





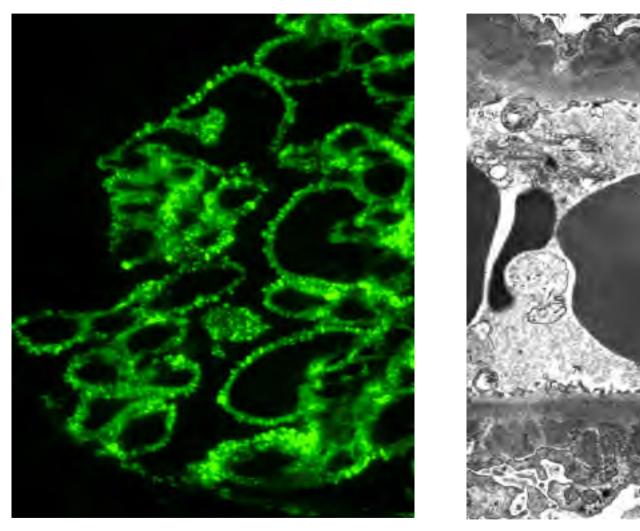


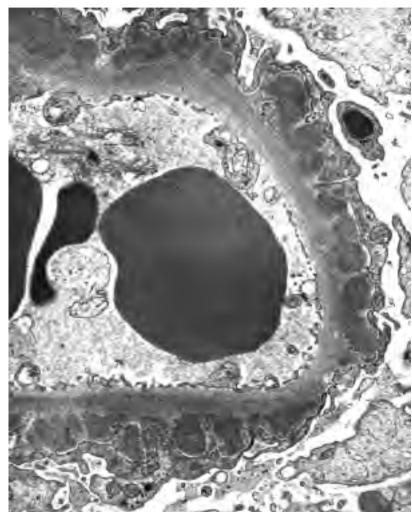
GEM idiopathiques et secondaires: des mystères élucidés

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Membranous Nephropathy





Major cause of nephrotic syndrome and chronic renal failure

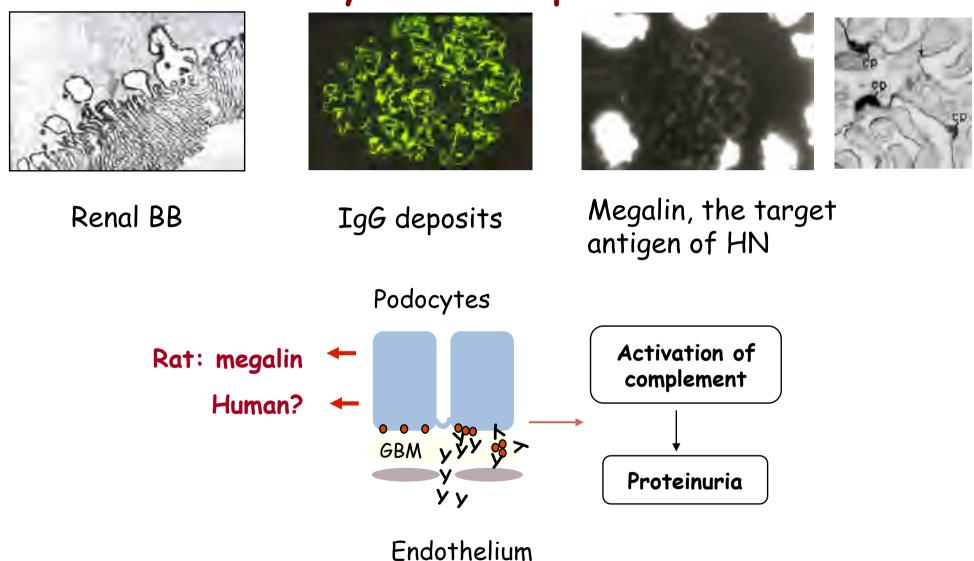
Aetiologies of membranous nephropathy

- 30% associated with
 - infections
 - cancers
 - autoimmune diseases
 - drugs
- 70% « idiopathic forms »
- Proteinuria is complement-dependent, and may involve production of oxygen free radicals and metalloproteases



