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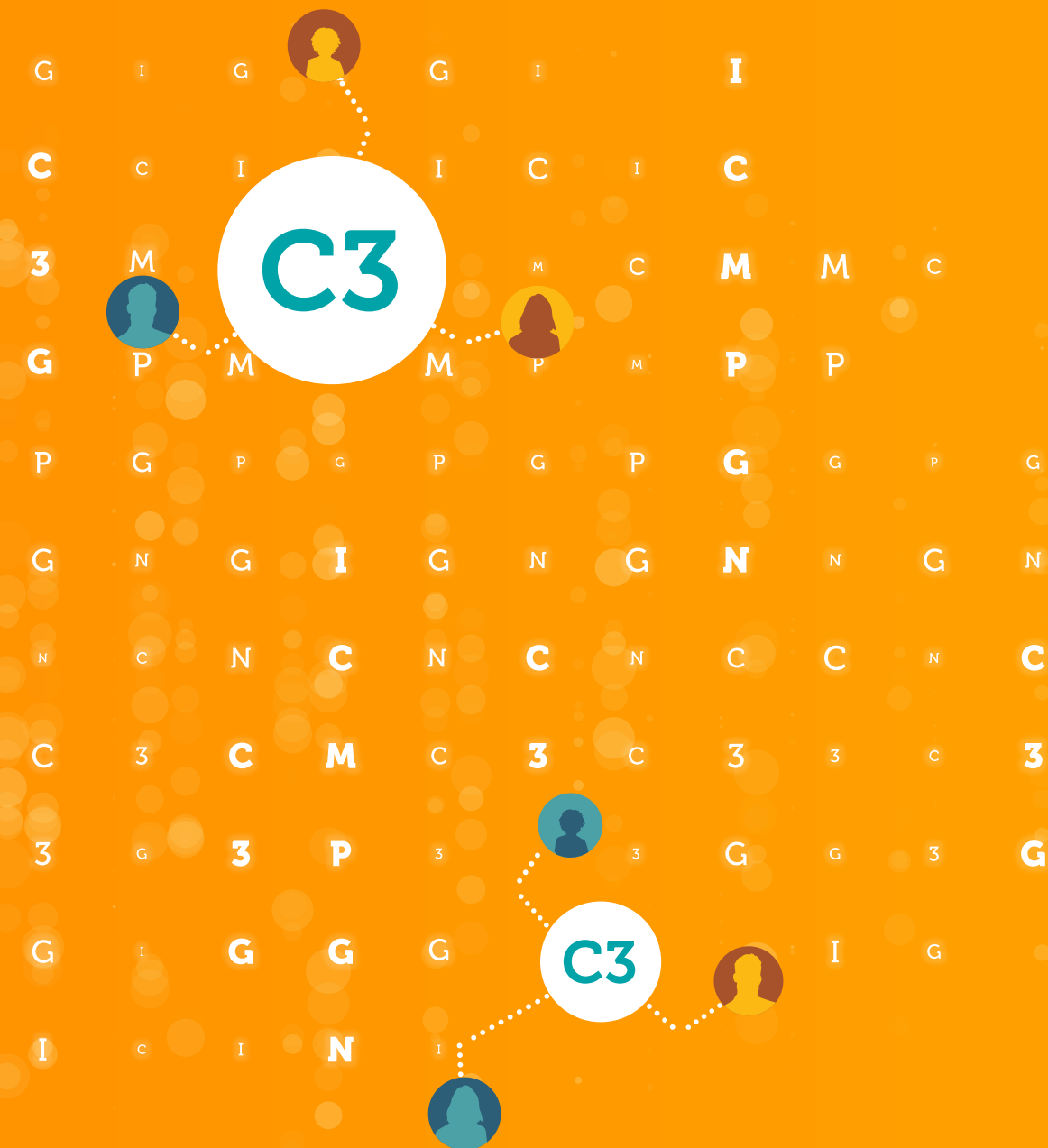


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# Symposium agenda

| Time (EEST) | Presentation                                                                               | Speaker                                            |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 13.05–13.10 | Chair's welcome                                                                            | Dieter Haffner                                     |
| 13.10–13.25 | Managing C3G and primary IC-MPGN in children: bridging clinical and molecular perspectives | Sally Johnson                                      |
| 13.25–13.40 | Histopathology insights: paving the way for earlier diagnosis                              | Francesca Diomedi Camassei                         |
| 13.40–13.55 | Complement inhibition: from bench to clinical trials                                       | Dieter Haffner                                     |
| 13.55–14.05 | Closing remarks and Q&A                                                                    | All speakers<br><i>Moderated by Dieter Haffner</i> |

# Today's learning objectives



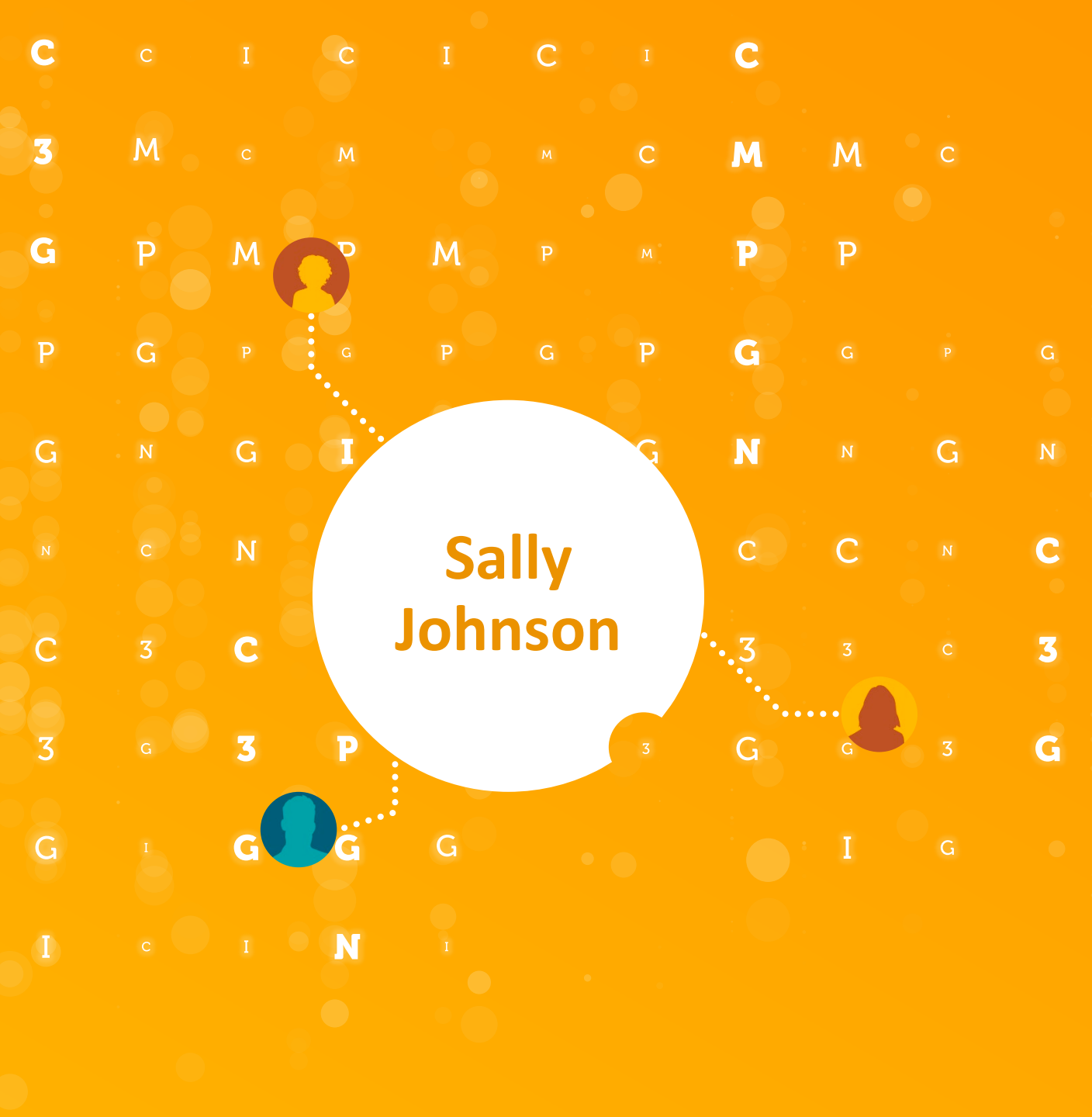
Reflect on **current challenges and unmet needs** in children with C3G and primary IC-MPGN, highlighting **knowledge gaps driven by disease complexity and heterogeneity**



Share expert guidance on **current challenges and unmet needs in diagnosis** and how to **improve diagnostic approaches** in children



Share the **latest update on the new therapeutic targets** in investigation, focusing on **pegcetacoplan Phase 3 clinical trial** and new analyses presented at ESPN



**Sally  
Johnson**

**Managing C3G and primary  
IC-MPGN in children:  
bridging clinical and  
molecular perspectives**

# Today's objective



- Outline the **clinical course** and **heterogeneity of C3G and primary IC-MPGN**



- Explore the importance of **differential diagnosis**

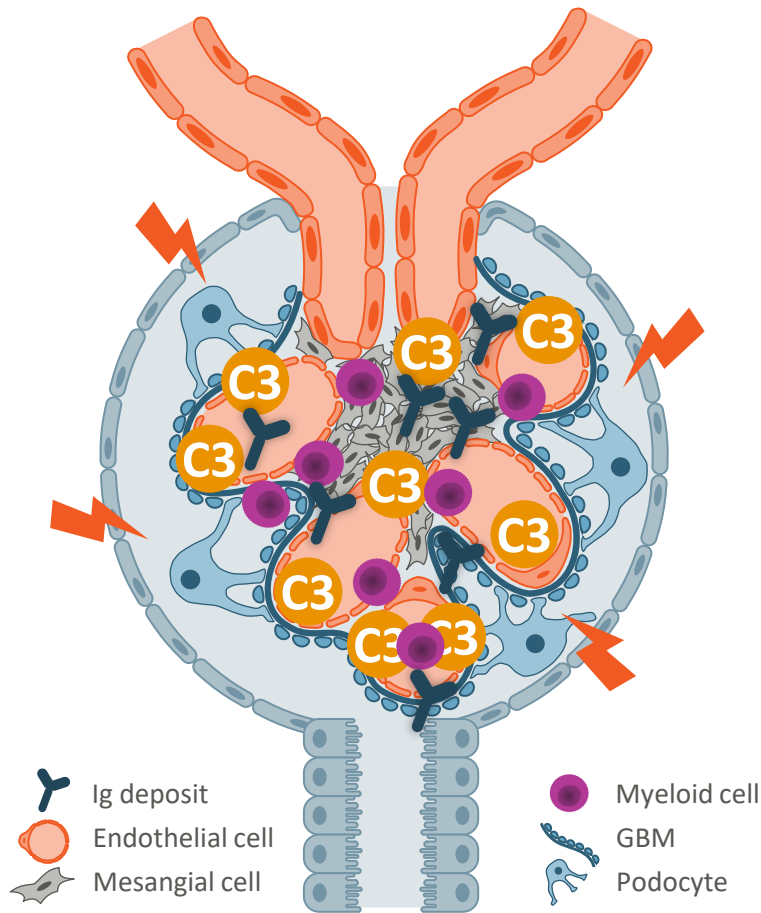


- Review the **molecular basis for C3G and primary IC-MPGN**



- Discuss how to assess **efficacy of treatment**

# C3G and primary IC-MPGN are rare complement-related 🧠sobi kidney disorders<sup>1</sup>



Both diseases are defined by **glomerular inflammation and capillary wall thickening with C3 deposition**; in IC-MPGN, there is also Ig deposition<sup>1</sup>

The **diagnosis** is made by clinicopathological correlation following **kidney biopsy**<sup>1</sup>

- Light microscopy is used to identify the histological pattern
- **IF is used to identify complement deposition**

Although histological features are distinct, **C3G and primary IC-MPGN share** many similarities in terms of **clinical features and molecular basis**<sup>1,2</sup>

Image adapted from: Petr V & Thurman JM. *Nat Rev Nephrol* 2023;19:771–87.

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# Presentation of C3G and primary IC-MPGN varies widely between patients<sup>1</sup>

## Clinical signs of C3G or primary IC-MPGN in children



**Signs of altered renal function are highly indicative<sup>2</sup>**

- ☐ Proteinuria
- ☐ Haematuria
- ☐ Elevated serum creatinine
- ☐ Hypertension

## Severity at presentation is heterogenous<sup>2</sup>



Asymptomatic urinary abnormalities



Nephrotic syndrome



Acute kidney injury (rare)



**Low serum C3 levels** are present in ~75% of children (compared with ~50% of adults)<sup>3</sup>

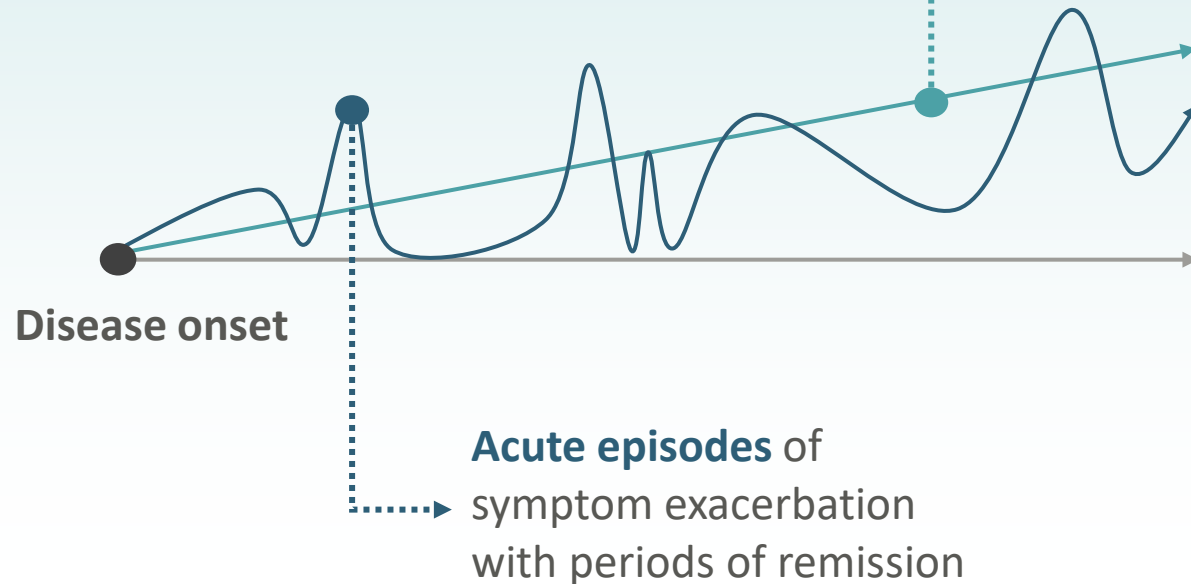


**Serological complement assays are helpful to confirm diagnosis<sup>2</sup>**

# Disease course is heterogeneous<sup>1,2</sup>

## Disease course may be chronic, or with acute episodes<sup>1,2</sup>

**Chronic disease** with progression over time ('smouldering' disease)



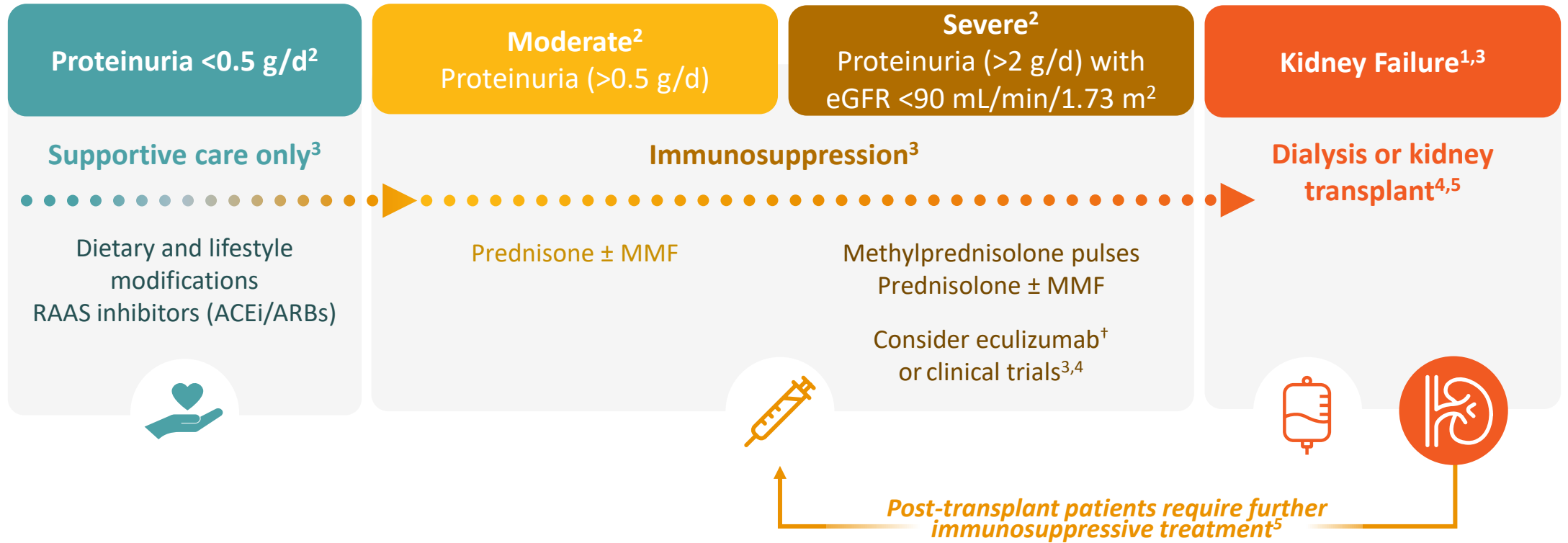
In children, **disease flares** are frequently associated with **infectious episodes**<sup>2</sup>



Regardless of disease severity at presentation, **timely intervention may allow slowing of disease progression** before significant kidney damage occurs<sup>3,4</sup>

# Without disease-modifying treatments, up to 50% of patients progress to kidney failure over 10 years<sup>1</sup>

After biopsy-confirmed diagnosis, all children should receive supportive care<sup>2</sup>



ACEi, angiotension converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin II receptor blocker; CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; IV, intravenous; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; RAAS, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system.

