low-Dose Interleukin-2 Revealed through Unsupervised Transcriptome Analyses of PBMCs.



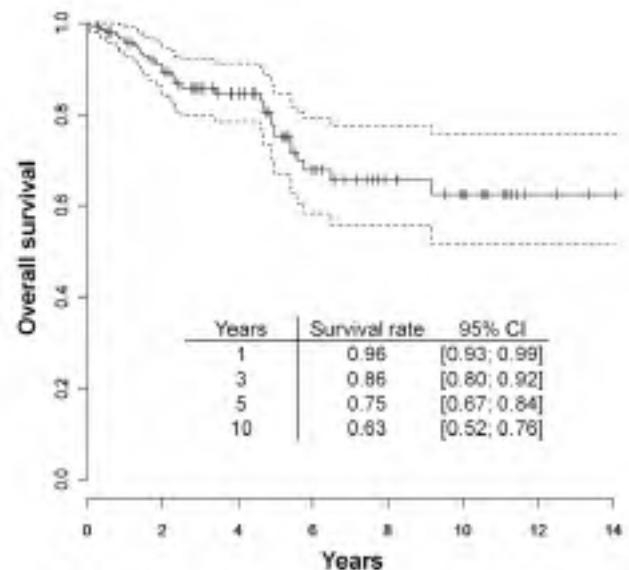
	Up	Down	<i>Khi2 test</i>
Inflammation	0	251	1,30E-40
Immune Response	16	684	3,40E-94
Lymphocyte	77	555	7,00E-49
Cell Cycle	1701	208	1,50E-138
Control	226	343	2,50E-01
Autoimmune & transplantation pathologies	0	46	7,60E-09
Inflammatory infectious diseases	6	242	7,60E-36
Other diseases	190	211	4,15E-02

# Regulatory T Cell Recovery in HCV-Vasculitis through Low-Dose IL-2 Treatment

- We provide the first evidence of Treg recovery through low-dose IL-2 therapy in a human autoimmune disease.
- Low-dose IL-2 dramatically increases CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>high</sup>CD127- Foxp3<sup>+</sup> Treg cells that are functional
- Treg expansion persists after IL-2 therapy.
- IL-2 therapy was well tolerated with no flare of vasculitis.