Walter Heymann, Cleveland, 1959

Heymann nephritis



In situ formation of immune deposits

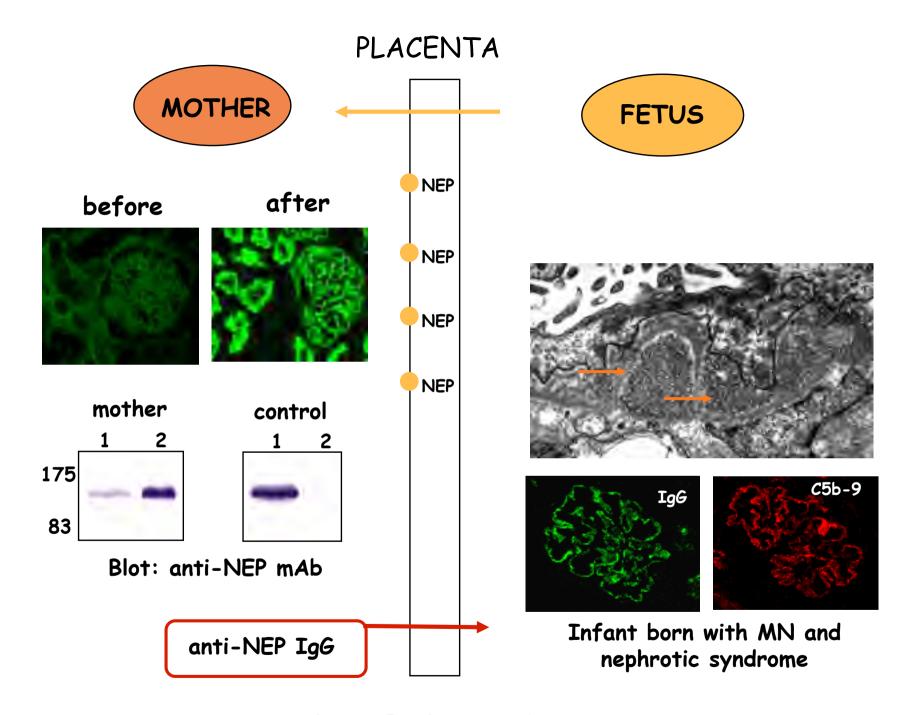
Kerjaschki and Farquhar PNAS 1982, 79:5557; Ronco et al J Immunol 1986, 136:125

From rats to men: Allo-immune neonatal MN

1982-2002

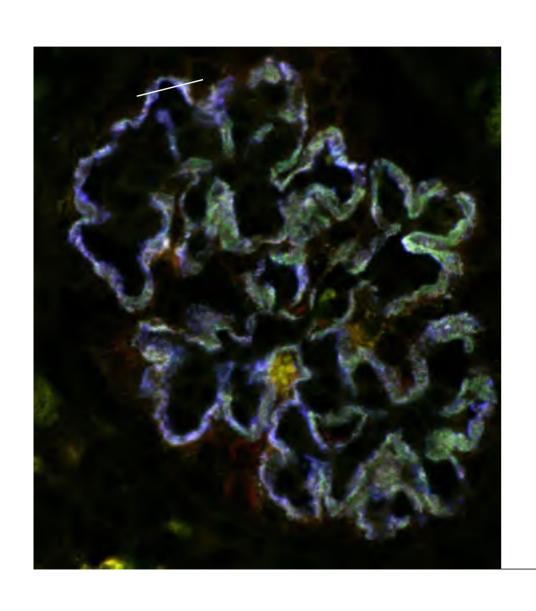
The case: Hugo D. (male gender)

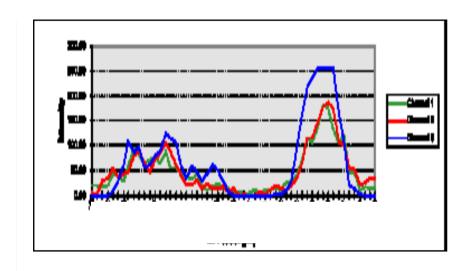
- 34 Wks of gestation: oligohydramnios and enlarged kidneys
- · 38 Wks: birth
- 1st Days of life: respiratory distress and oligoanuria, followed by nephrotic range proteinuria and increased blood pressure
- 4 Wks: CT-guided kidney biopsy
- Negative tests for syphilis, toxoplasmosis, cytomegalovirus and hepatitis -B virus infections
- Negative Coombs' test. Normal levels of complement components at day 35