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# C3G and primary IC-MPGN have a substantial burden on paediatric patients



**55%** of paediatric patients experience **disease recurrence** within 5 years of renal transplant<sup>1</sup>



Patients experience **high rates of allograft loss due to disease recurrence** (C3G: **54–60%**; primary IC-MPGN: **43%**)<sup>2,3\*</sup>

Increased **dependency on dialysis**, with significant impact on **cardiovascular health** and **deprioritisation on kidney transplant lists**<sup>4–7</sup>



CKD impacts **physical** (growth and development) and **psychological well-being** (mental health, academic performance and QOL)<sup>8</sup>



Current **immunosuppressive therapies** are **associated with a significant risk of adverse events**<sup>3,9–11</sup>

**Glucocorticoids** may result in a **negative effect on growth**<sup>12</sup>

\*Patient population inclusive of adult and paediatric patients. †Defined as need for dialysis therapy within the first week post-transplant.

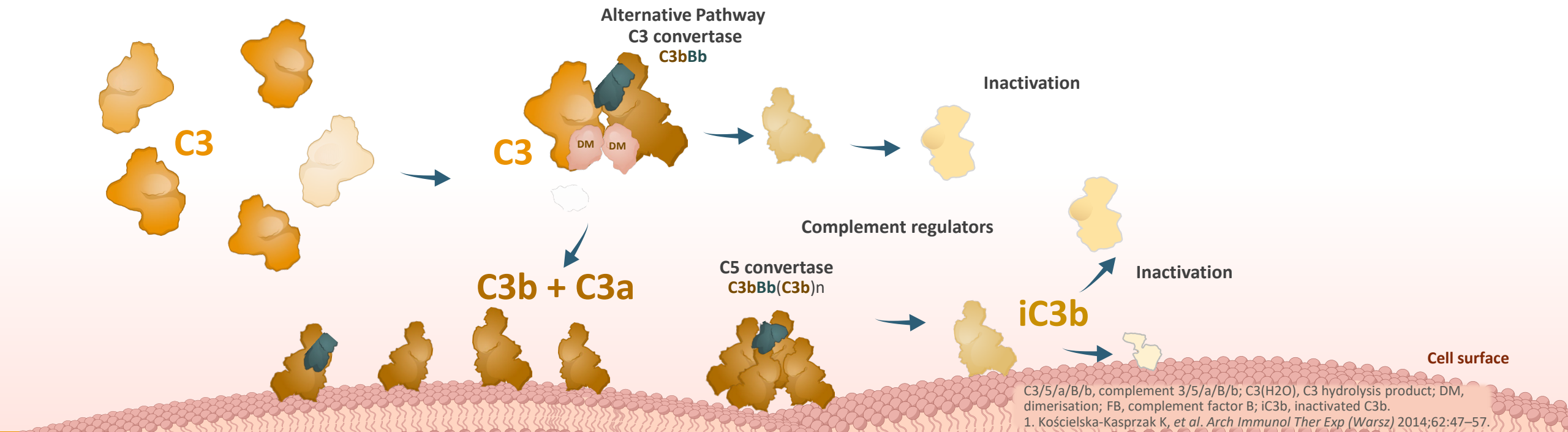
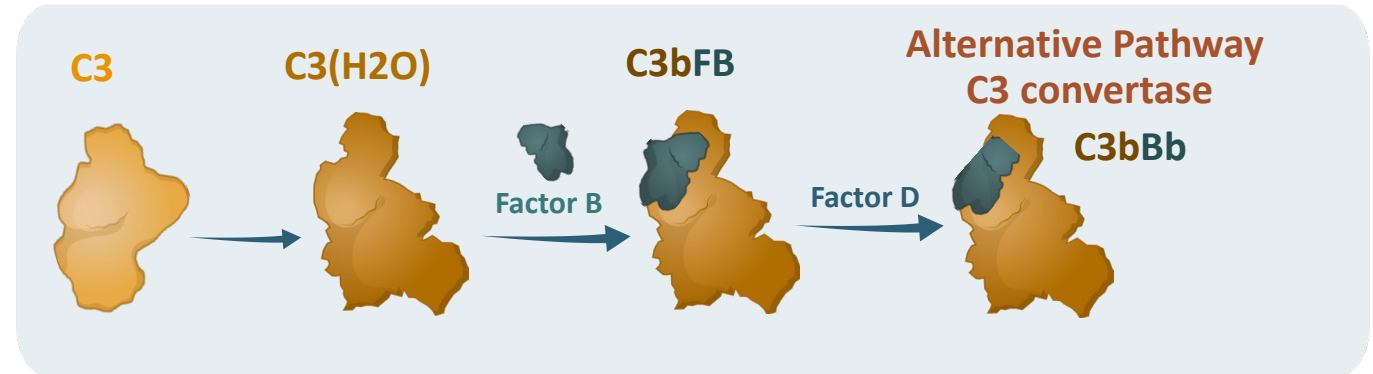
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# The complement system is activated via the alternative, classical and lectin pathways<sup>1</sup>

 The **alternative pathway** is constitutively active at a low level, constantly producing C3b. It does not require pathogen recognition to be activated<sup>1</sup>



# The complement system is activated via the alternative sobi pathway, lectin pathway, or classical pathway<sup>1</sup>



**Upon infection**, after pathogen recognition, **classical and lectin pathways activate**, and the alternative pathway supports quick amplification for an effective response<sup>1</sup>

**Classical + Lectin Pathway  
C3 convertase**



**Alternative Pathway  
C3 convertase**

Factor B Factor D



**Classical + Lectin Pathway  
C3 convertase**

**C3**

**C3a and C5a  
anaphylatoxins:  
Immune cell recruitment**

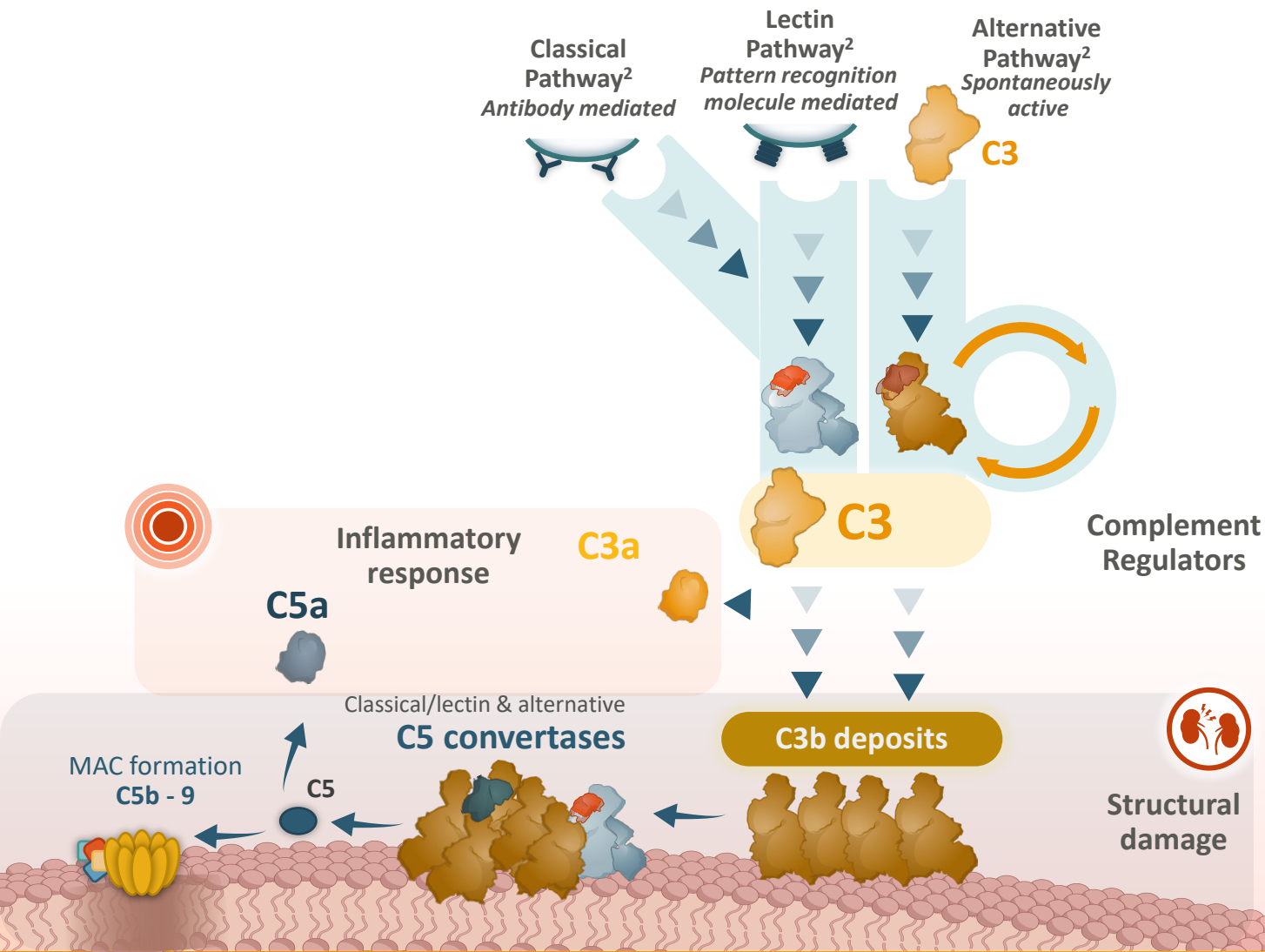
**Bacterial surface**

**C5 Activation**

**C5b - 9**

**MAC formation:  
bacterial lysis**

# C3 is at the centre of disease pathophysiology in C3G and primary IC-MPGN<sup>1,2</sup>



**Complement regulators** prevent tissue damage<sup>3,4</sup>



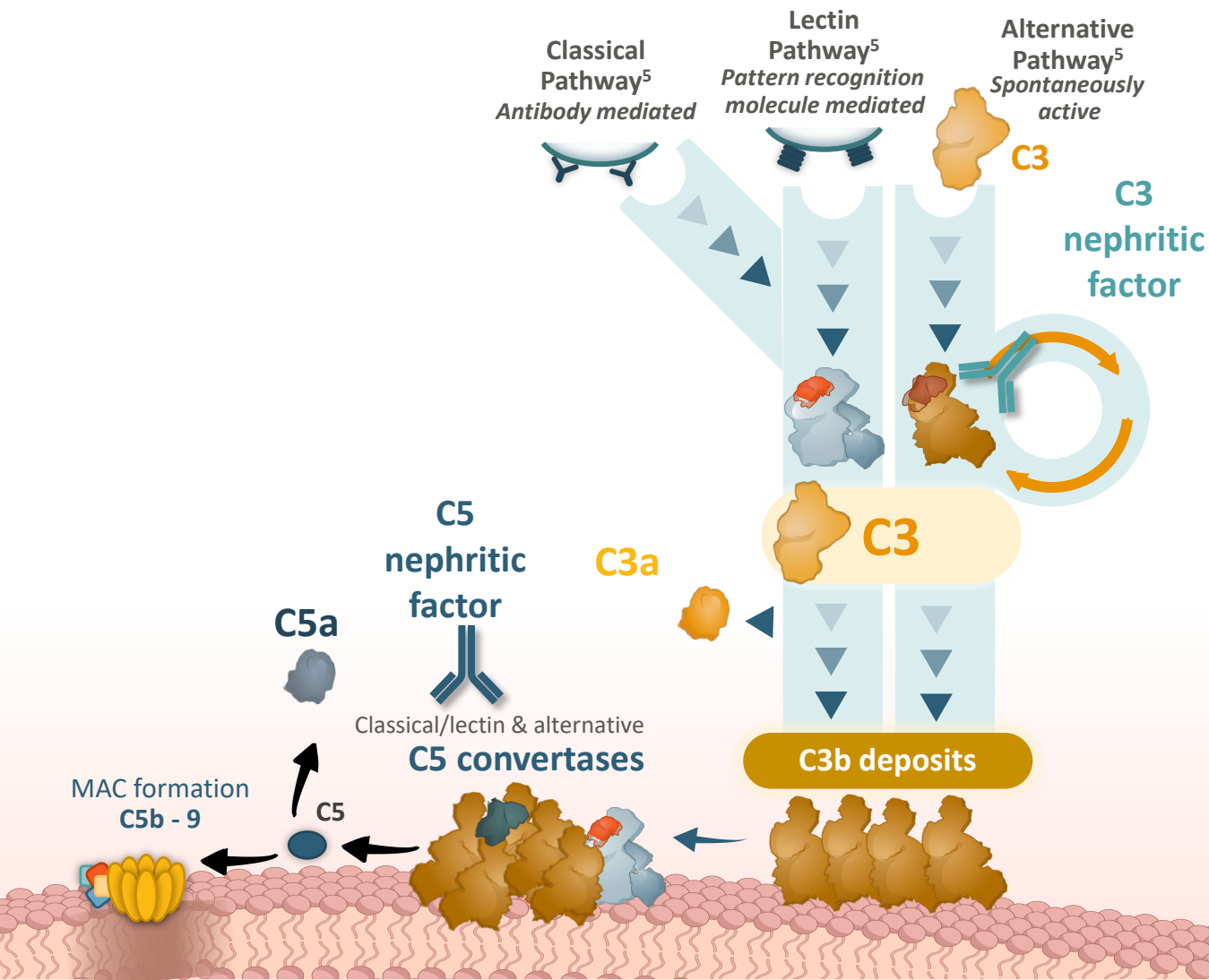
**Defective complement regulation** results in uncontrolled C3 activation, followed by abnormal complement deposition within the glomeruli<sup>4</sup>



**C3 downstream effectors** cause glomerular inflammation with recruitment of inflammatory cells and disruption of the glomerular basement membrane<sup>1,2,5</sup>

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# Heterogeneity in disease triggers may explain the heterogeneous presentation and disease course<sup>1-4</sup>



## Disease triggers<sup>1-4</sup>

### Gene variants

10–20% of patients carry variants in complement genes. Some variants are associated with human leukocyte antigens.

Familial cases are rare

### Autoantibodies

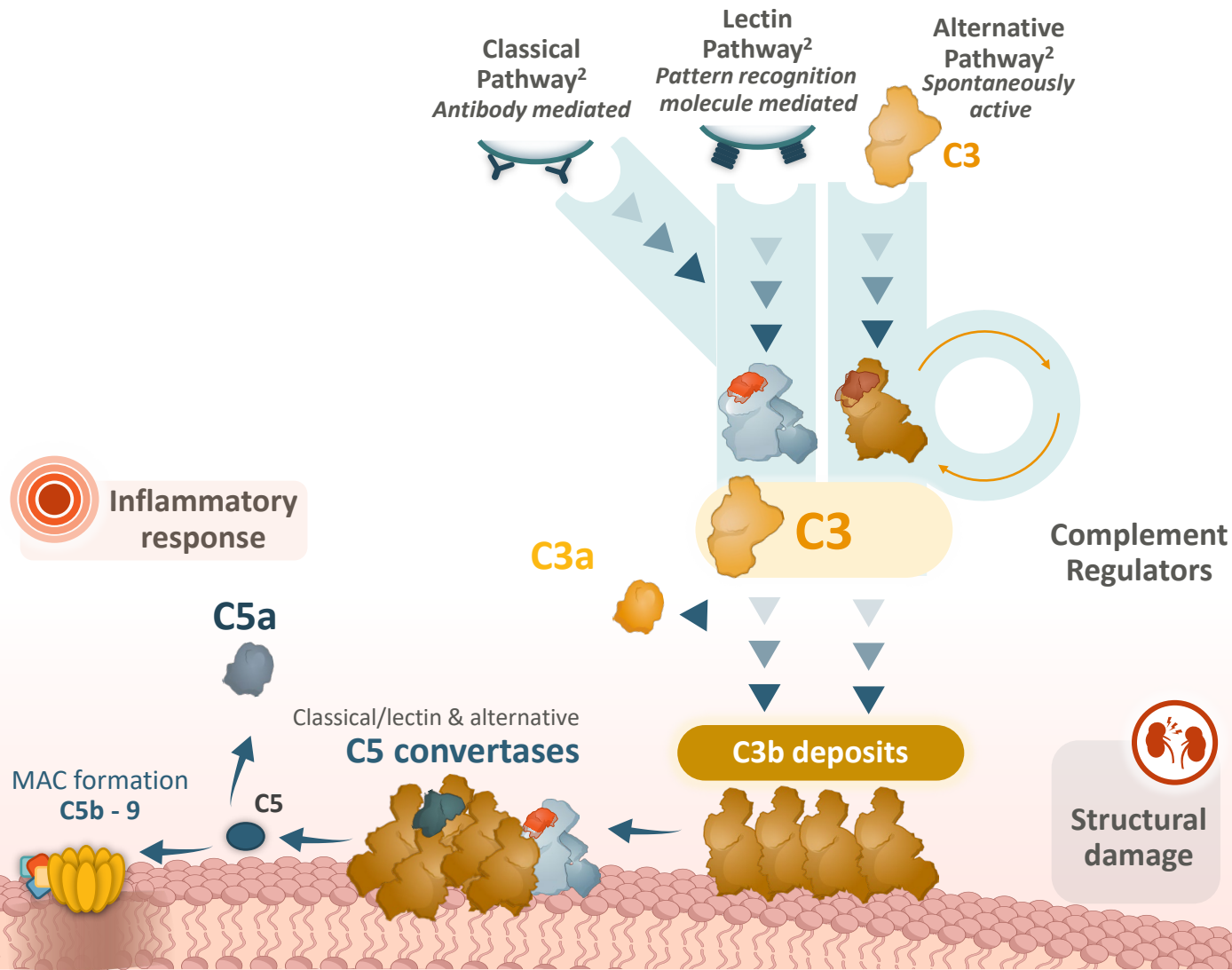
Approximately 50% of patients have nephritic factors that stabilise C3/C5 convertase complexes

In some patients, **no autoantibodies or gene variants are detected**

C3/5/-9/a/b, complement 3/5/-9/a/b.

