



New treatment options for IgA-nephropathy

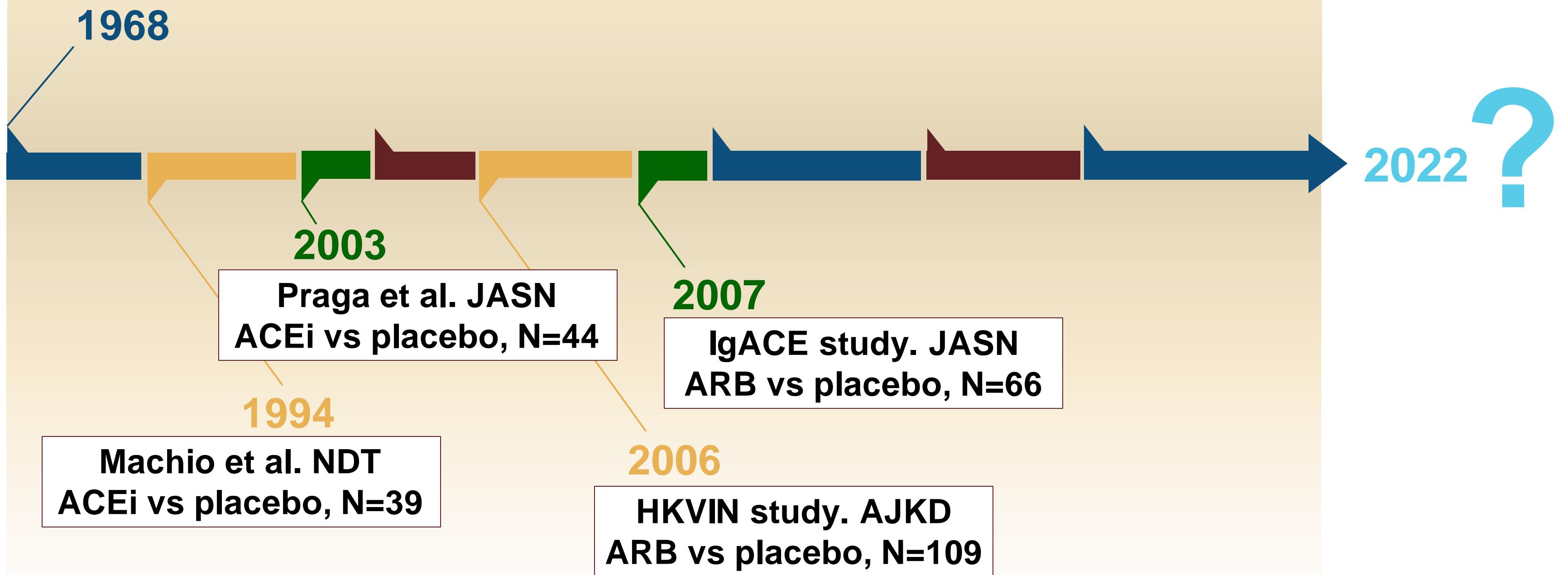