Debiec et al. N Engl J Med 2002, 346:2053

Potential mechanisms of albuminuria



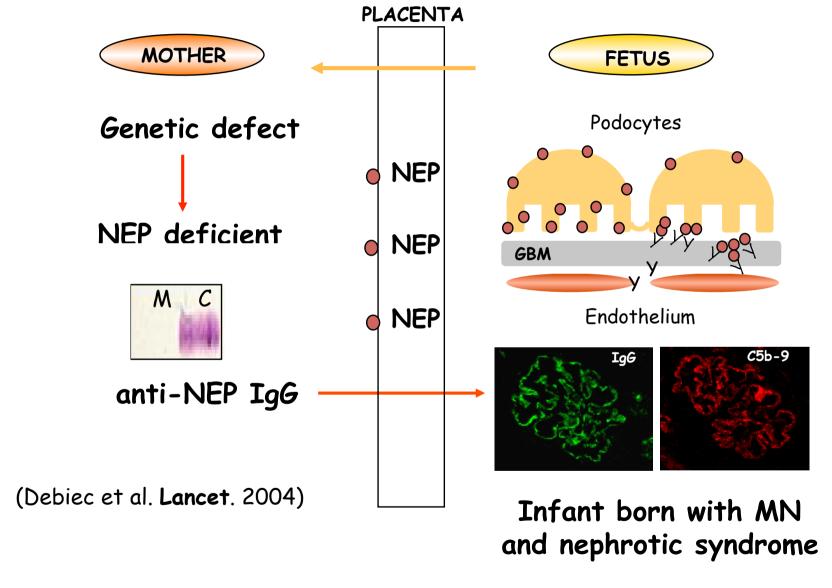


Green IgG

Red NEP

Blue C5b-9

Why did the mother become immunized without developing the renal disease?



Feto-Maternal Allo-Immunization with antenatal Glomerulopathies (FMAIG)

Auto-immune « idiopathic » MN in adults

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M-Type Phospholipase A₂ Receptor as Target Antigen in Idiopathic Membranous Nephropathy

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GWAS analysis of patients with idiopathic MN

Three cohorts

	Patients	Controls
French	75	157
Dutch	146	1,832
British	335	349
Total	556	2,338

· Controls: ethnically matched

• Illumina platform: 300,000 SNPs

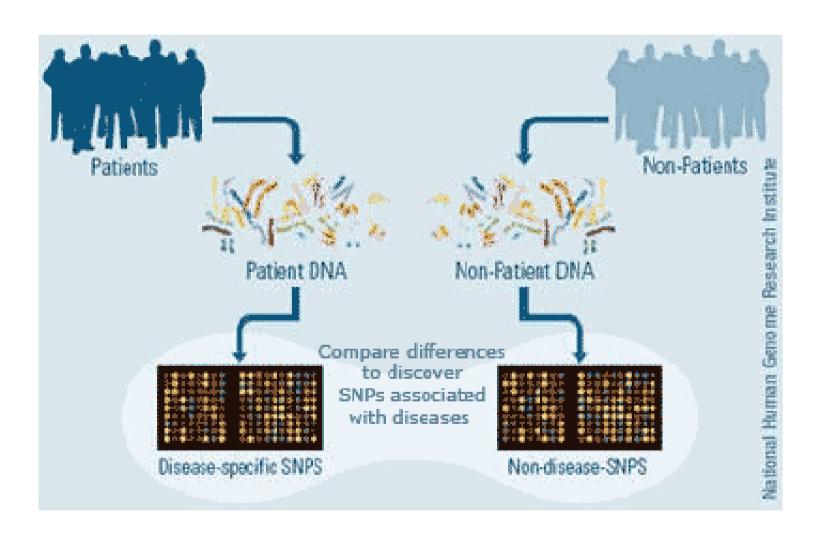
Bioinformatics analysis

Stanescu et al, New Engl J Med, 2011, 364: 616

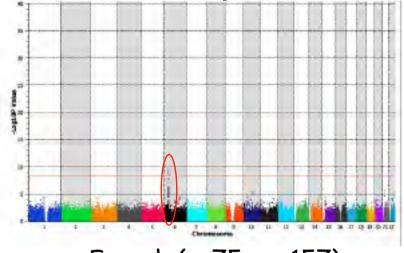
Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs)

- Single base mutation in DNA
- Most simple form of genetic polymorphism
- 90% of all human DNA polymorphisms
- Occur 0.5-10 per every 1 000 base pairs
- Not uniformly distributed
- > 1,000,000 SNPs identified
- SNP in a coding region can be
 - Synonymous (silent mutation)
 - Non-synonymous (missense or nonsense mutation)

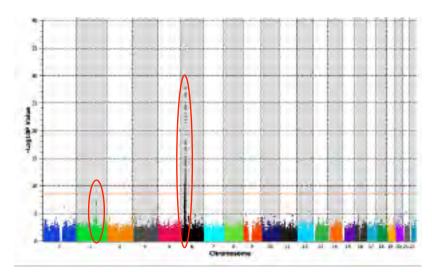
Principle of pangenomic (GWAS) studies



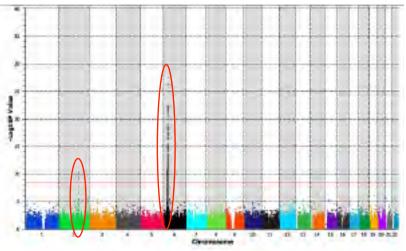
A risk HLA-DQA1 allele is associated with iMN and may interact with PLA2R alleles