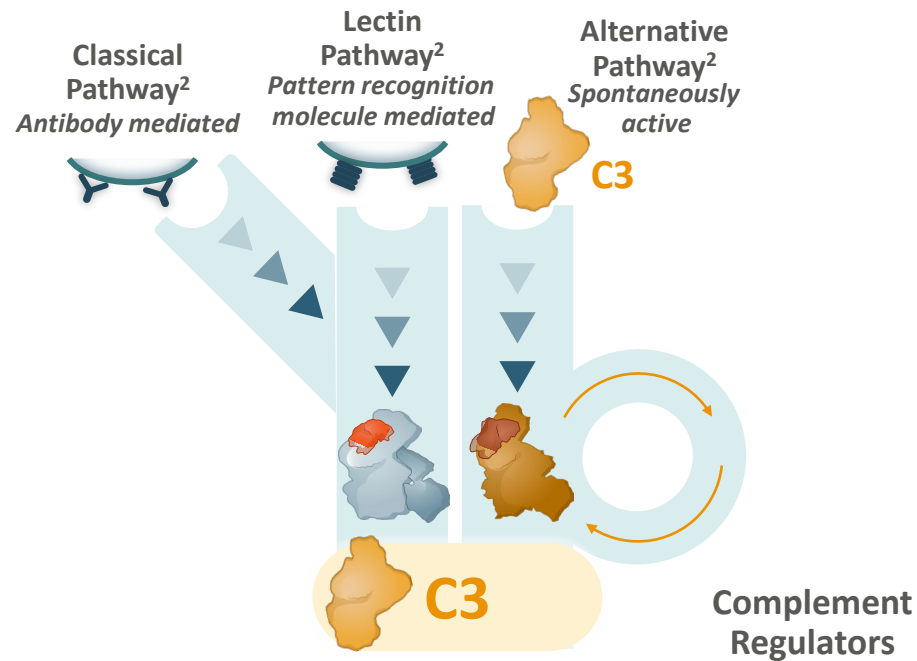
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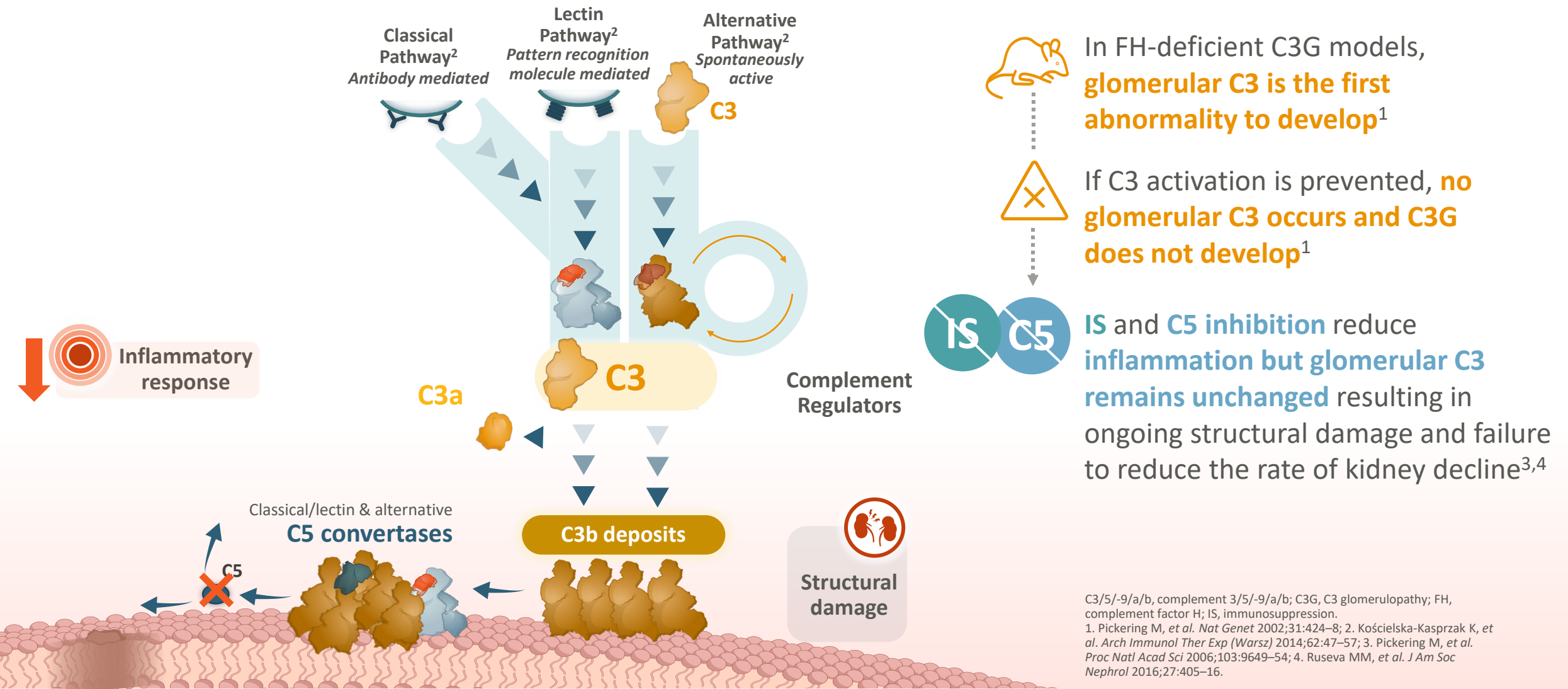


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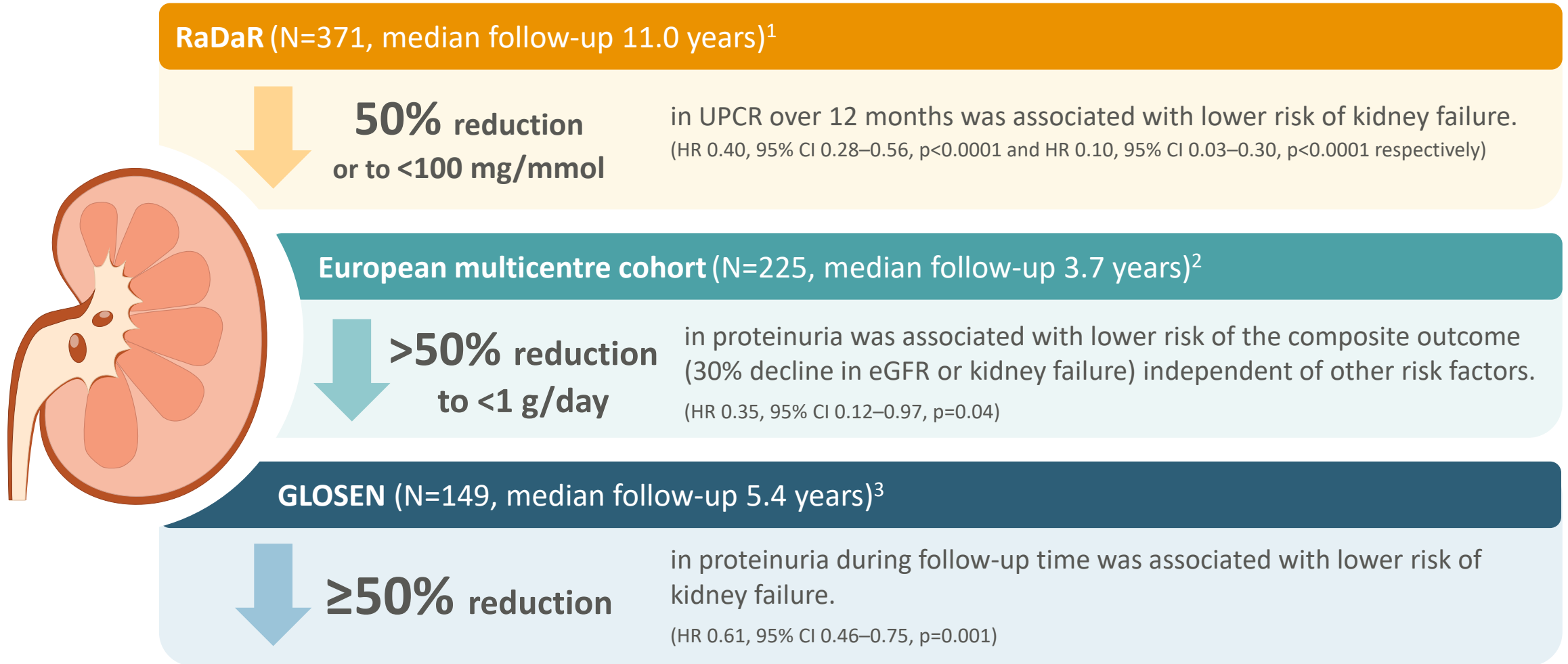
If C3 activation is prevented, **no glomerular C3 occurs and C3G does not develop**<sup>1</sup>

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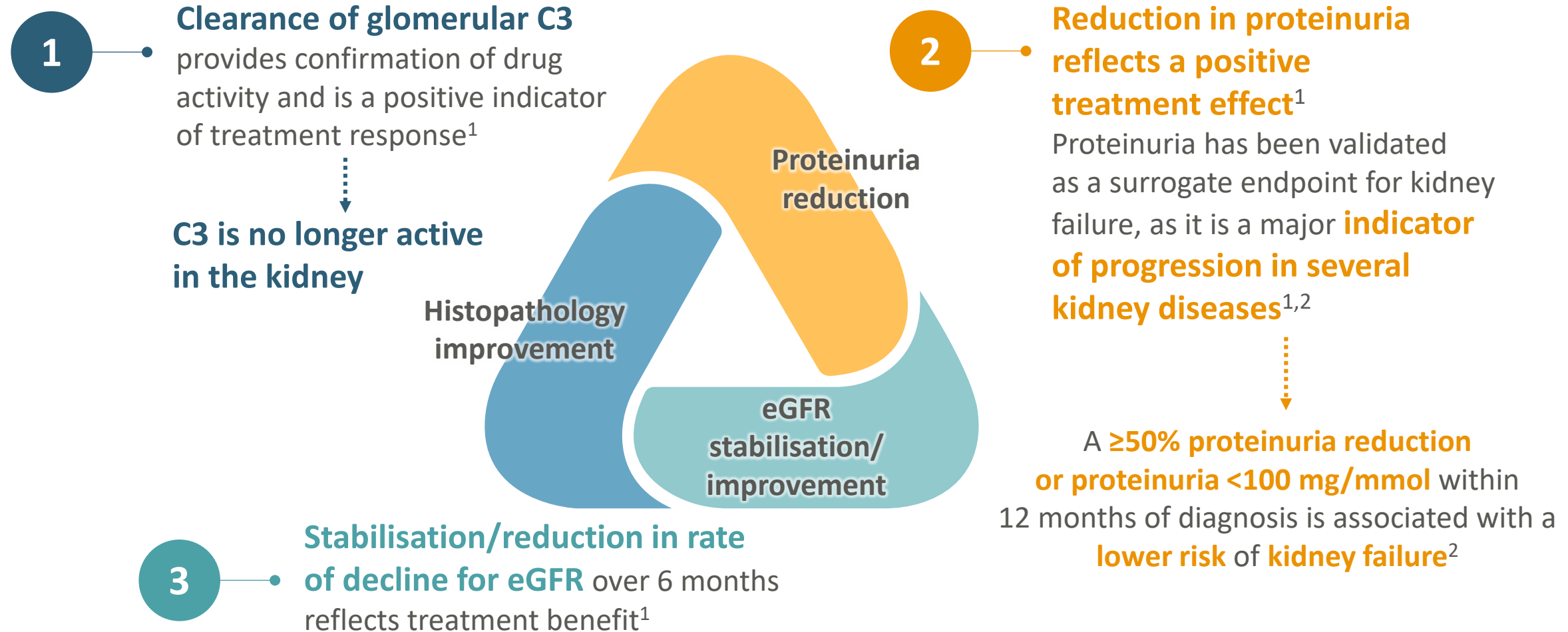
# Proteinuria reduction is associated with lower risk of kidney failure



CI, confidence interval; GLOSEN, Spanish Group for the Study of Glomerular Diseases; HR, hazard ratio; RaDaR, The National Registry of Rare Kidney Diseases.

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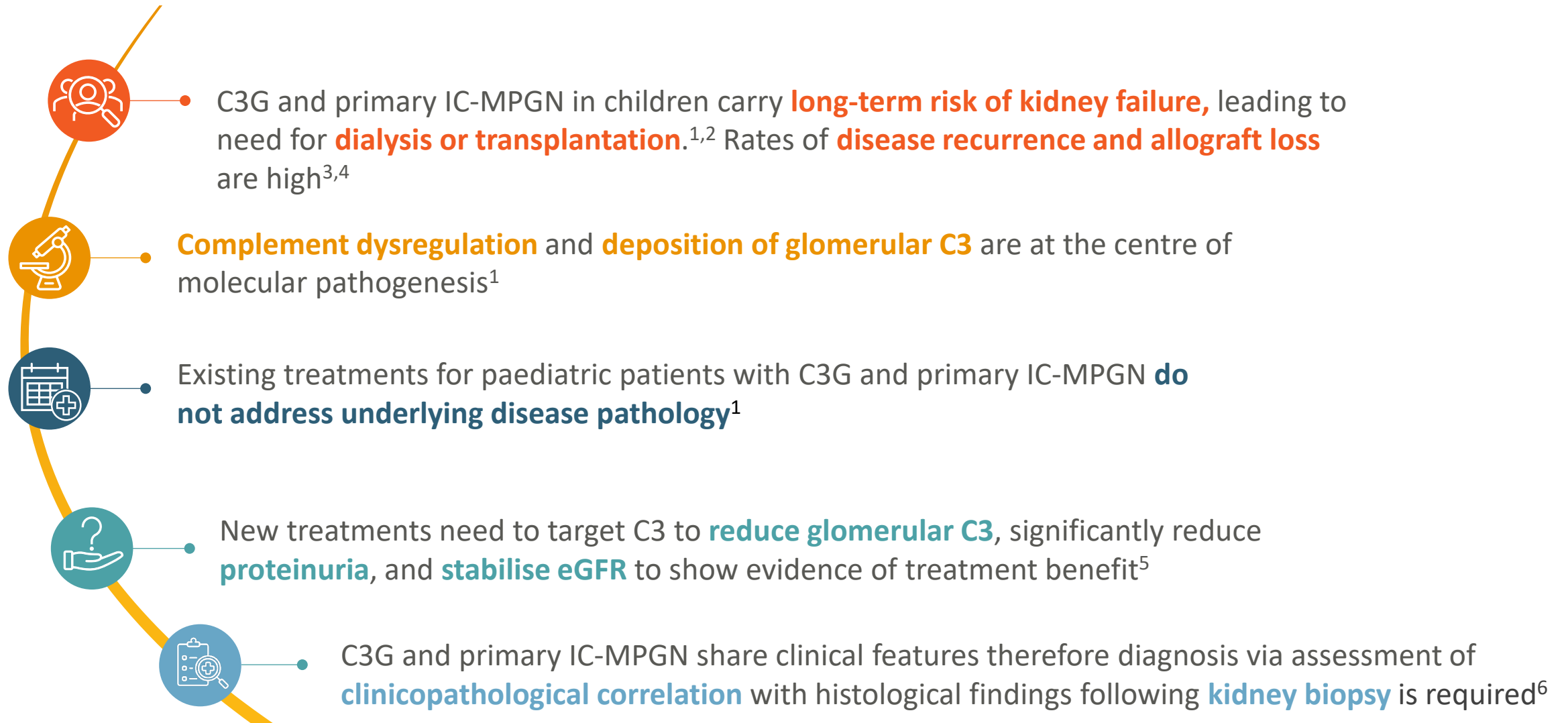
# Effective complement inhibition should lead to glomerular C3 clearance, proteinuria reduction and eGFR stabilisation



C3, complement 3; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate.

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# Take home messages



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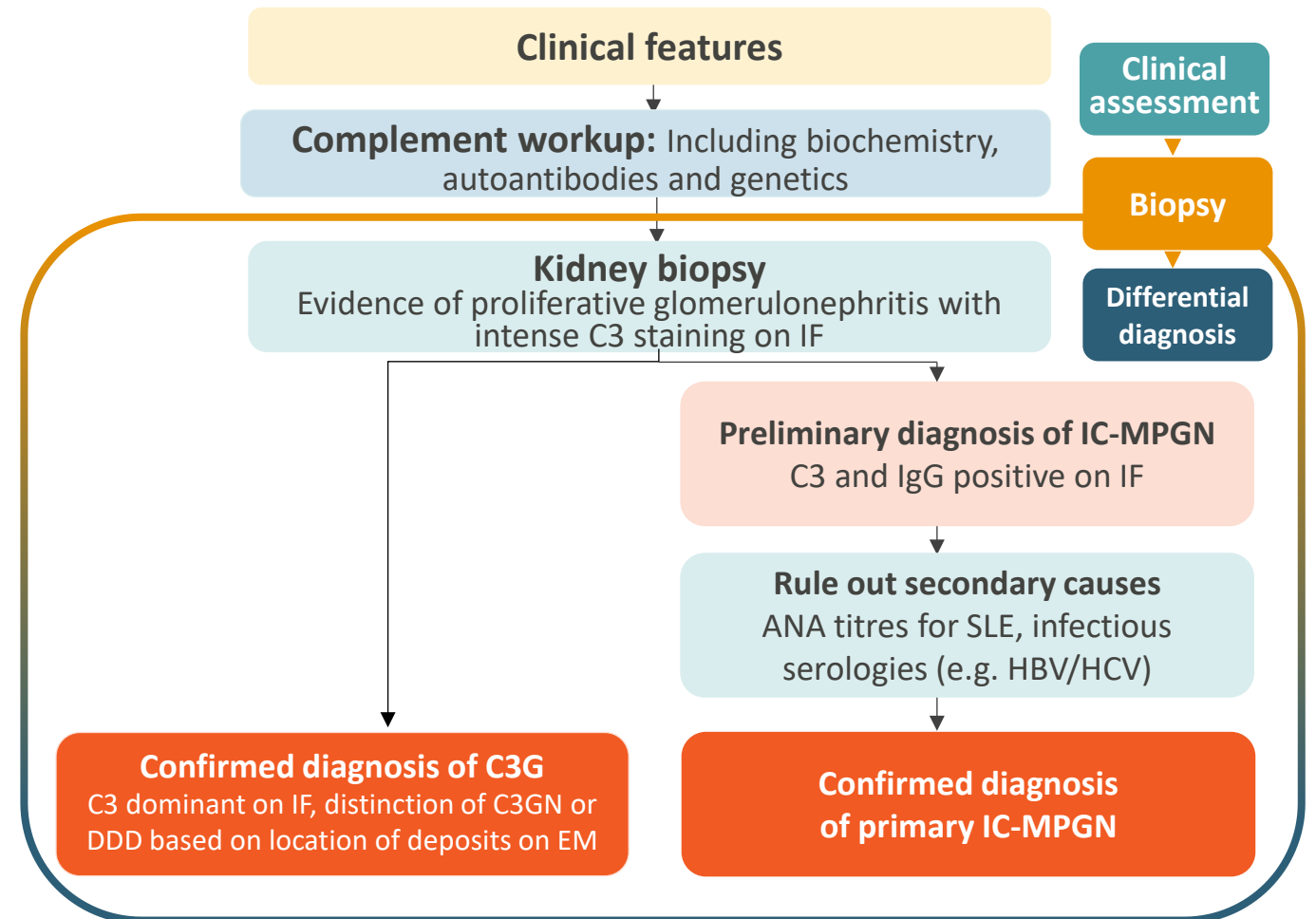


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**Histopathology insights:  
paving the way for  
earlier diagnosis**

# Accurate diagnosis of C3G/primary IC-MPGN relies on a multimodal approach, including definitive diagnosis via biopsy<sup>1–5</sup>

## Example diagnostic pathway of C3G/primary IC-MPGN<sup>1–3</sup>



Early and accurate diagnosis is vital for timely management and longer kidney protection<sup>4</sup>

Biopsy is mandatory for diagnosis, with IF considered the gold standard<sup>5</sup>

Histological features overlap, therefore differential diagnosis via evaluation of history, clinical features and screening is key for better patient outcomes<sup>5,6</sup>

ANA, antinuclear antibody; C3, complement 3; C3G, C3 glomerulopathy; C3GN, C3 glomerulonephritis; DDD, dense deposit disease; EM, electron microscopy; HBV, hepatitis B virus; HCV, hepatitis C virus;

IC-MPGN, immune complex-mediated membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis; IgG, immunoglobulin G; IF, immunofluorescence; SLE, systemic lupus erythematosus.