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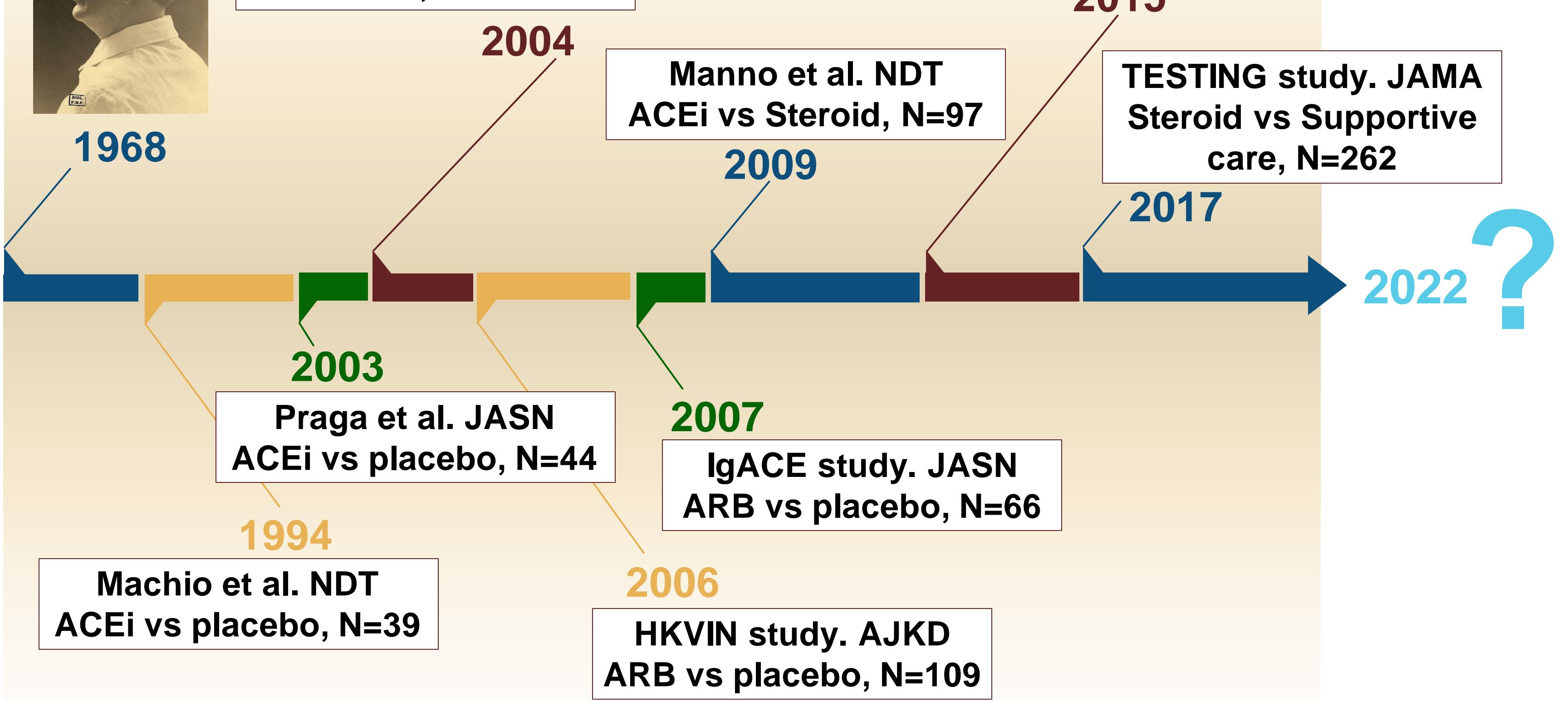