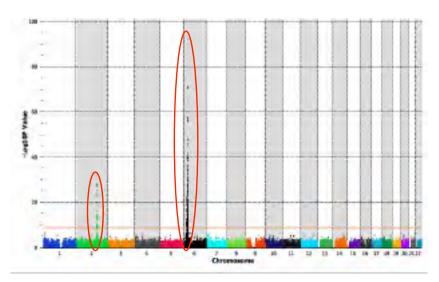
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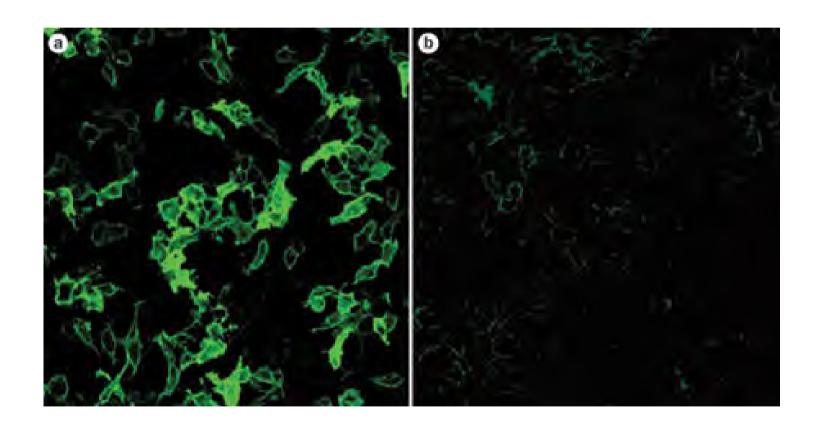
All patients (n=556; c=2338)

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NEPHROTIC-SYNDROME

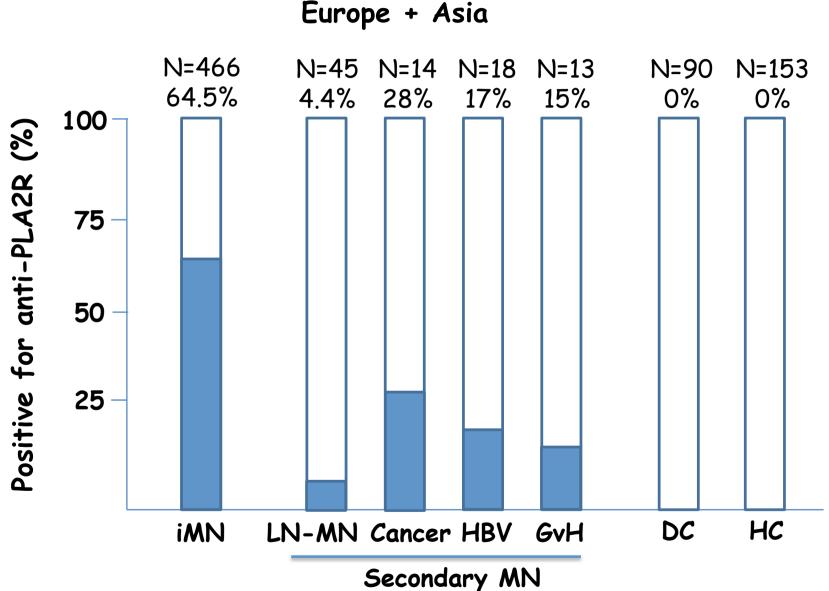
A new specific test for idiopathic membranous nephropathy

Hanna Debiec and Pierre Ronco



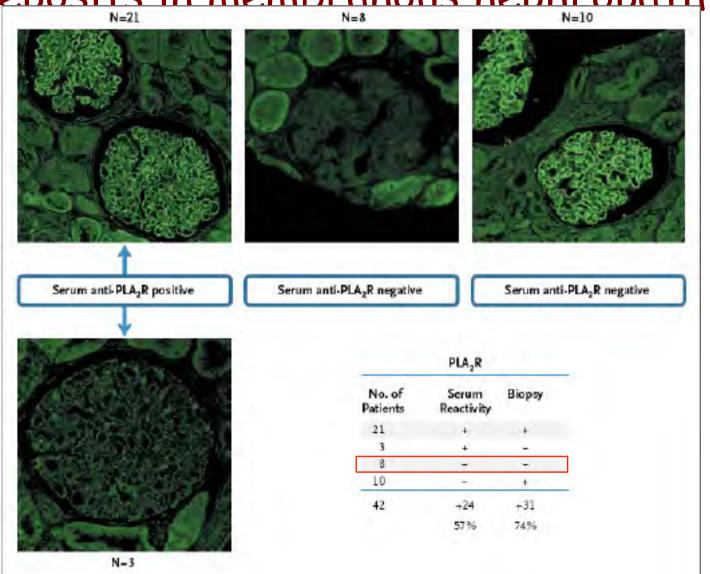
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Anti-PLA2R antibody in membranous nephropathy