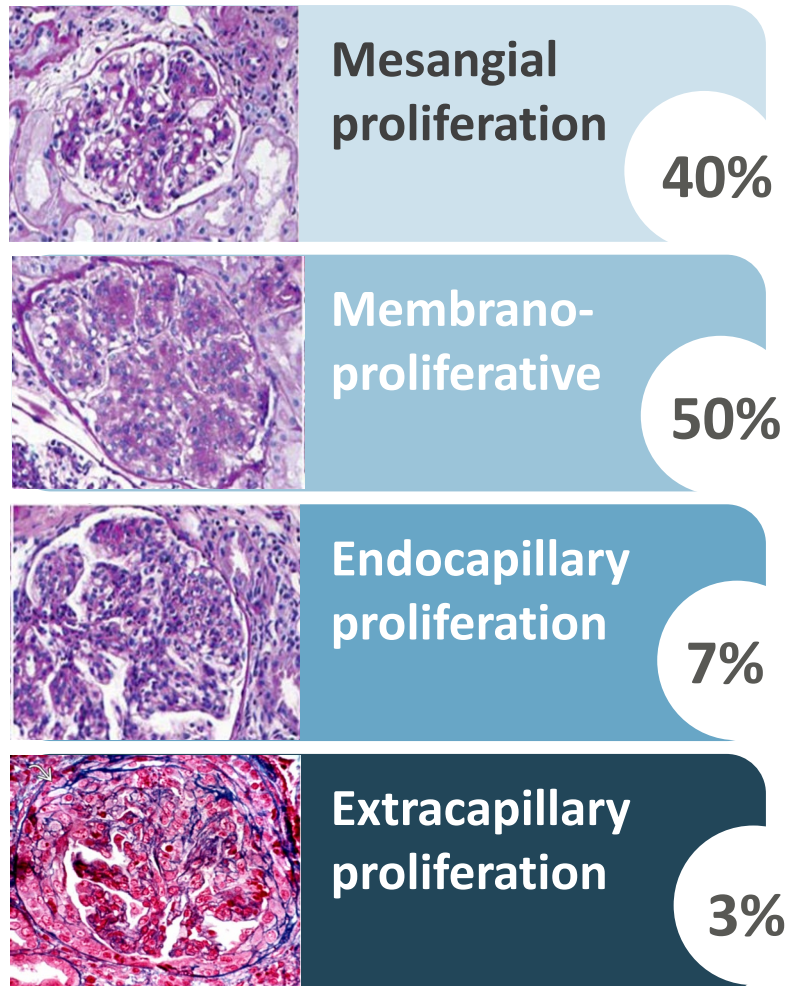
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# C3G and primary IC-MPGN present a spectrum of heterogeneous histological features<sup>1-3</sup>

Clinical  
assessment

Biopsy

Differential  
diagnosis



Proliferation ranges from moderate to severe<sup>3</sup>

Immunofluorescence is the gold standard for diagnosis<sup>4</sup>

C3G, C3 glomerulopathy; IC-MPGN, immune complex-mediated membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis; MPGN, membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis.

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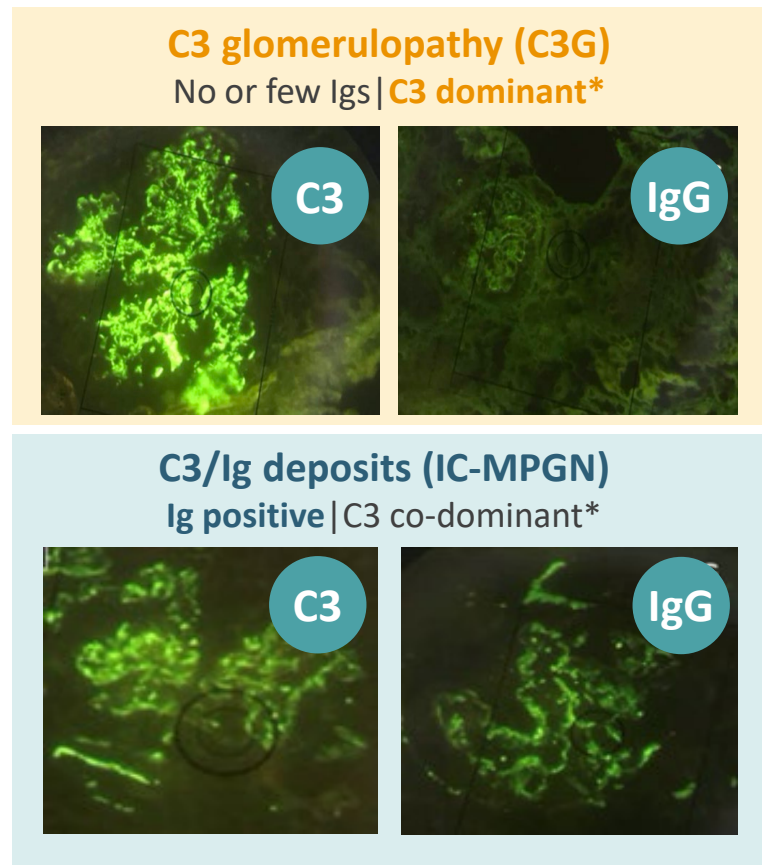
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# IF is the mainstay for diagnosing C3G and primary IC-MPGN but secondary causes must be excluded<sup>1–3</sup>

Clinical  
assessment

Biopsy

Differential  
diagnosis



PIGN

Monoclonal  
gammopathies  
(> 50 years of age)<sup>4</sup>

Infection-related  
glomerulopathies

Autoimmune  
diseases

**Main secondary  
MPGN causes to be  
excluded based on  
correlation between  
diagnostic findings and  
clinical history<sup>1–3</sup>**

\*C3 dominant: C3 is  $\geq 2$  orders of magnitude stronger than for any other common immune reactant.<sup>5</sup>. Images are taken from Mastrangelo A, *et al. Front Pediatr* 2020;8:205 with permission under CC by 4.0 license  
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# C3GN vs DDD: the importance of EM

## C3GN<sup>1-3</sup>



**Mesangial C3** deposits, with variable **subendothelial** deposits

Less often, subepithelial and intramembranous deposits

## DDD<sup>1-3</sup>



C3 deposition in the lamina densa of GBM of homogeneous, hyperosmiophilic material

**Intramembranous** deposits are confluent, elongated, and linear

- Mesangial deposits can also be seen
- Sometimes subepithelial deposits

**DDD is associated with a worse prognosis than C3GN<sup>1</sup>**

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# Case study: a typical C3G case



## Clinical history:

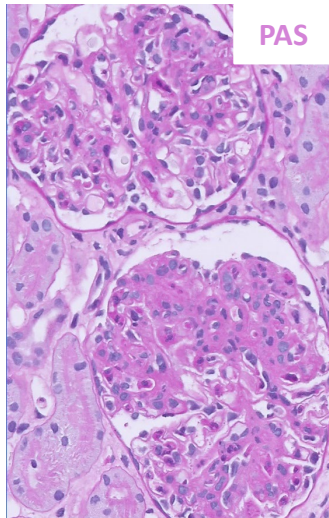
- Microhaematuria
- Proteinuria (usually mild)
- Persistent low C3 (C4 usually normal)
- ± Hypertension
- ± CKD

Clinically: suspected C3G

## Biopsy results



### Light microscopy

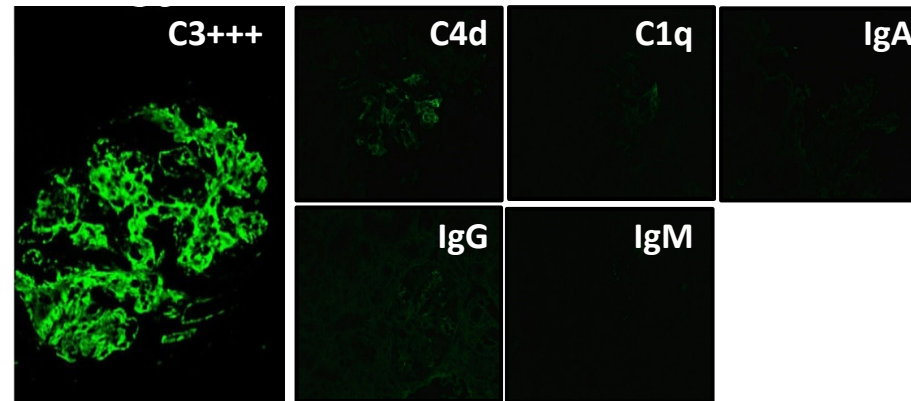


PAS

Glomerular proliferation



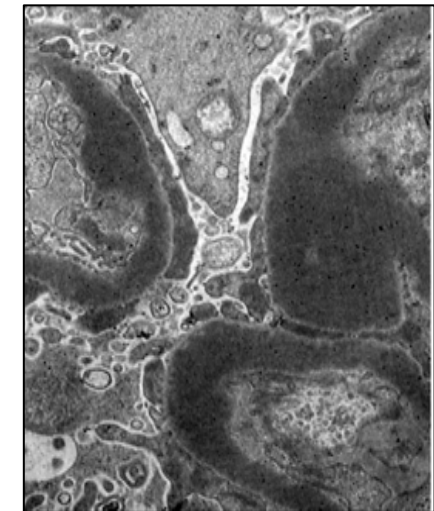
### Immunofluorescence



C3-dominant staining by IF



### Electron microscopy



Hyper-dense, ribbon-like, intramembranous deposits



**DIAGNOSIS: C3G, DDD type**

# Case study: more suggestive of IC-MPGN



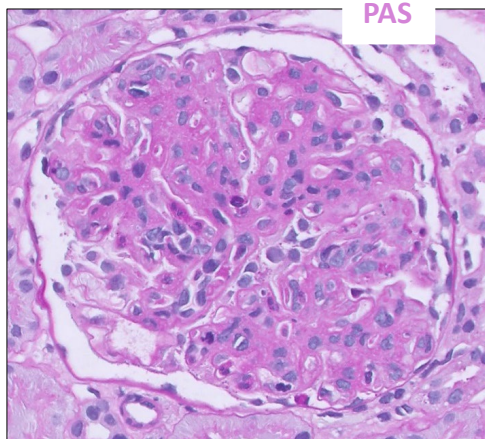
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## Biopsy results



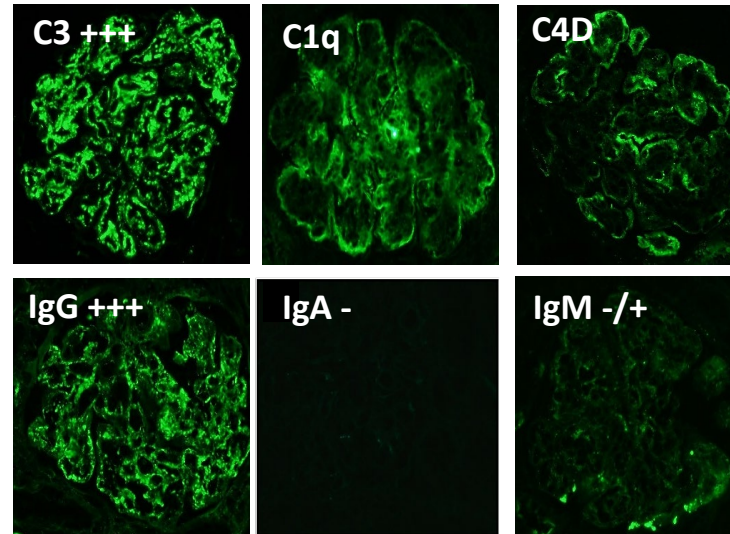
### Light microscopy



Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis (MPGN)



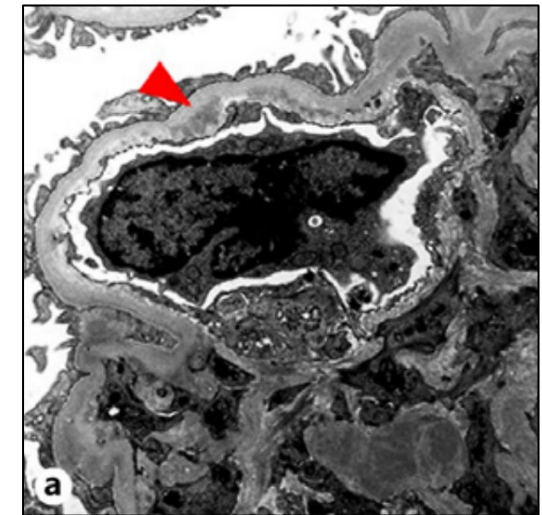
### Immunofluorescence



C3 and IgG codominant:  
classical pathway complement +



### Electron microscopy



Sub-endothelial and  
mesangial deposits



## DIAGNOSIS: suggested IC-MPGN

C1, complement 1; C3, complement 3; C3G, C3 glomerulopathy; C4, complement 4; DDD, dense deposit disease; IC-MPGN, IC-MPGN, immune complex-mediated membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis; IF, immunofluorescence; IgA, immunoglobulin A; IgG, immunoglobulin G; IgM, immunoglobulin M; PAS, Periodic-Acid-Schiff.  
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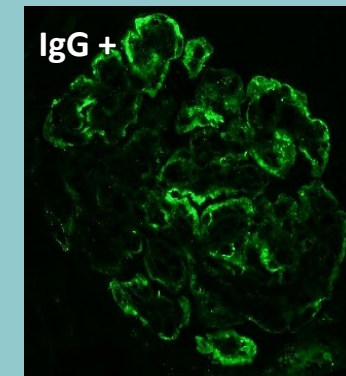
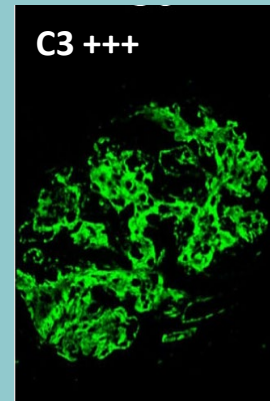
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- ± Chronic renal failure

Complement workup shows  
alternative pathway abnormalities:

C3NEF

High sC5b9

→ Second biopsy



Membranoproliferative  
glomerulonephritis (MPGN)

C3 and IgG codominant  
classical pathway comple

endothelial and  
deposits



**DIAGNOSIS: C3G**



**C3G can start as  
primary IC-MPGN**

# Case study: a less typical C3G case



## Clinical history:

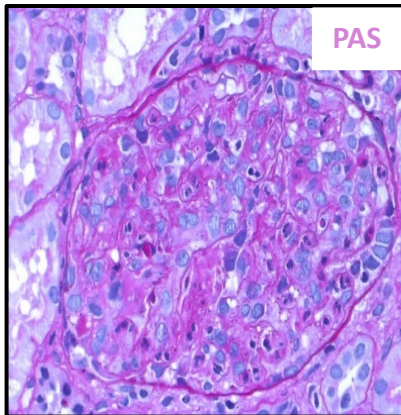
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Clinically: suspected C3G

## Biopsy results



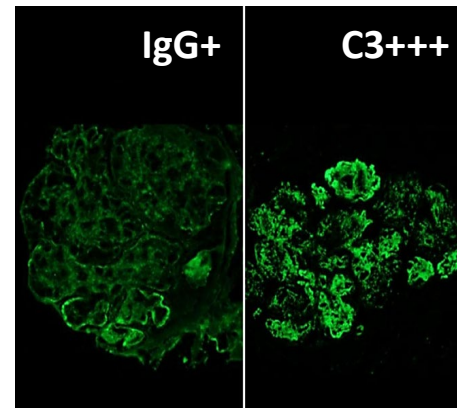
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Diffuse endocapillary proliferation  
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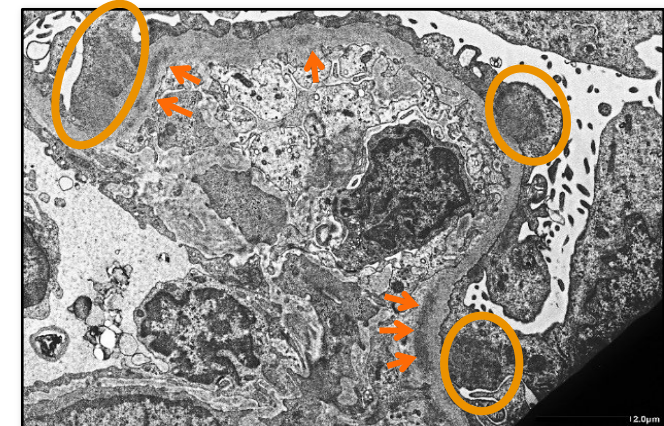
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Many sub-epithelial deposits (humps)  
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**DIAGNOSIS:** suggested PIGN with unusual features

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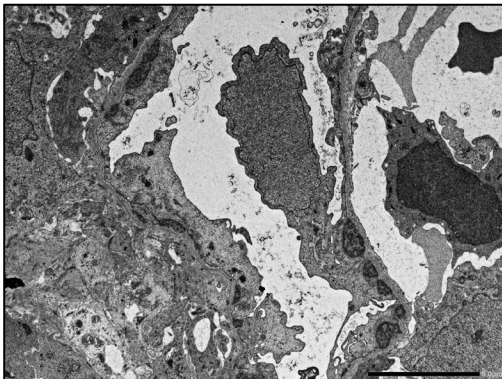
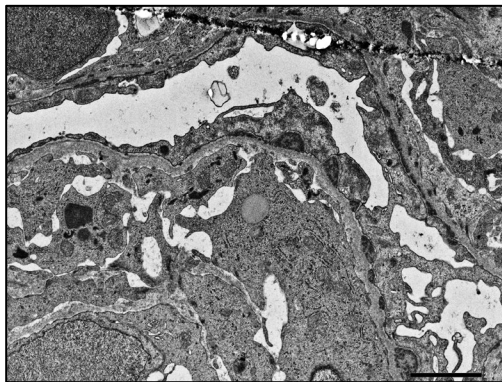
Patient had persistent low C3 after 4 months