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Pozzi et al. JASN
Steroids vs Supportive
care, N=86

STOP IgA study. NEJM
Immunosuppression vs
Supportive care, N=162



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“High impact clinical trials ASN 2021” – TESTING study

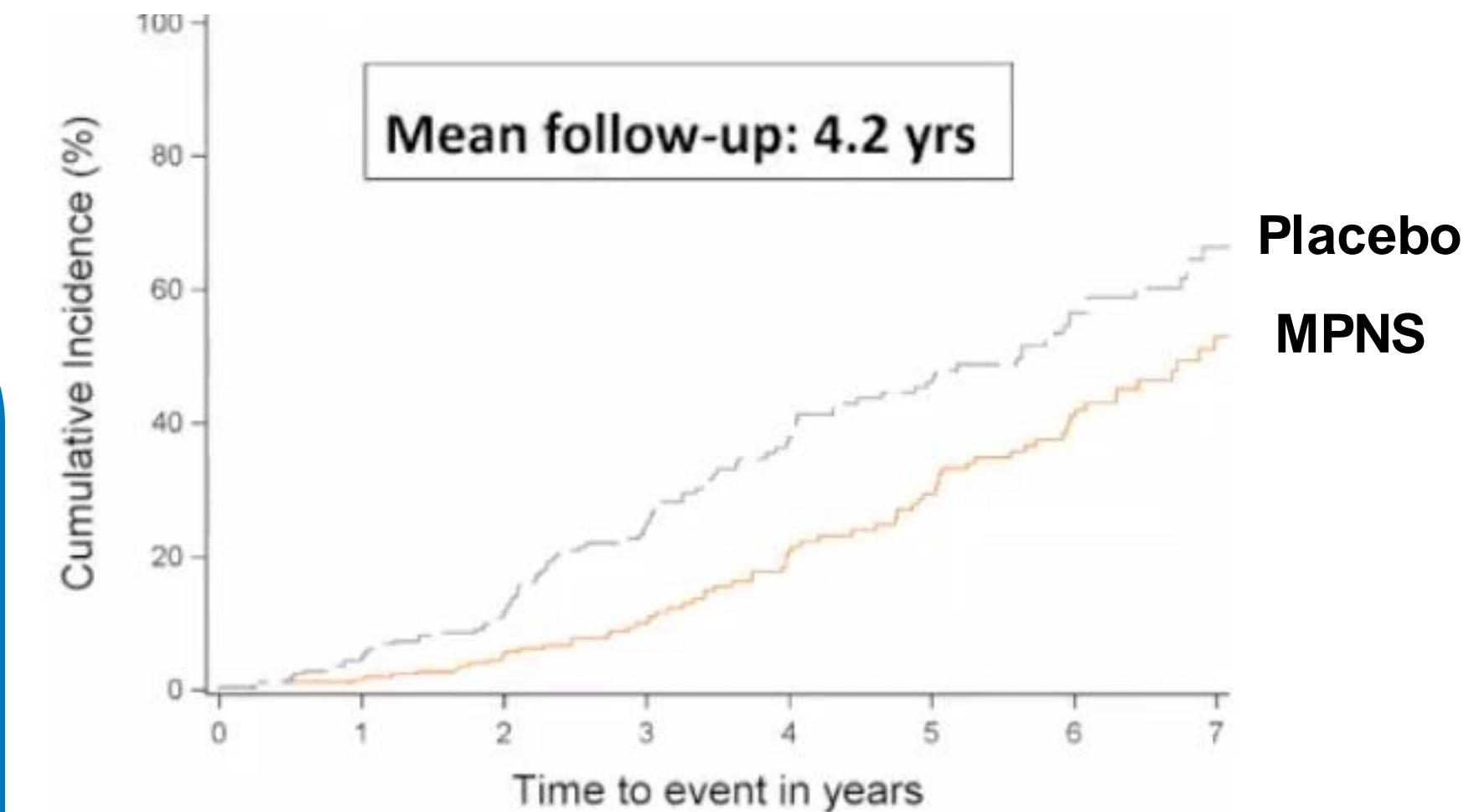
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Vlado Perkovic on behalf of the TESTING study group:

High Impact Clinical Trials
ASN Kidney Week 2021

- Compound: Methylprednisolone, oral
- Dose: 0.6-0.8 mg/kg or 0.4 mg/kg per day
- 6-9 months of treatment, 4.2 years follow-up
- 503 patients divided in 2 groups
- eGFR: 61.5 (SD 23.6) ml/min/1.73m²
- Proteinuria: 2.42 (SD 1.98) g / dag
- ACE/ARB: all on max tolerated dose

Effect on composite endpoint (40% eGFR reduction, kidney failure, kidney death)



47% reduction
(HR 0.53, 95%CI 0.39-0.72, P<0.0001)