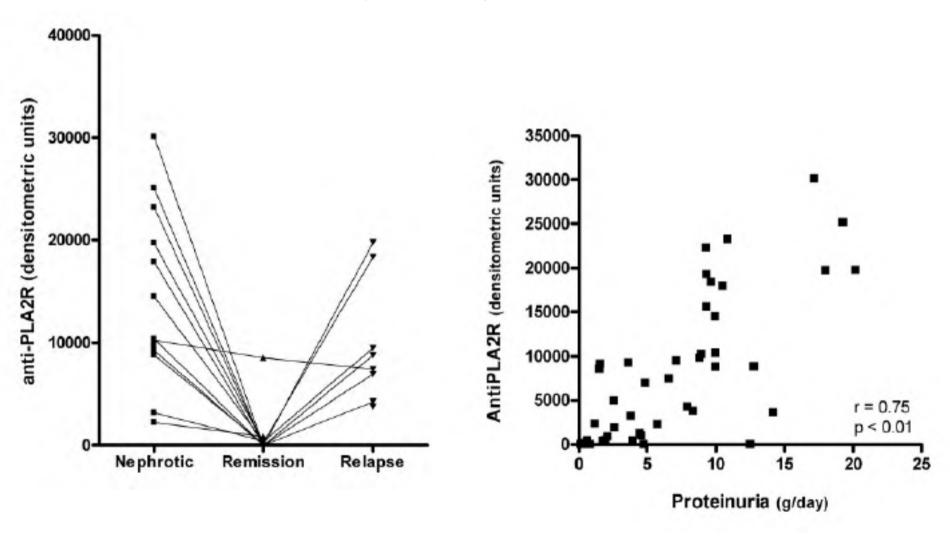
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PLA2R autoantibodies and PLA2R glomerular denosits in membranous nenhronathy



Debiec and Ronco, New Engl J Med, 2011, 364:689

Correlation of anti-PLA₂R with disease activity and proteinuria



Hofstra et al, Clin JASN 2011, 6:1286

Rituximab-Induced Depletion of Anti-PLA₂R Autoantibodies Predicts Response in Membranous Nephropathy

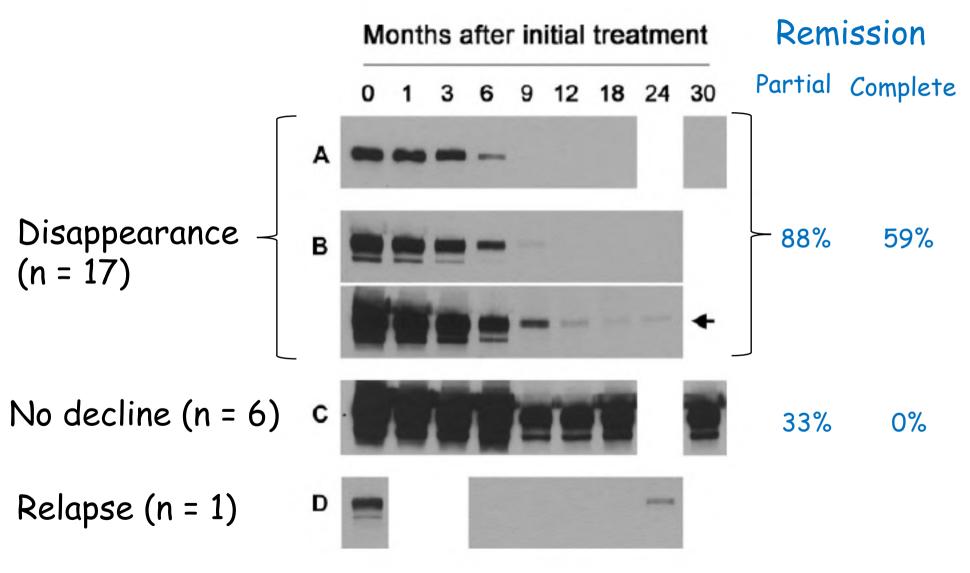
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N= 35