**FINAL DIAGNOSIS: atypical post-infectious GN**

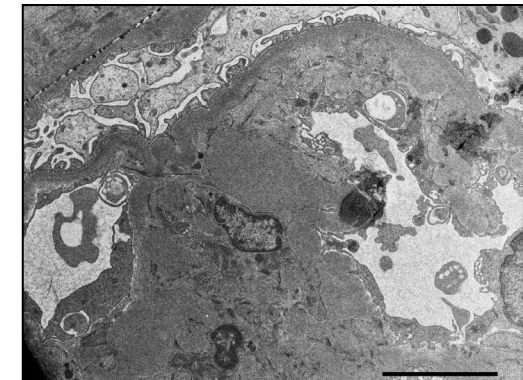
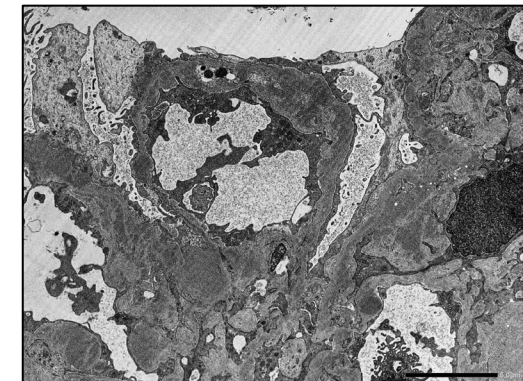
# LM and EM can support differentiation of PIGN from C3G/IC-MPGN

## PIGN

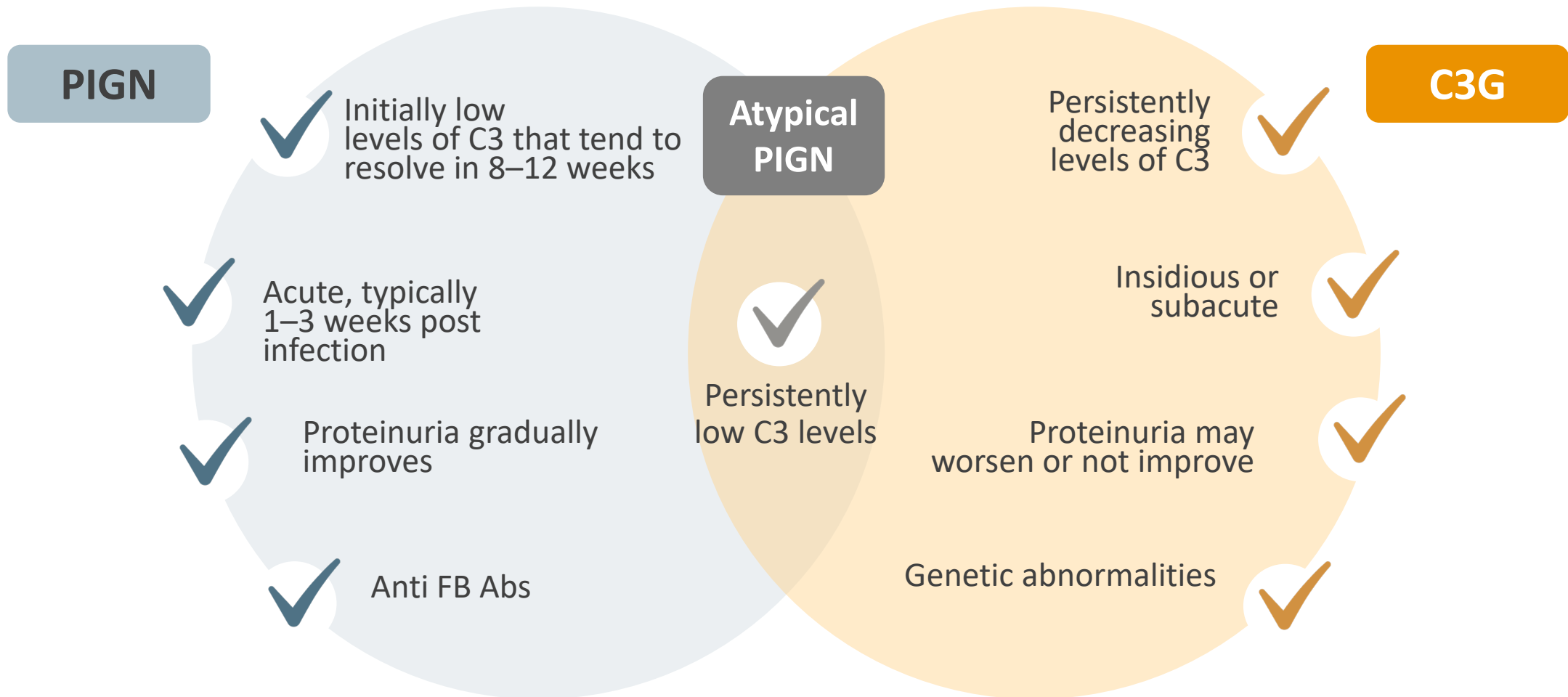


| PIGN     |                                | C3G/<br>IC-MPGN |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| +++      | Sub-epithelial humps           | +/-             |
| -        | Subendothelial deposits        | +++             |
| Variable | Mesangial deposits             | +++             |
| +++      | Endocapillary hypercellularity | Variable        |
| -        | Cellular interposition         | ++              |
| -        | GBM remodeling                 | ++              |
| +        | Exudative GN                   | -               |

## C3G/IC-MPGN



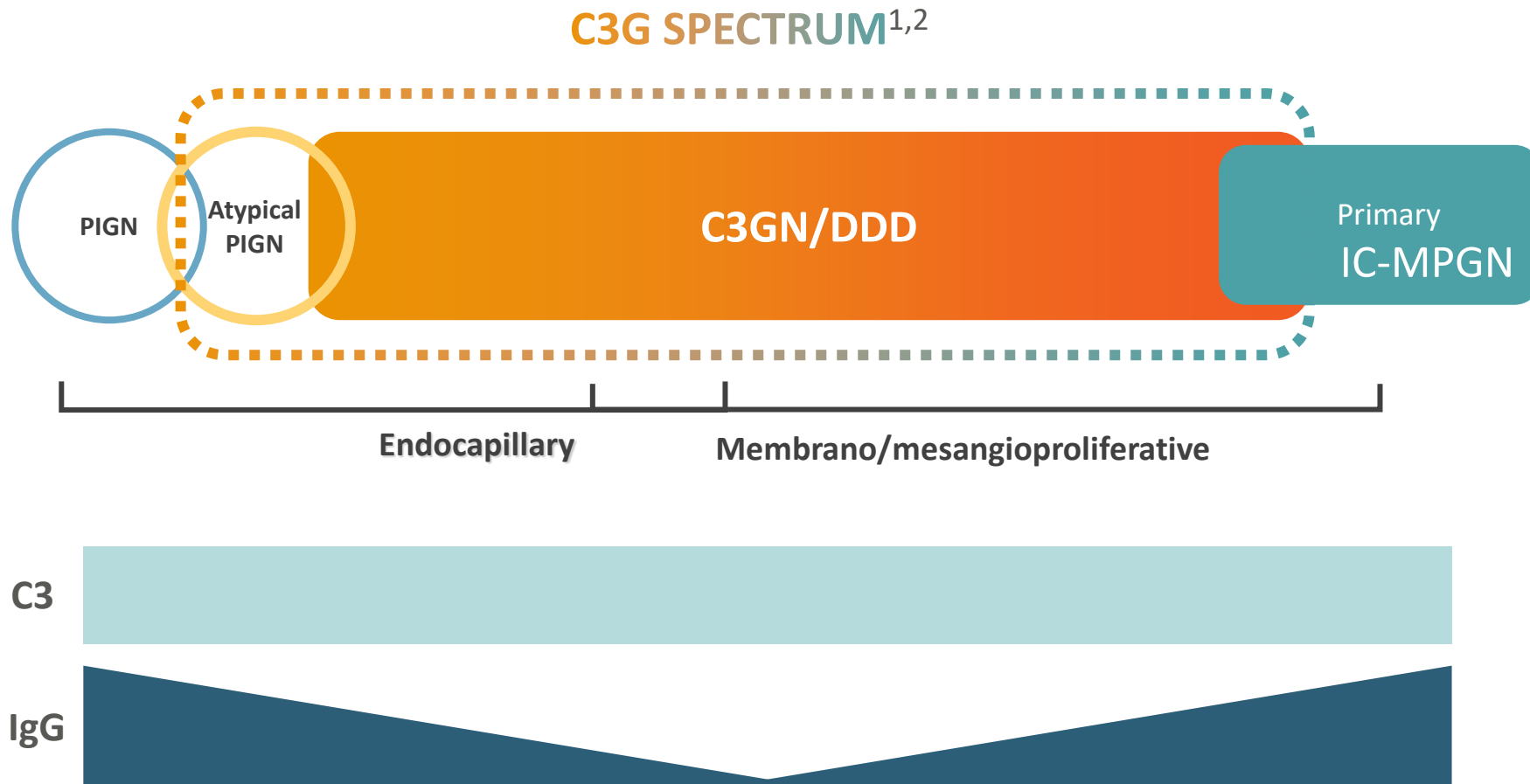
# Differential diagnosis of C3G vs. PIGN requires a combination of histological and clinical findings<sup>1–4</sup>



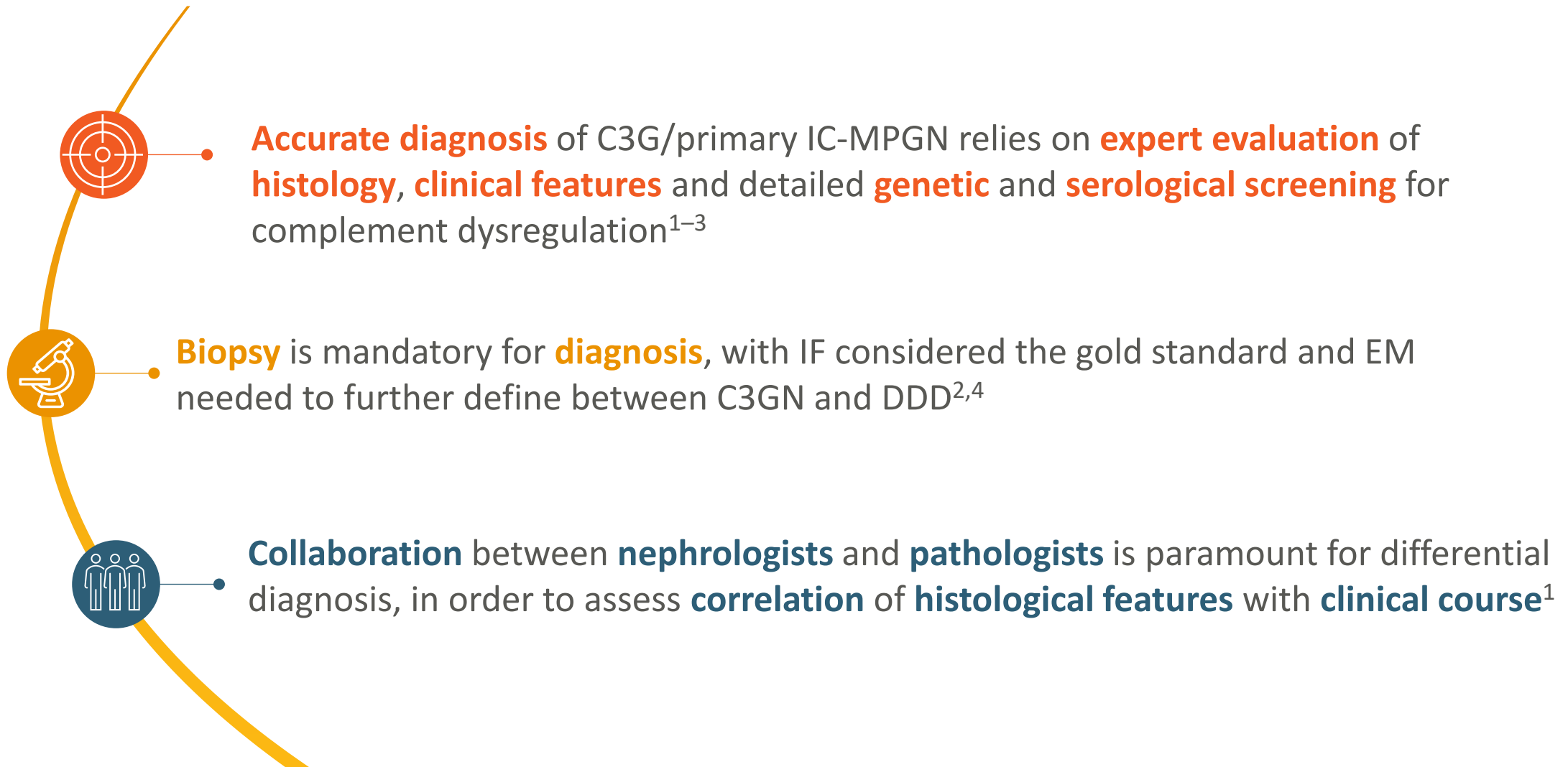
Ab, antibody; C3, complement 3; C3G, C3 glomerulopathy; FB, Factor B; PIGN, post-infectious glomerulonephritis.

1. Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) Glomerular Diseases Work Group. *Kidney Int* 2021;100:S1–S276; 2. Smith RJH, et al. *Nat Rev Nephrol* 2019;15:129–43; Hou J, et al. *Glomerular Dis* 2022;2:107–20; 4. Expert opinion of Dr. Diomedi Camassei and Dr. Johnson.

# C3G describes a spectrum of disorders that overlap in features



# Take home messages



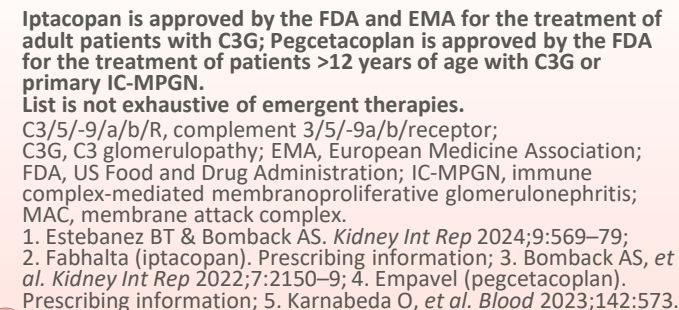
C3G, C3 glomerulopathy; DDD, dense deposit disease; EM, electron microscopy; IC-MPGN, immune complex-mediated membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis; IF, immunofluorescence.

1. Java A & Lindsey F. *Kidney Med* 2024;7:100928; 2. Abbas F, et al. *World J Transplant* 2018;8:203–19; 3. Bombach AS, et al. *KI reports* 2025;10:17–28; 4. Hou J, et al. *Glomerular Dis* 2022;2:107–20.



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**Complement inhibition:  
From bench to clinical trials**



# Iptacopan is a Factor B inhibitor approved for the treatment of adult patients with C3G



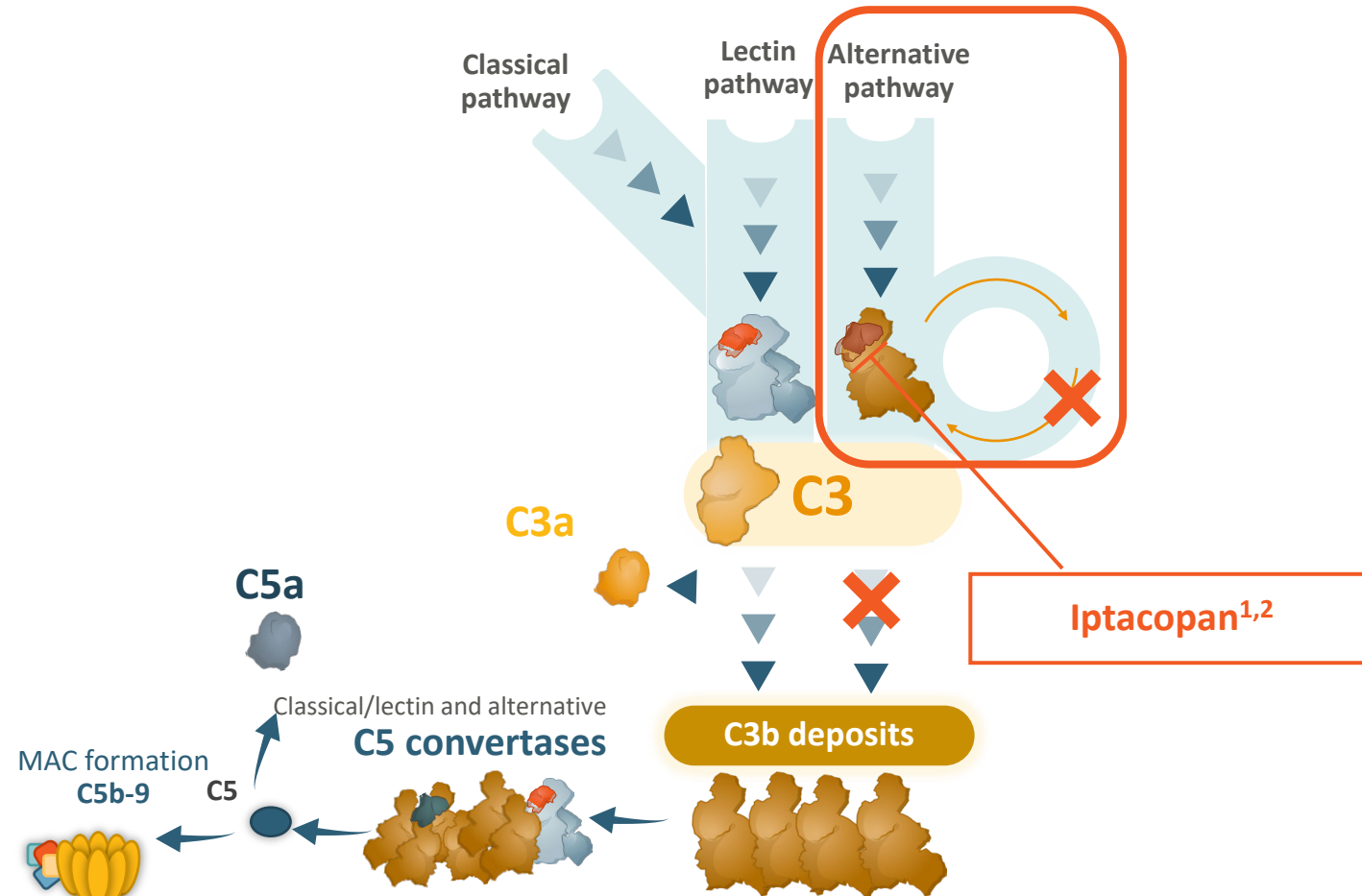
## Iptacopan



A small-molecule oral inhibitor of complement Factor B component of the alternative convertase<sup>1,2</sup>