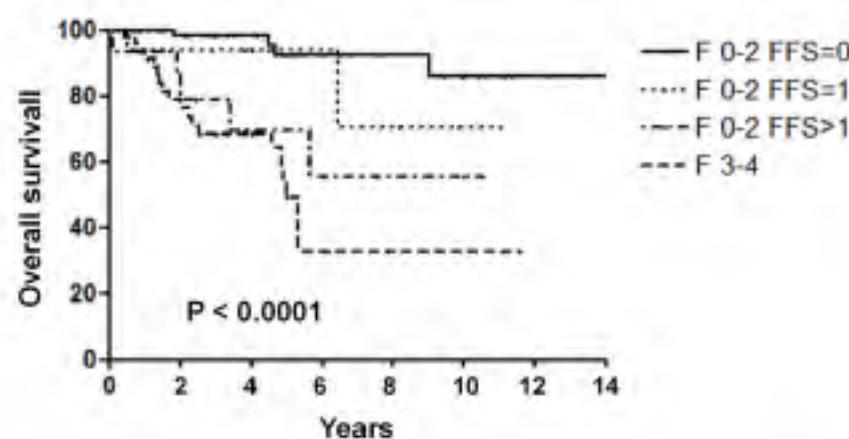


# Prognosis of HCV-related mixed cryoglobulinemia vasculitis



## Causes of death

End-stage liver disease  
Serious infection

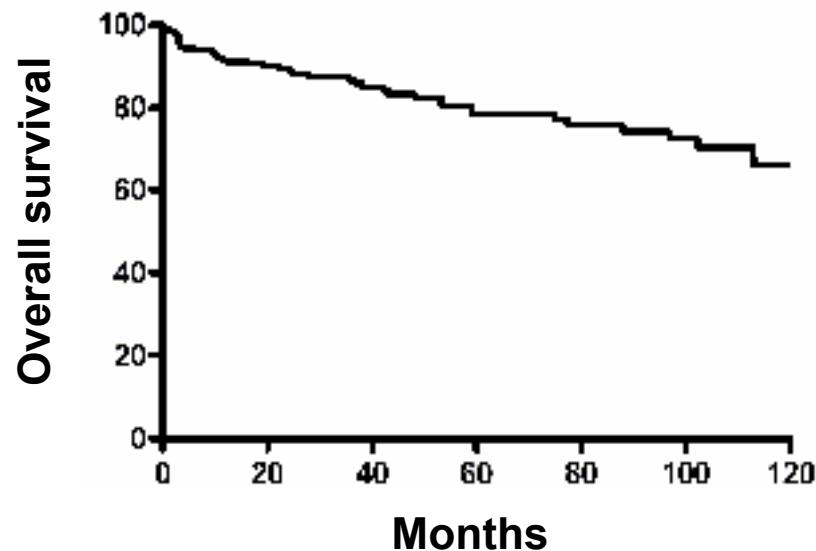


## Prognostic factors of survival

Liver fibrosis  
Vasculitis severity  
Use of immunosuppressants

Antiviral therapy

# Overall survival in mixed cryoglobulinemia



Median follow-up (months) 54 (9-77)

Death, n (%) 42 (17%)

VHC-

## Survival

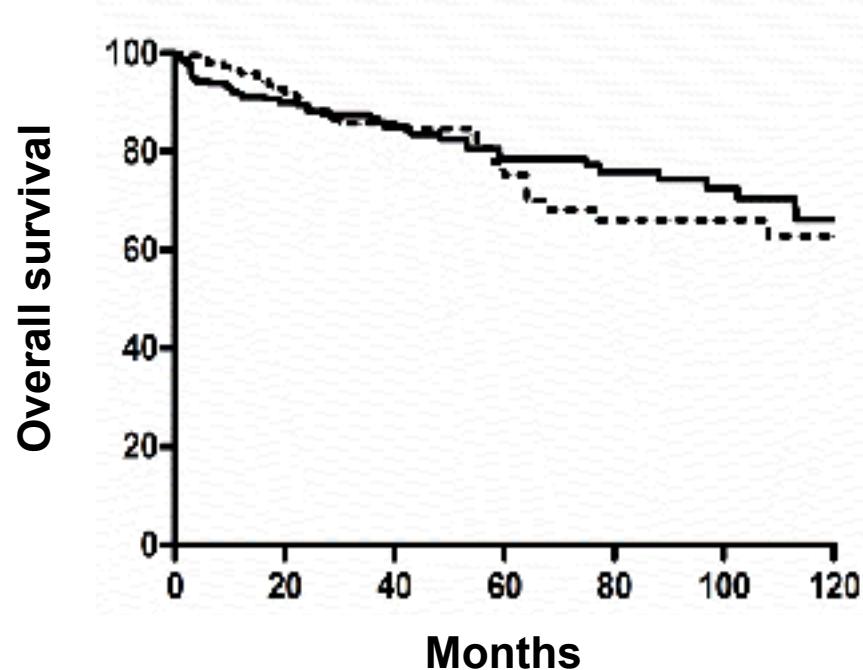
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5-year 79 %

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VHC-      VHC+

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## Survival

1-year	<b>91 %</b>	96%
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2-year	<b>89 %</b>	90%
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5-year	<b>79 %</b>	75%
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10-year	<b>65%</b>	63%
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# Independent factors associated with survival in non-infectious mixed CryoVas

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## *Univariate analysis*

	HR 95% CI	P value
Age > 65 years	<b>2.96 (1.5-5.2)</b>	<b>0.0008</b>
Male gender	<b>2.8 (1.7-7.1)</b>	<b>0.0005</b>
Renal involvement	<b>2.0 (1.1-4.0)</b>	<b>0.026</b>
GFR < 60 ml/min	<b>2.2 (1.3-4.5)</b>	<b>0.007</b>
Hematuria	<b>1.9 (1.1-4.1)</b>	<b>0.03</b>
Proteinuria > 1 gr/day	<b>1.8 (0.97-3.8)</b>	<b>0.06</b>
Gastrointestinal	<b>3.6 (2.7-33.7)</b>	<b>0.0005</b>

# Independent factors associated with survival in non-infectious mixed CryoVas

	<i>Univariate analysis</i>		<i>Multivariate analysis</i>	
	HR 95% CI	P value	HR 95% CI	P value
Age > 65 years	2.96 (1.5-5.2)	0.0008	<b>1.04 (1.02-1.08)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
Male gender	2.8 (1.7-7.1)	0.0005	<b>2.13 (1.01-4.11)</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Renal involvement	2.0 (1.1-4.0)	0.026		
GFR < 60 ml/min	2.2 (1.3-4.5)	0.007	<b>1.90 (1.01-3.56)</b>	<b>0.04</b>
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Gastrointestinal	3.6 (2.7-33.7)	0.0005	<b>2.29 (0.99-5.31)</b>	<b>0.05</b>