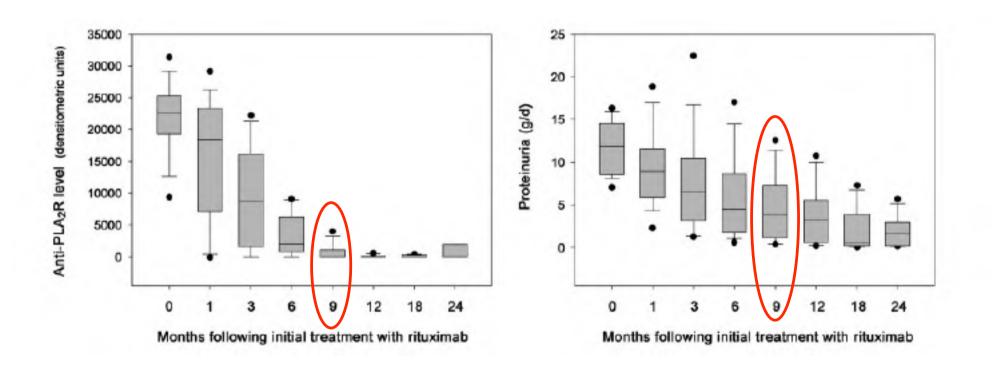
25 (71%) PLA2R⊕

Patterns of response of IgG4 anti-PLA2R1 signal



Beck et al, JASN 2011, 22:1543

Disappearance of anti-PLA2R1 precedes that of proteinuria



Autoantibodies Specific for the Phospholipase A₂ Receptor in Recurrent and *De Novo* Membranous Nephropathy

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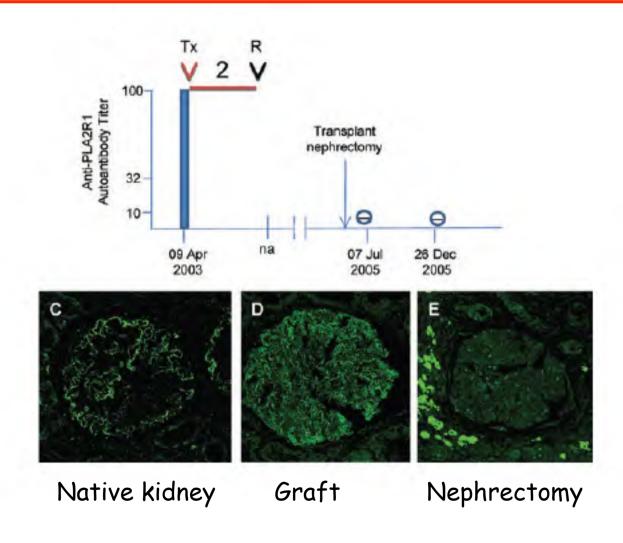
10 recurrent MN; 9 de novo MN

Prevalence of anti-PLA2R1 antibodies in recurrent and de novo MN

Recurrent: about 50%

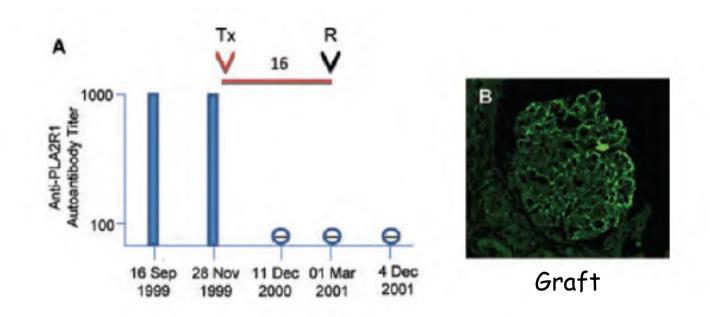
De novo : 0

A typical case of PLA2R1-related recurrent MN



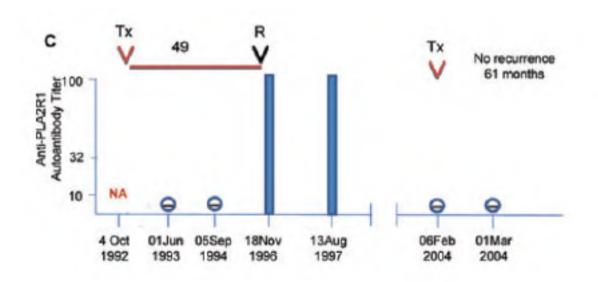
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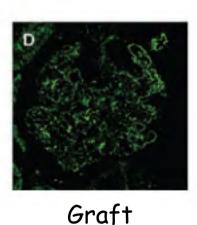
Late recurrence of PLA2R1-related MN: early disappearance of antibodies



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Late recurrence of PLA2R1-related MN: delayed appearance of antibodies