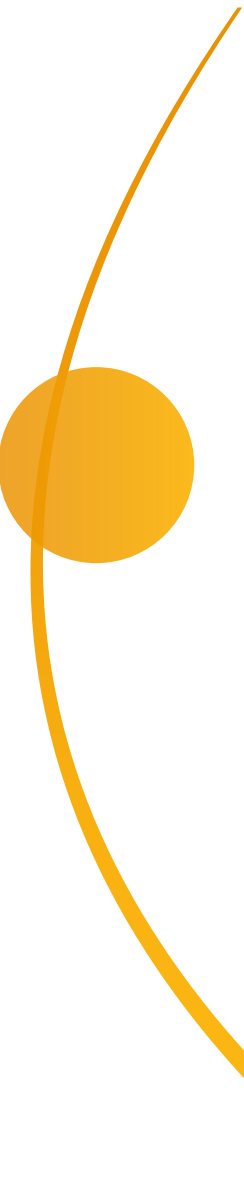


Approved for adults with C3G<sup>3,4</sup>  
Currently under Phase 3 investigation in adolescents with C3G and adults and adolescents with primary IC-MPGN in the APPEAR-C3G and APPARENT trials, respectively<sup>5,6</sup>



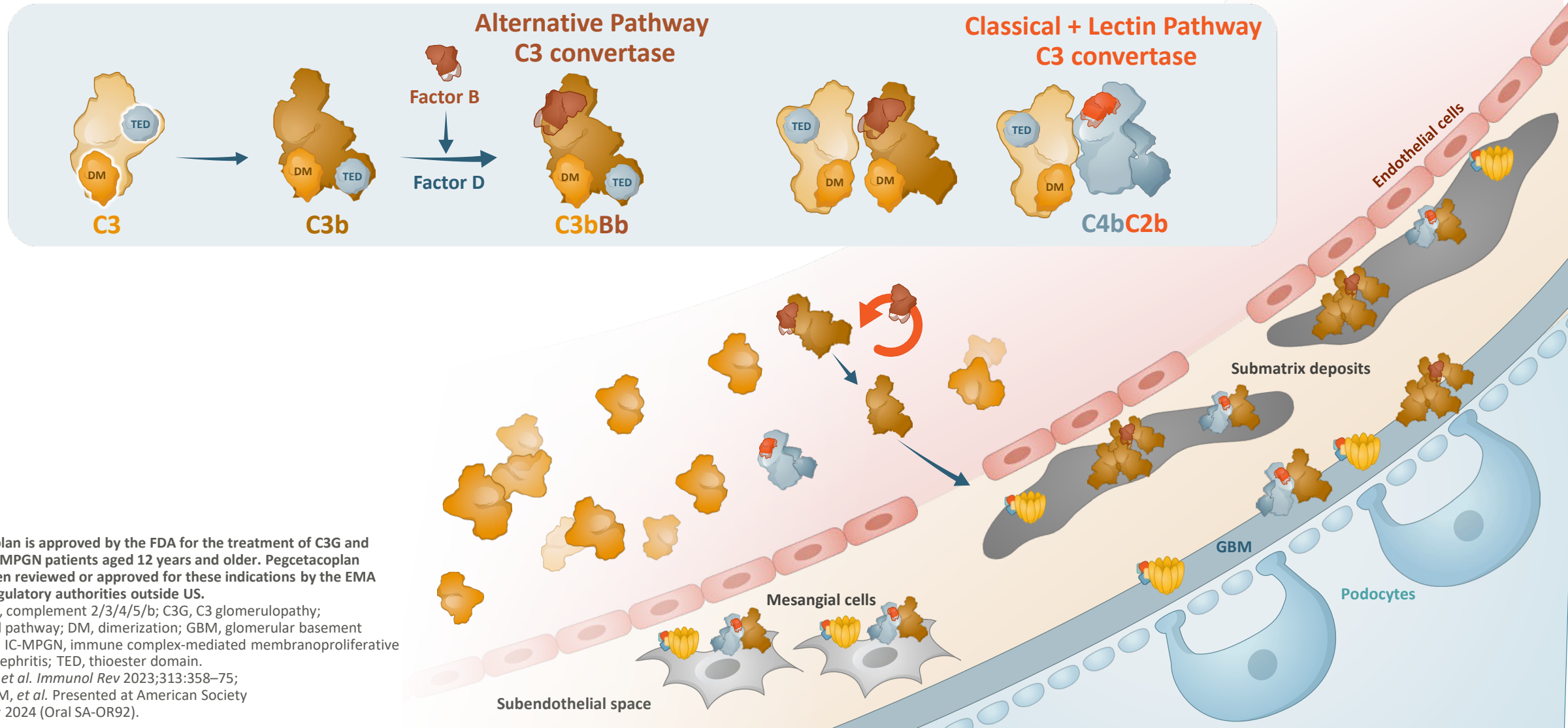
Iptacopan is approved by the FDA and EMA for the treatment of adult patients with C3G.

C3/3a/3b/5/5a/5b-9, complement 3/3a/3b/5/5a/5b-9; C3G, C3 glomerulopathy; EMA, European Medicine Association; FDA, US Food and Drug Administration; IC-MPGN, immune complex-mediated membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis; MAC, membrane attack complex. 1. Veldandi UK, *et al.* Presented at WCN 2023 (Poster WCN23-0584); 2. Bomback AS, *et al. Kidney Int Rep* 2022;7:2150–9; 3. FDA. 2025. Available at: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/news-events-human-drugs/fda-approves-first-treatment-adults-complement-3-glomerulopathy-rare-kidney-disease-reduce>. Accessed October 2025; 4. EMA. 2024. Available at: [https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/procedural-steps-after/fabhalta-epar-procedural-steps-taken-scientific-information-after-authorisation-archive\\_en.pdf](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/procedural-steps-after/fabhalta-epar-procedural-steps-taken-scientific-information-after-authorisation-archive_en.pdf). Accessed October 2025; 5. ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: [NCT05755386](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT05755386). Last update posted 6 August 2025. Accessed 7 October 2025; 6. ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: [NCT04817618](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT04817618). Last update posted 4 March 2025. Accessed 7 October 2025.



# Pegcetacoplan

# Pegcetacoplan blocks C3 activation by all complement pathways<sup>1,2</sup>



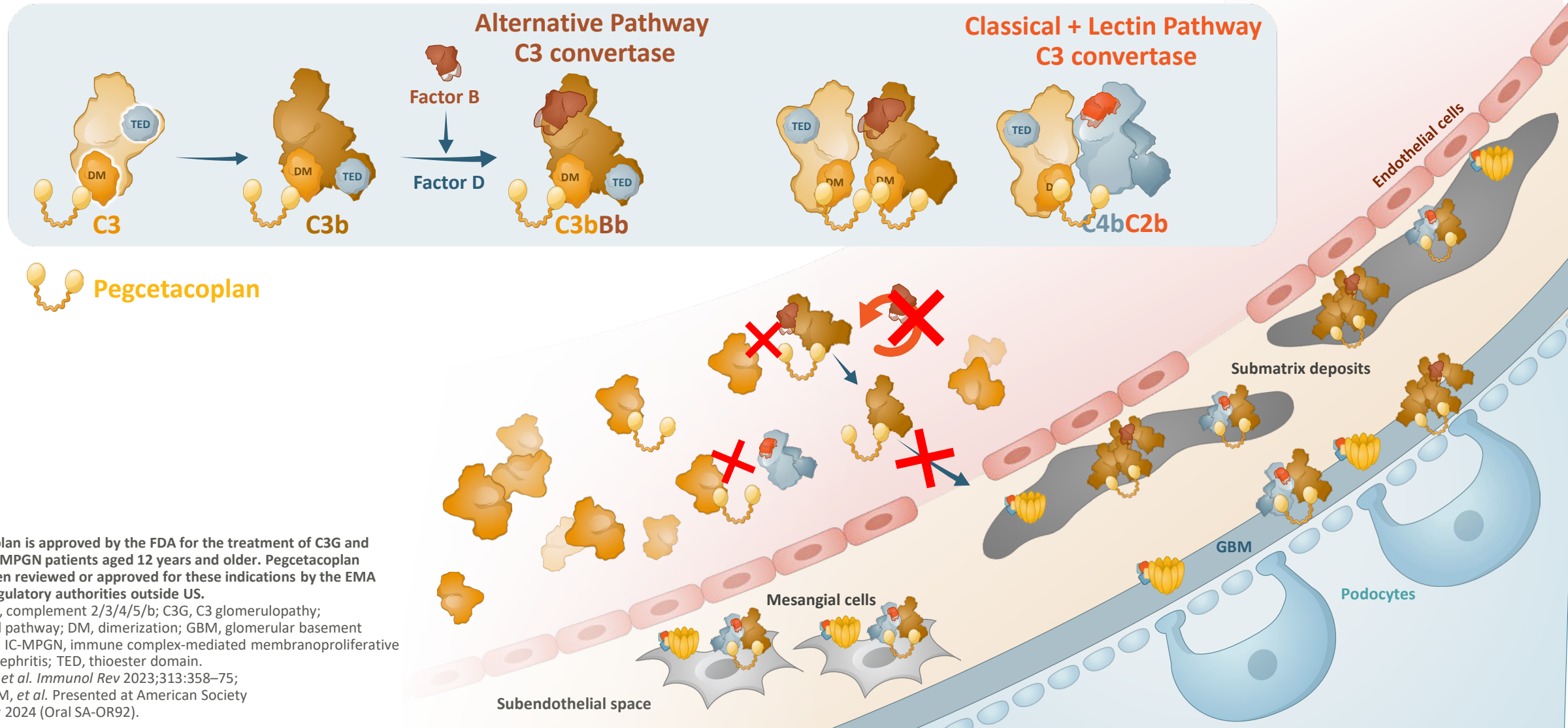
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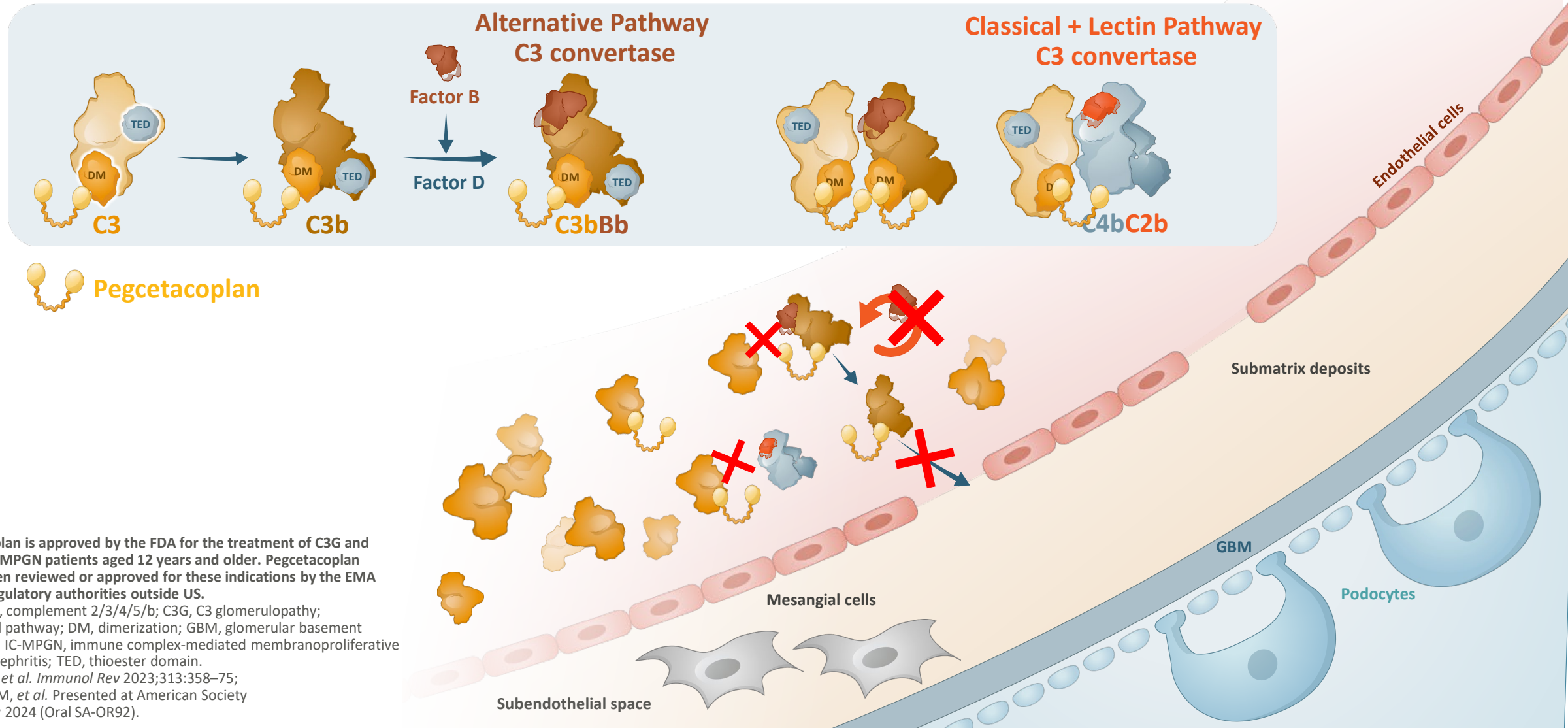


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# Pegcetacoplan is currently under investigation in a broad population of patients with C3G or primary IC-MPGN



Across ongoing clinical trials, >145 patients with C3G or primary IC-MPGN have received pegcetacoplan<sup>1-8</sup>

Phase 2

| DISCOVERY <sup>1,2</sup>                                                         | NOBLE <sup>3,4</sup>                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8 patients (C3G)<br>≥16 years old<br>Native kidneys<br>Open-label<br>NCT03453619 | 13 patients<br>≥18 years old<br>Transplanted kidneys<br>Open-label<br>NCT04572854 |

Significant reduction in proteinuria and stabilised eGFR<sup>2</sup>

Phase 3

| VALIANT <sup>5,6</sup>                                                                            | VALE <sup>7,8</sup>                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 124 patients<br>≥12 years old<br>Native/transplanted kidneys<br>Placebo controlled<br>NCT05067127 | All patients in VALIANT<br>≥12 years old<br>Native/transplanted kidneys<br>Open-label extension<br>NCT05809531 |

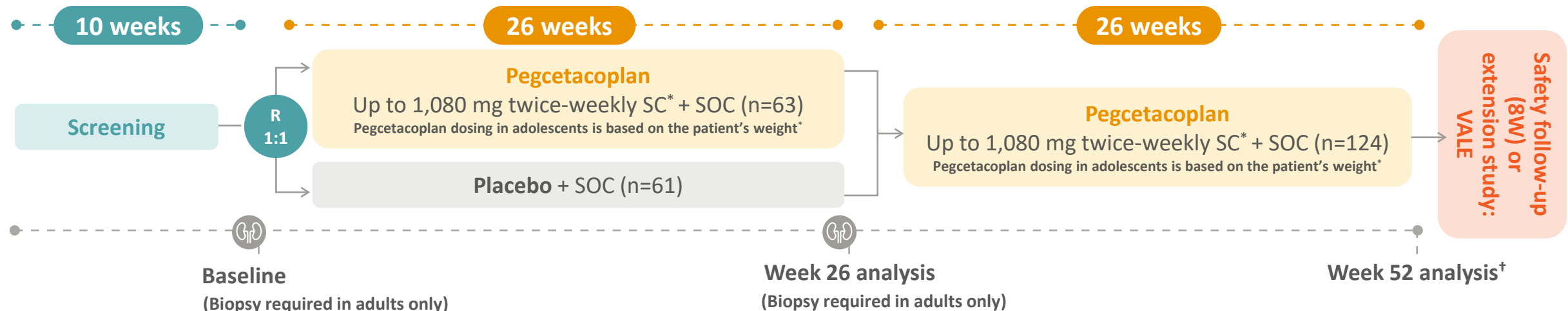
67% of pegcetacoplan-treated patients achieved zero C3 staining<sup>9</sup>

..... ONGOING .....➔

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1. Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Clinicaltrials.gov identifier: [NCT03453619](#). Last update posted 13 February 2025. Accessed October 2025; 2. Dixon B, *et al. Kidney Int Rep* 2023;8:2284–93; 3. Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Clinicaltrials.gov identifier: [NCT04572854](#). Last update posted 30 March 2025. Accessed October 2025; 4. Bombach AS, *et al. Kidney Int Rep* 2024;10:87–98; 5. Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Clinicaltrials.gov identifier: [NCT05067127](#). Last update posted 8 June 2025. Accessed October 2025; 6. Nester CM, *et al.* Presented at American Society of Nephrology Kidney Week 2024 (Oral SA-OR92); 7. Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Clinicaltrials.gov identifier: [NCT05809531](#). Last update posted 28 March 2025. Accessed October 2025; 8. Nester C, *et al.* Presented at American Society of Nephrology Kidney Week 2024 (Poster SA-PO801); 9. Fakhouri F, *et al.* Presented at European Renal Association 2024 (Oral).

# VALIANT: Phase 3 double-blind placebo-controlled trial in ≥12 sobi year old, native/recurrent C3G/primary IC-MPGN<sup>1–3</sup>

## Study design<sup>1–3</sup>



## Study endpoints

### Primary endpoint:

Change from baseline in log-transformed ratio of UPCR at Week 26 compared to placebo

### Key secondary endpoints:

**In all patients:** composite renal endpoint;<sup>‡</sup> ≥50% UPCR reduction; eGFR (all change from baseline to Week 26);  
**In adults:** C3G activity score; reduction in C3 staining

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\*All adults and adolescents weighing ≥50 kg self administered 1,080 mg/20 mL. Adolescent patients weighing 30–34 kg received 540 mg/10 mL for the first two doses, then 648 mg/12 mL. Adolescent patients weighing 35–49 kg received 648 mg/12 mL for the first dose, then 810 mg/15 mL. <sup>†</sup>The Week 52 biopsy was optional; <sup>‡</sup>≤15% reduction in eGFR and ≥50% UPCR reduction vs BL. C3, complement 3; C3G, C3 glomerulopathy; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; EMA, European Medicines Agency; FDA, US Food and Drug Administration; IC-MPGN, immune complex-mediated membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis; R, randomised; SC, subcutaneous; SOC, standard of care; UPCR, urine protein-to-creatinine ratio; US, United States; W, week.

1. Dixon BP, *et al.* Presented at ASN 2023 (Abstract INFO12-SA); 2. Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: [NCT05067127](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT05067127). Last updated 8 June 2025. Accessed October 2025;

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# VALIANT: inclusion criteria and prespecified subgroups sobi

## Key inclusion criteria<sup>1,2</sup>



**≥12 years of age**  
(weighing ≥30 kg)



**A confirmed histological diagnosis**  
of C3G or primary IC-MPGN\*



**Proteinuria ≥1 g/day** and  
**eGFR ≥30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>**



**Stable treatment regimen**  
for C3G/primary IC-MPGN

## Prespecified subgroups<sup>1-4</sup>



**Adults**  
**n=69**



**Adolescents**  
**n=55**



**C3G**



**IC-MPGN**



**Native kidney**



**Transplanted**



**IS-treated**



**Non-IS treated**



**≥3 g/g UPCR**

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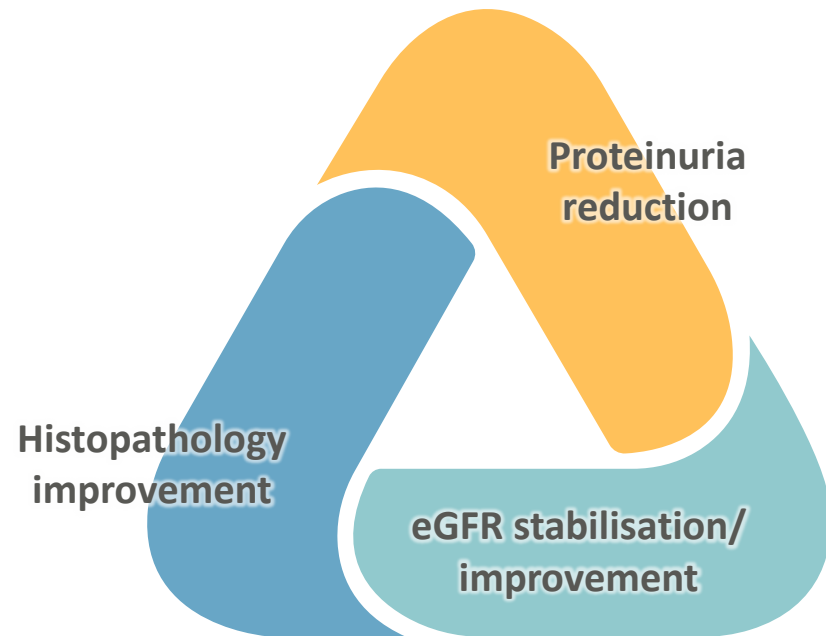
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# In VALIANT, pegcetacoplan lowered proteinuria, stabilised eGFR sobi and halted C3 deposition cross a diverse patient population

At Week 26:



Primary endpoint met



**68%** reduction in proteinuria vs placebo

**51%** of patients achieved **<1 g/g proteinuria**



**+6.3** mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> difference in eGFR vs placebo



**71.4%** of adult pegcetacoplan-treated patients had no C3 deposits after treatment



**Pegcetacoplan was well tolerated:** frequency/severity of AEs was similar between arms and there were no encapsulated meningococcal infection cases\*

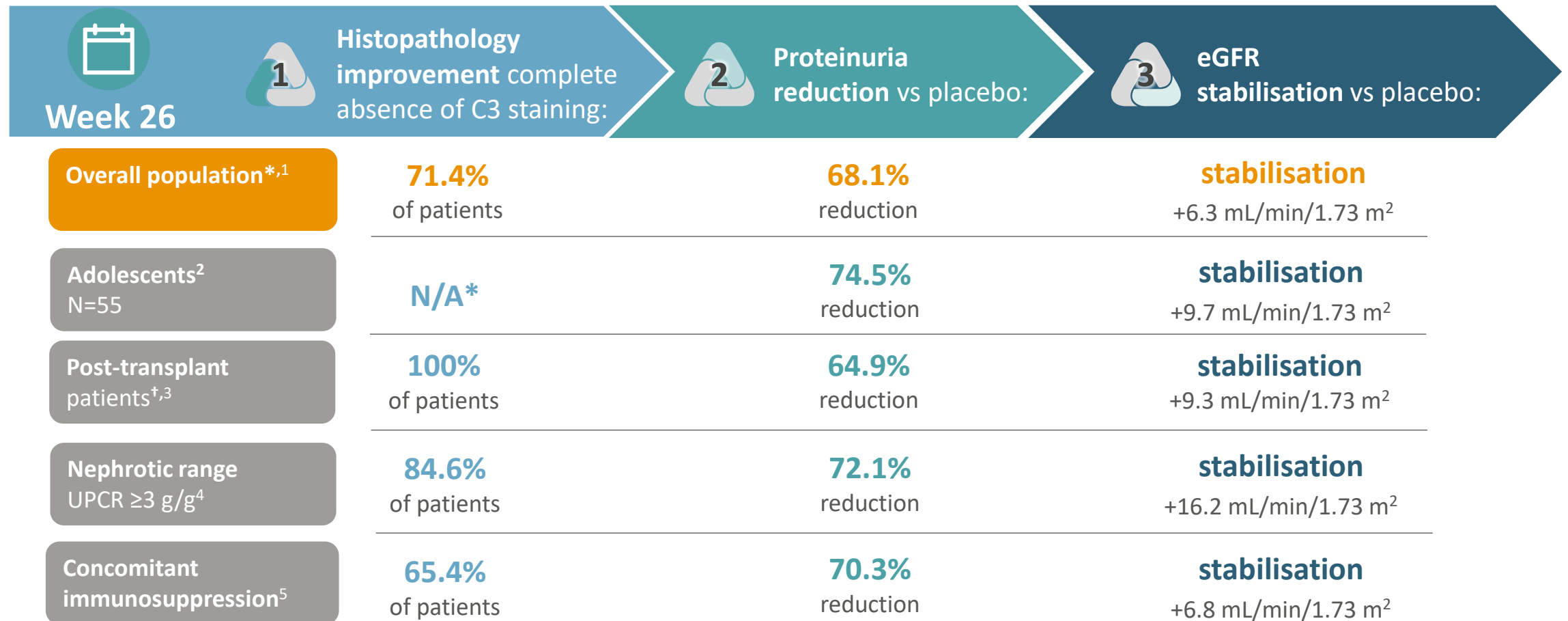
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\*Among the 4 reported serious infections (PEG: n=3; PBO: n=1).

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In VALIANT, results were consistent regardless of age, disease type, severity, status and concomitant medication

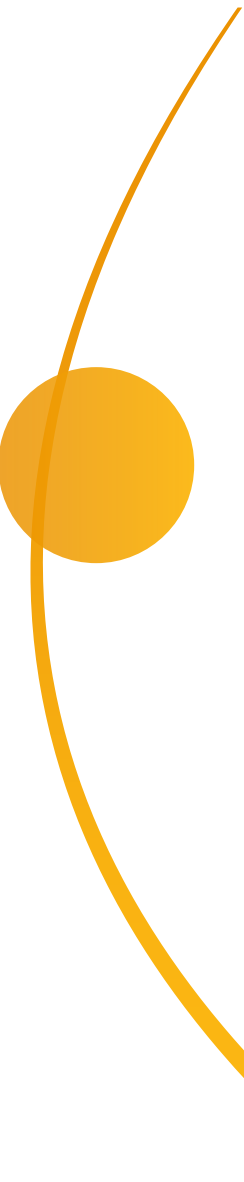


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# **VALIANT: adolescent cohort results**

# VALIANT: complement biomarkers restored after pegcetacoplan treatment

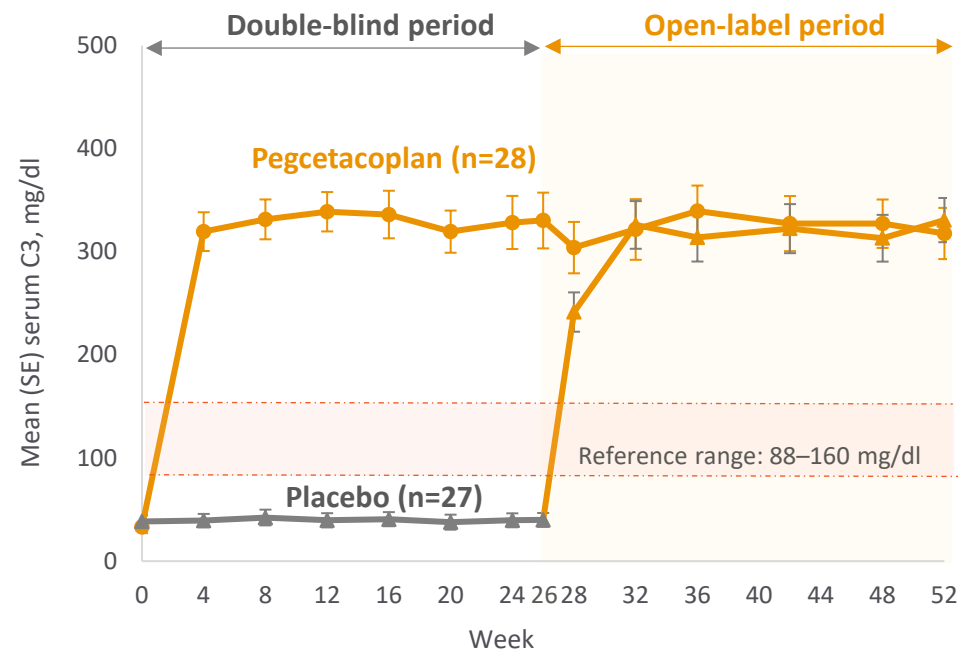
## Change in serum complement biomarkers<sup>1</sup>



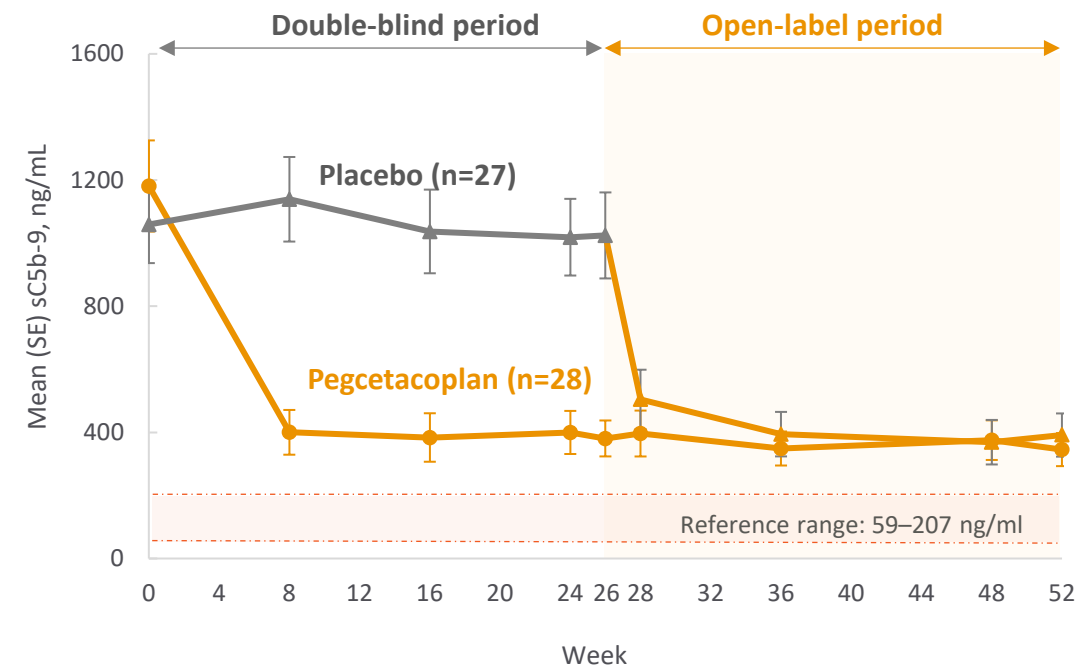
**At week 52: 52/55\***

Pegcetacoplan-treated patients achieved **C3 levels higher than the normal range<sup>†</sup>**

Change in serum C3 levels



Change in serum sC5b-9 levels



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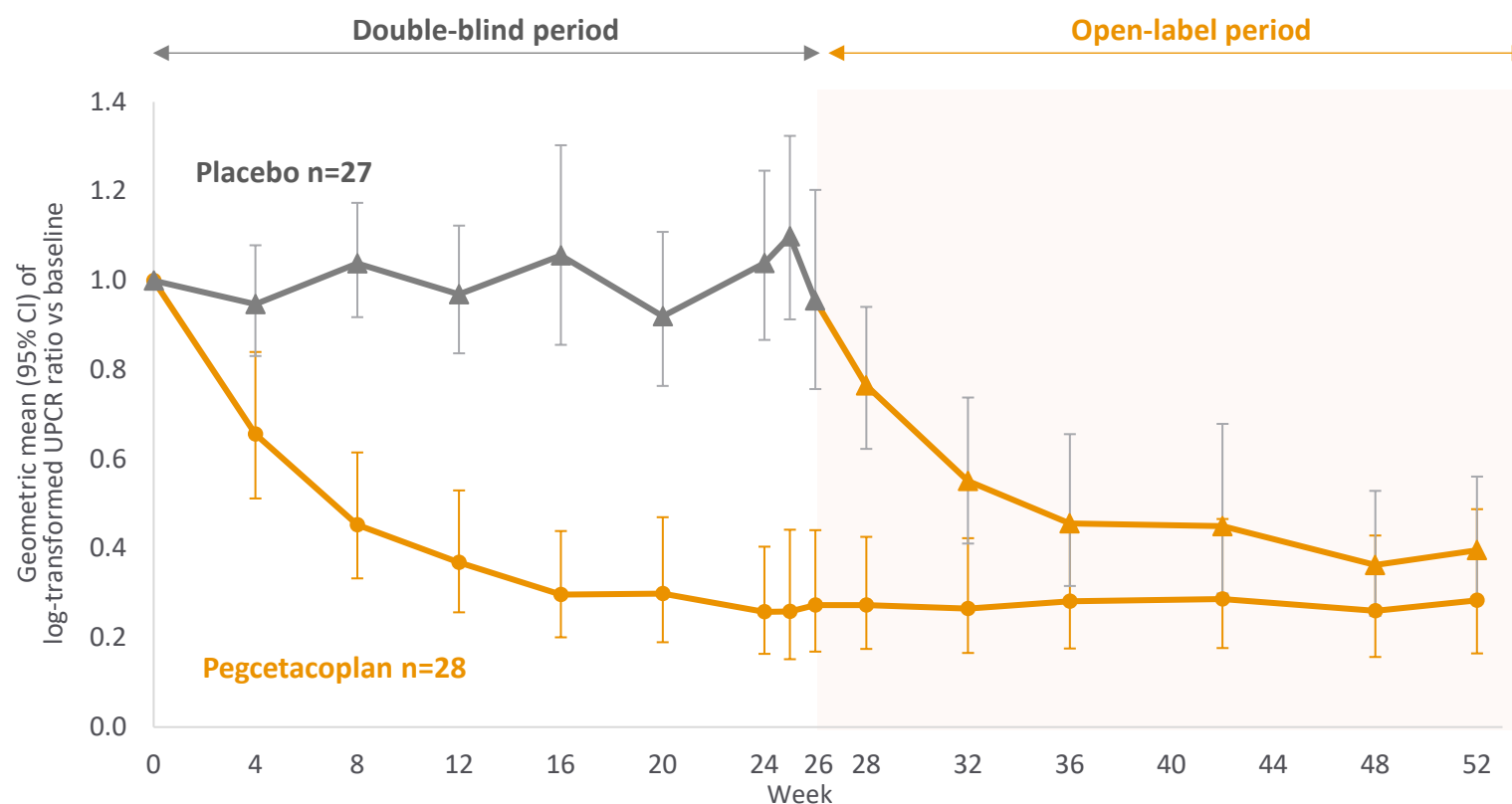
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\*One patient discontinued during the double-blind placebo-controlled period; two patients in the placebo arm discontinued during the double-blind placebo-controlled period. †Not all patients had low levels of sC3 at baseline. C3/5/9/b, complement 3; C3G, C3 glomerulopathy; EMA, European Medicines Association; IC-MPGN, immune complex-mediated membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis; FDA, US Food and Drug Administration; SE, standard error; US, United States.

van de Kar, *et al.* Presented at European Society for Paediatric Nephrology annual meeting 2025.