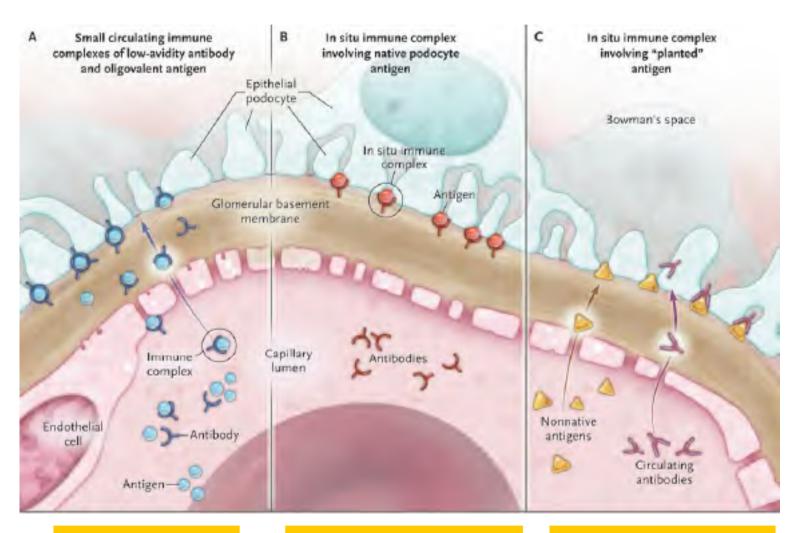


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Conclusion

- Anti-PLA2R1 antibody is a specific biomarker of MN
- Prevalence is about 65% in « idiopathic » MN and very low in secondary MN
- There is no correlation between presence of anti-PLA2R1 at diagnosis and response to treatment
- However, a marked reduction of anti-PLA2R1 antibody predicts renal response
- About 50% of recurrent MN are associated with PLA2R antibody but with marked heterogeneity in the kinetics and titers
- The presence of anti-PLA2R1 antibody at the time of transplantation is not always associated with recurrence

A role for nonnative antigens?



rhASB BSA

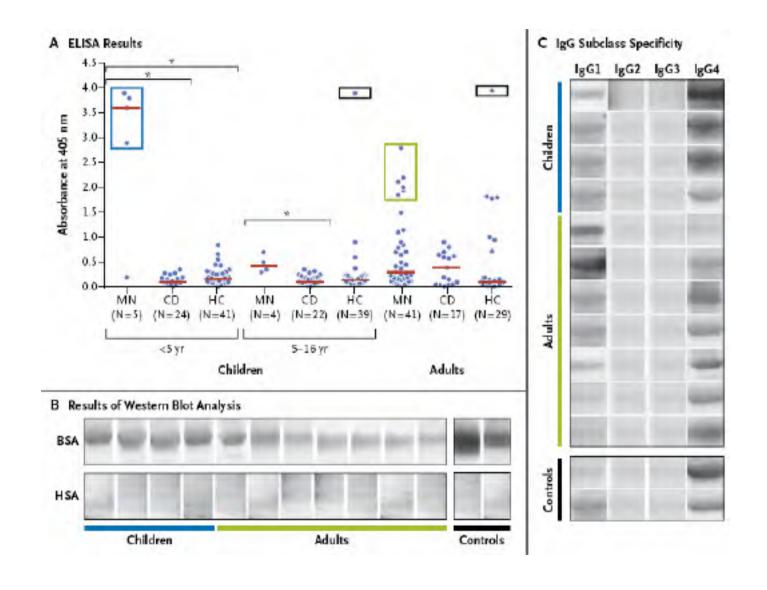
Serum Sickness

Megalin, NEP, PLA2R

« Planted » antigen

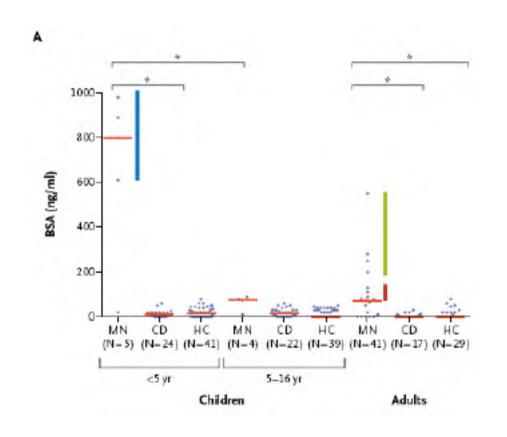
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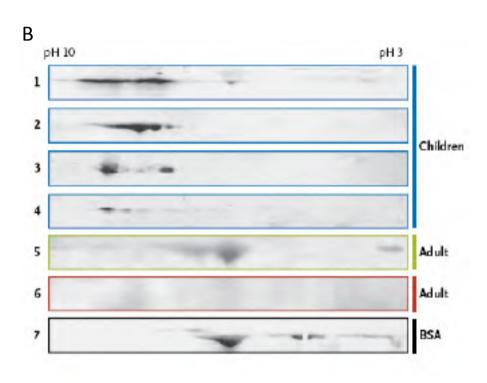
Anti-BSA antibodies in patients with MN