# In VALIANT, rapid **proteinuria reduction** was **sustained** across 52 weeks in adolescent patients

## Change in proteinuria over 52 weeks



**Pegcetacoplan-pegcetacoplan**  
Mean change from baseline  
at Week 52

**-71.6%**

**-60.4%**

**placebo-pegcetacoplan**

Placebo group achieved similar  
reduction in proteinuria when  
switching to pegcetacoplan

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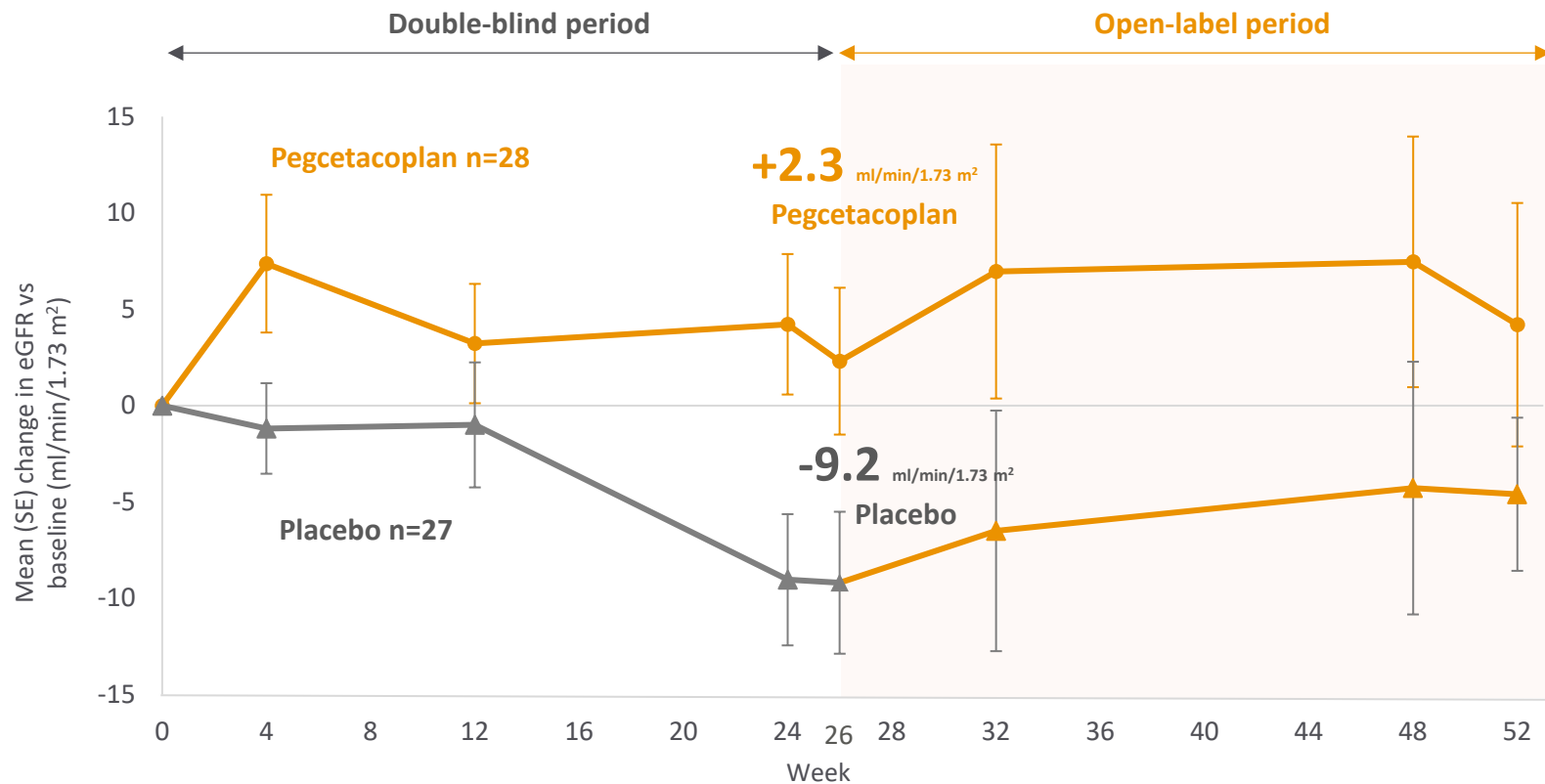
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# In VALIANT, eGFR stabilised after pegcetacoplan treatment in adolescents

## Change in eGFR over 52 weeks



### Pegcetacoplan-pegcetacoplan

Mean change from baseline at Week 52

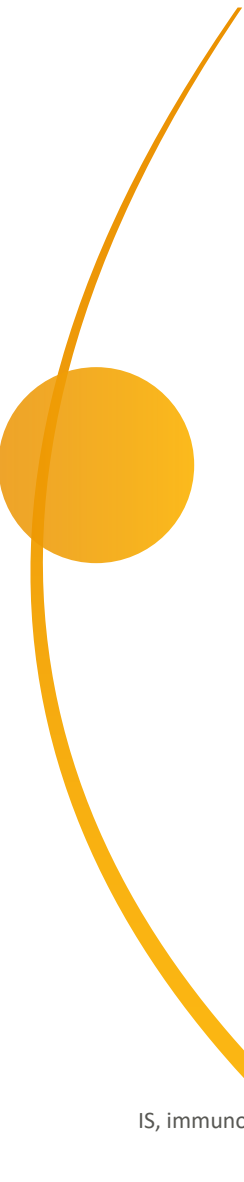
**+4.2** mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

**-4.6** mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

placebo-pegcetacoplan

Patients in the placebo group stabilised in eGFR when switching to pegcetacoplan

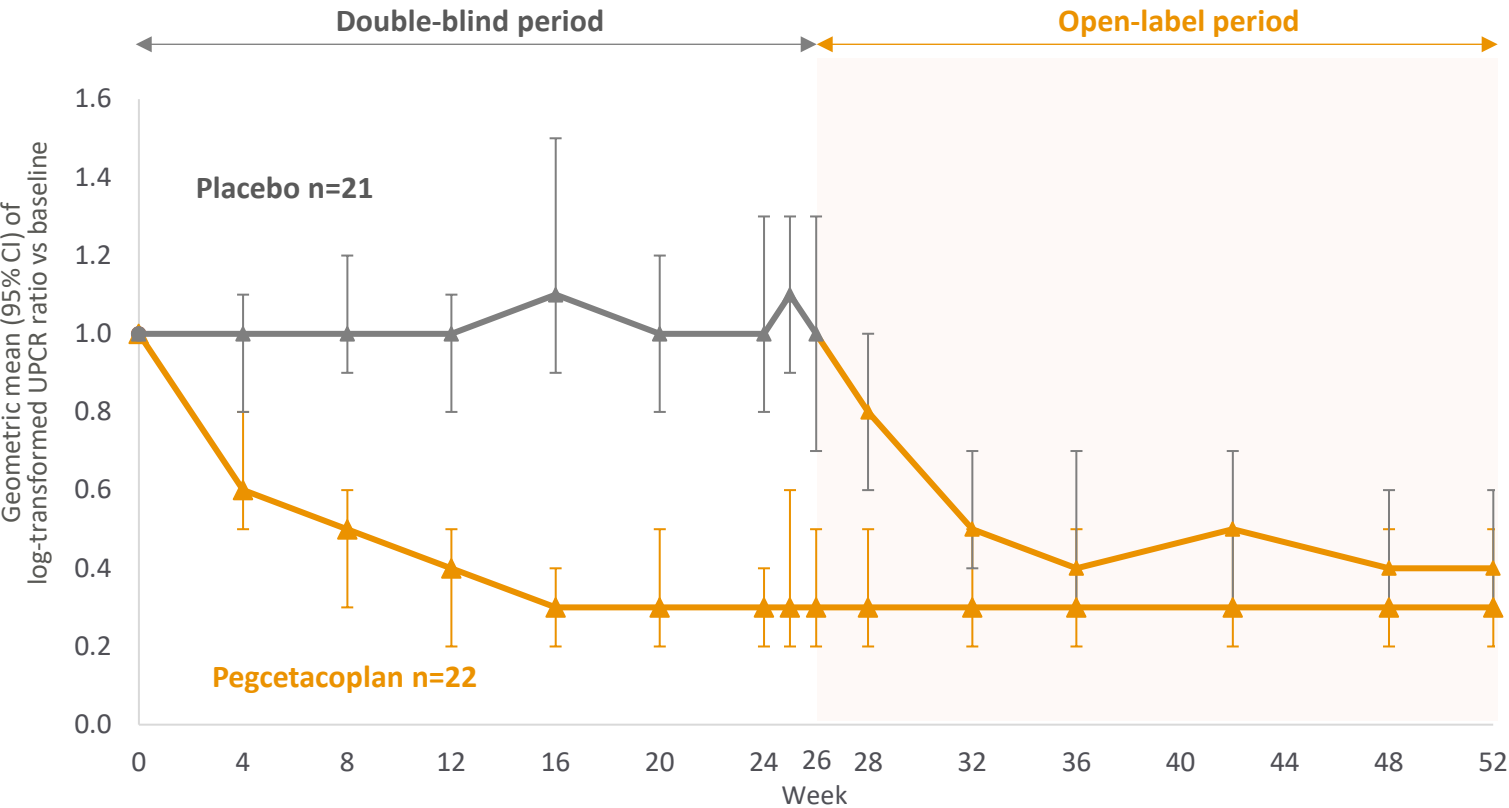
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# **VALIANT: adolescent patients + concomitant IS subgroup analysis**

# In VALIANT, proteinuria reduction in patients with concomitant sobi immunosuppression was consistent with the overall group

## Change in proteinuria in patients with concomitant IS over 52 weeks



**IS-pegcetacoplan-pegcetacoplan**  
Mean change from baseline  
at Week 52

**-71.0%**

**-57.2%**  
**IS-placebo-pegcetacoplan**

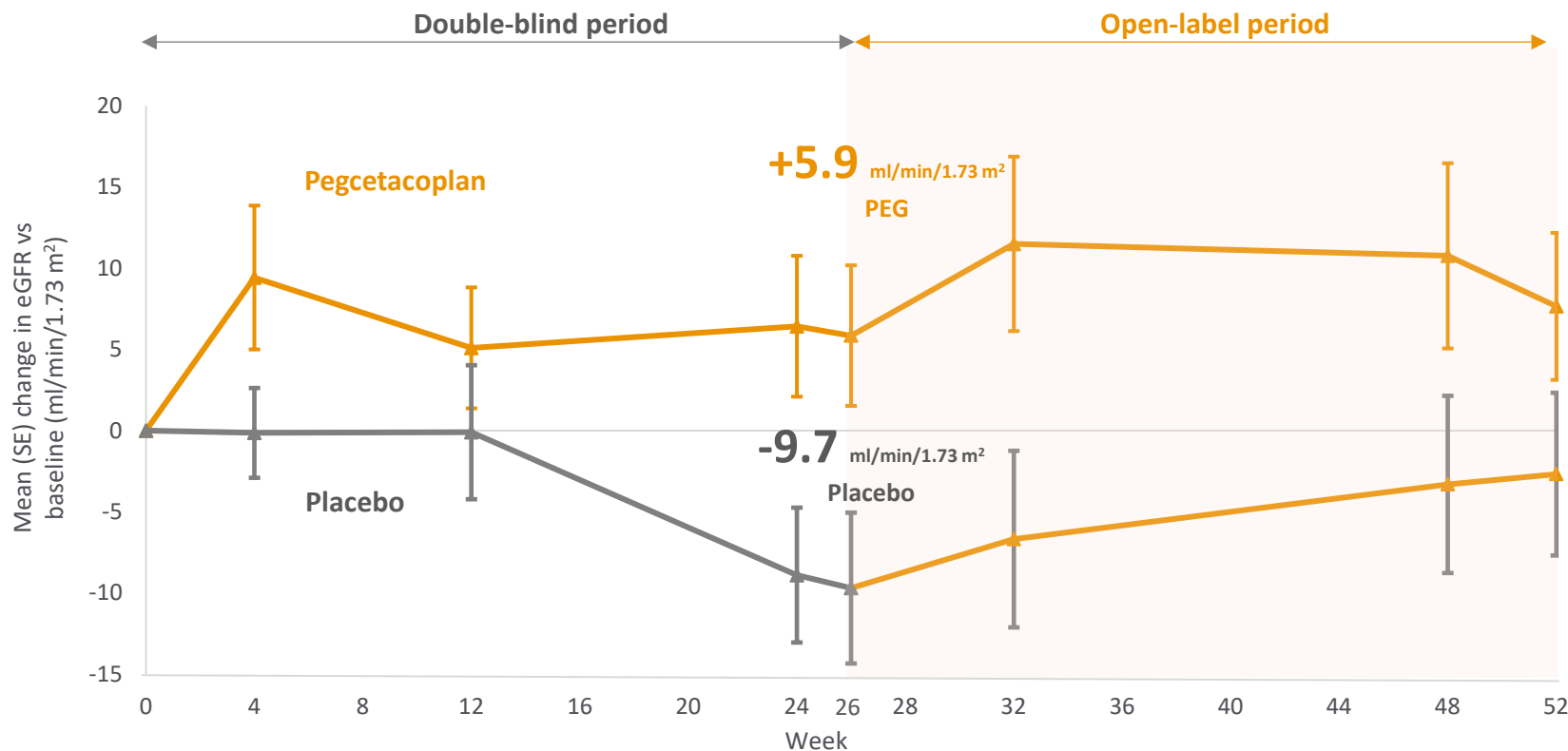
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# In VALIANT, eGFR improved after pegcetacoplan treatment in patients receiving concomitant immunosuppression



## Change in eGFR in patients with concomitant IS over 52 weeks



### IS-pegcetacoplan-pegcetacoplan

Mean change from baseline at Week 52

**+7.7** ml/min/1.73 m²

**-2.7** ml/min/1.73 m²

### IS-placebo-pegcetacoplan

Patients in the placebo arm had a mean improvement of **7** units after switching to pegcetacoplan

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# VALIANT: TEAEs in adolescents over 52 weeks were consistent with the known safety profile for pegcetacoplan



| Event, n (%)                          | Adolescent patients (n=53) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Any treatment emergent adverse events | 46 (86.8)                  |
| Maximum severity                      |                            |
| Mild                                  | 21 (39.6)                  |
| Moderate                              | 21 (39.6)                  |
| Severe                                | 4 (7.5)                    |
| Treatment-related TEAE                | 23 (43.4)                  |
| Infusion-related TEAE                 | 19 (35.8)                  |
| Serious TEAE (SAEs)                   | 6 (11.3)                   |
| Treatment-related SAEs                | 1 (1.9)                    |
| TEAE leading to treatment withdrawal  | 2 (3.8)                    |
| TEAE leading to dose interruption     | 8 (15.1)                   |
| TEAE leading to study discontinuation | 1 (1.9)*                   |
| TEAE leading to death                 | 0 (0.0)                    |
| Rejection episodes                    | 0 (0.0)                    |
| Graft loss                            | 0 (0.0)                    |

## Pegcetacoplan was well tolerated:

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1 serious TEAE (pyrexia) was considered related to treatment

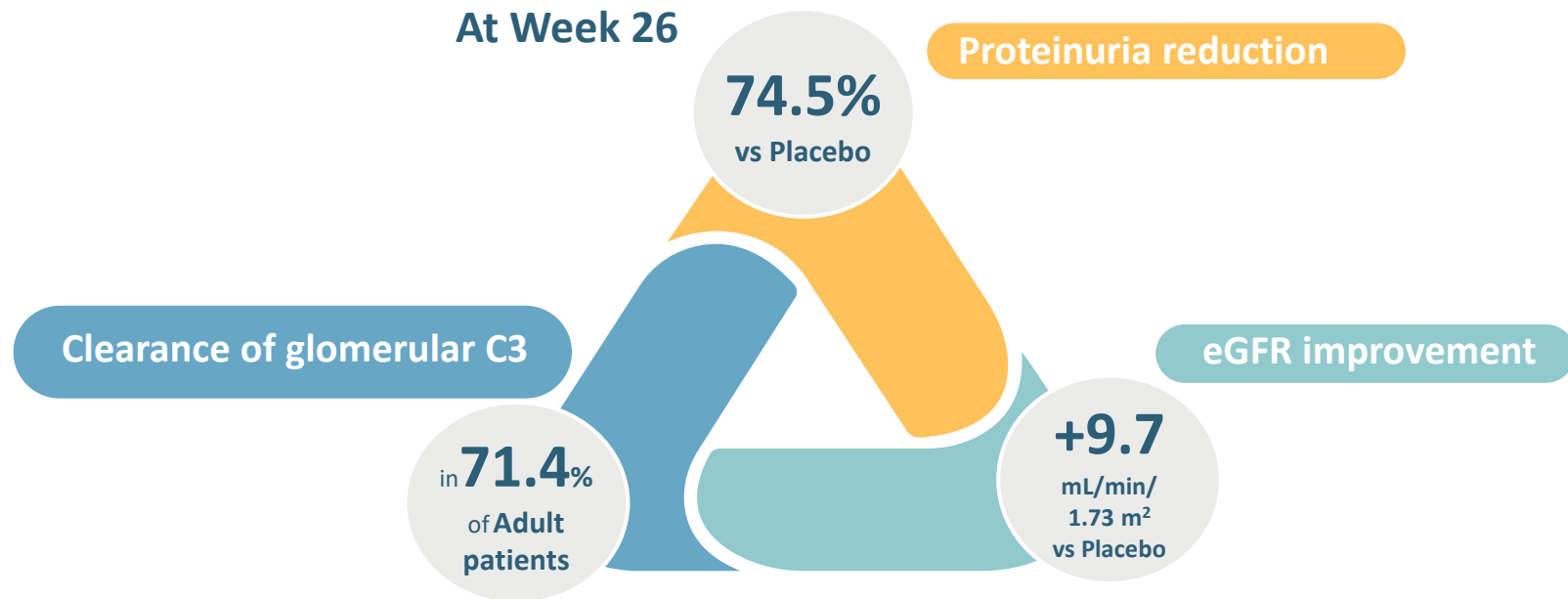
There were 2 TEAEs leading to treatment withdrawal:

- Infusion site reaction, possibly-related
- Kidney failure considered non-related by the investigator. This patient also discontinued the study

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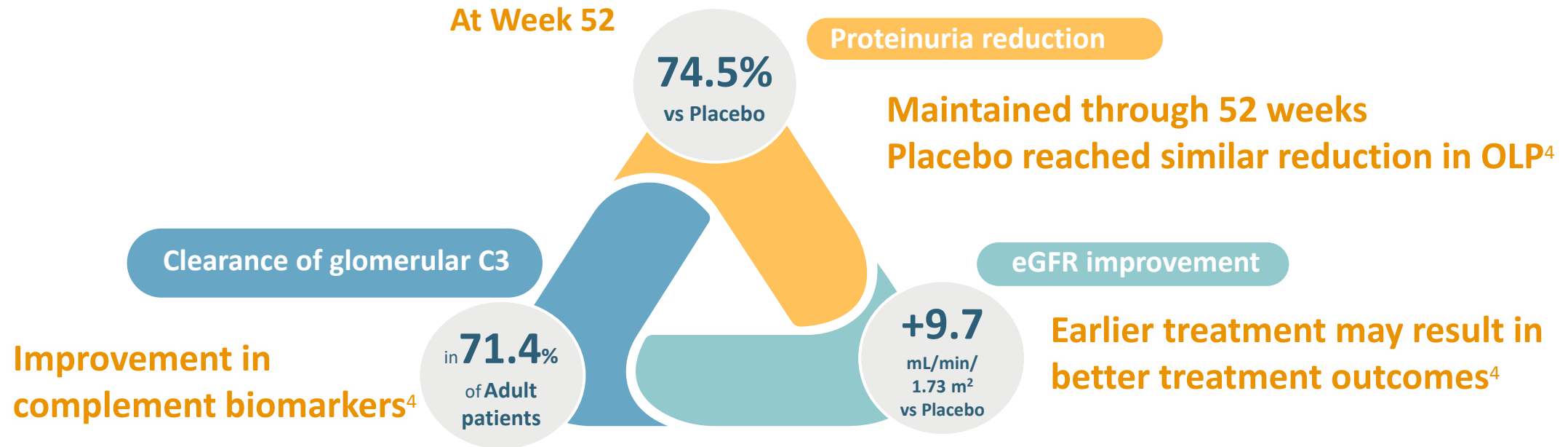
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# Take home messages

- **Emerging therapeutics** for C3G and primary IC-MPGN **target** the **dysregulation** of the **complement pathway**<sup>1–5</sup>
- **Iptacopan** is a factor B inhibitor and is currently under investigation at **Phase 3** in adolescent C3G patients with native kidneys and adults and adolescents in primary IC-MPGN<sup>6</sup>
- **Pegcetacoplan**, a **C3/C3b inhibitor**, has shown significant **proteinuria reduction**, **eGFR stabilisation** and **clearance of glomerular C3 deposition** vs placebo. Clinical improvements were maintained up to 52 weeks in the Phase 3 VALIANT study<sup>7</sup>
- Outcomes of the **VALIANT** study demonstrate **consistent results across diverse patient populations**: patients with C3G or primary IC-MPGN regardless of age, use of concomitant medication, disease type or severity<sup>7</sup>

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