Debiec et al, NEJM 2011, 364 : 2101

Circulating BSA in patients with MN



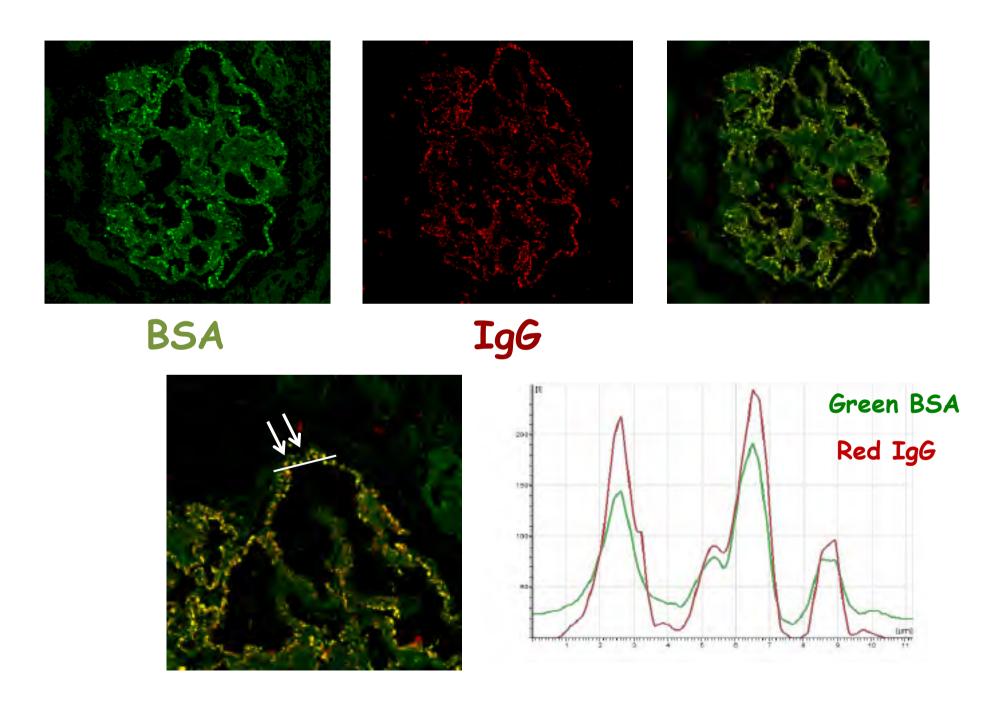


ELISA BSA

2D electrophoresis and immunoblot

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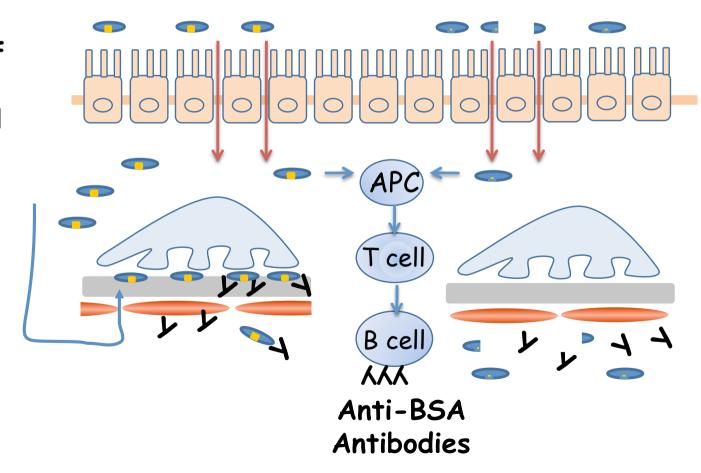
Colocalization of BSA and IgG in immune deposits



Role of BSA in the pathophysiology of MN



Absorption of antigen from the intestinal tract



Conclusion

- BSA should be searched in glomeruli of children with MN under the age of 5 years
- Dietary modifications may improve the disease

The spectrum of human membranous nephropathies

- Neonatal, alloimmune: NEP
- Early childhood MN: BSA
- « Idiopathic » MN
 - 70-80% : PLA₂R
 - 20-30%: other Ags including food/environmental Ag (BSA)
- « Secondary » MN
 Ags to be identified
- Graft MN
 - Recurrent : PLA₂R (and other antigens)
 - de novo: allo-immune

- Substitute molecular signatures for uniform histological definition
- Toward personalized medicine, diagnostic and therapy (specific immunoadsorption)