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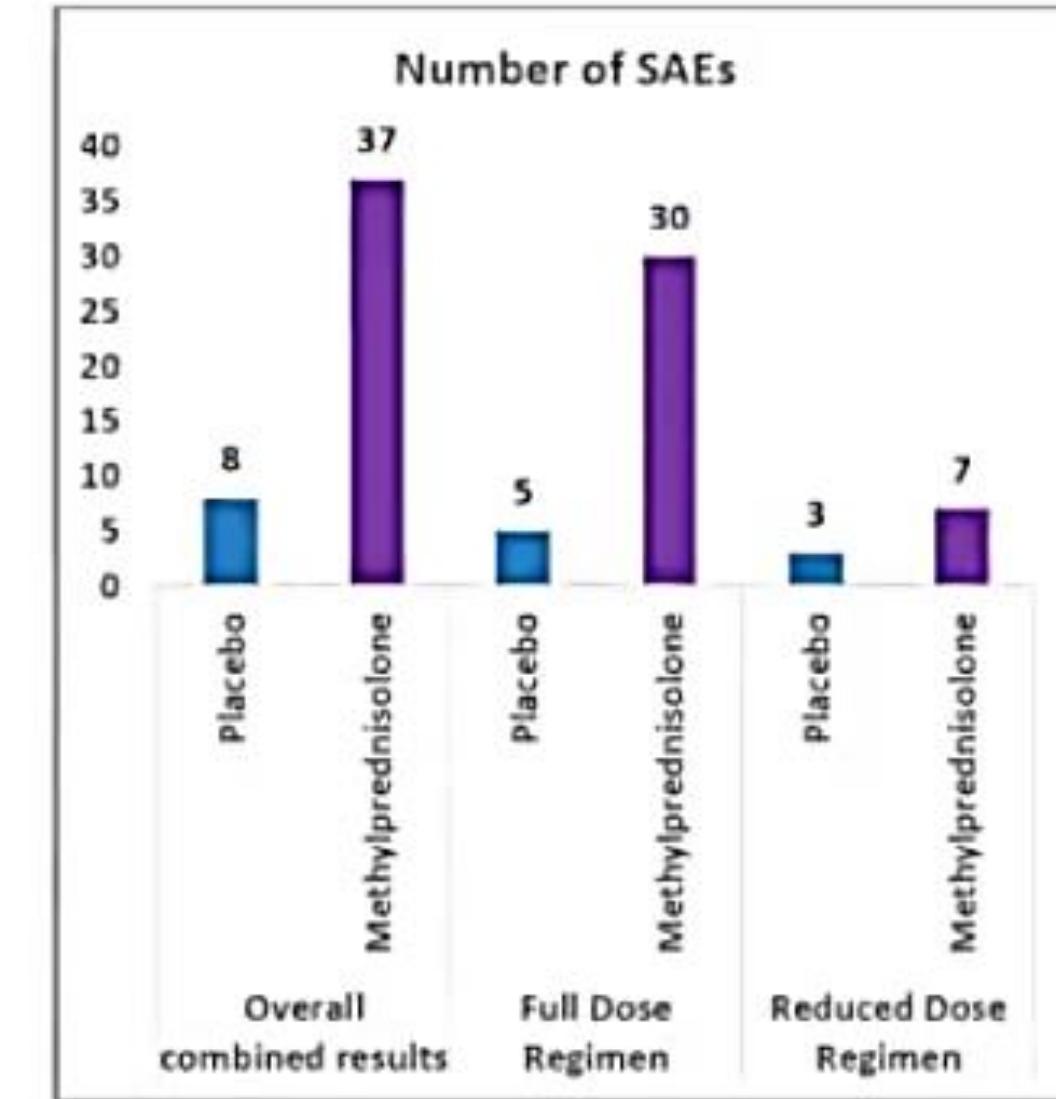
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Serious Adverse Event rate



Full dose (N=136): NNT benefit 8.5 vs harm 8.1

Reduced dose (N=121): NNT benefit 6 vs harm 41

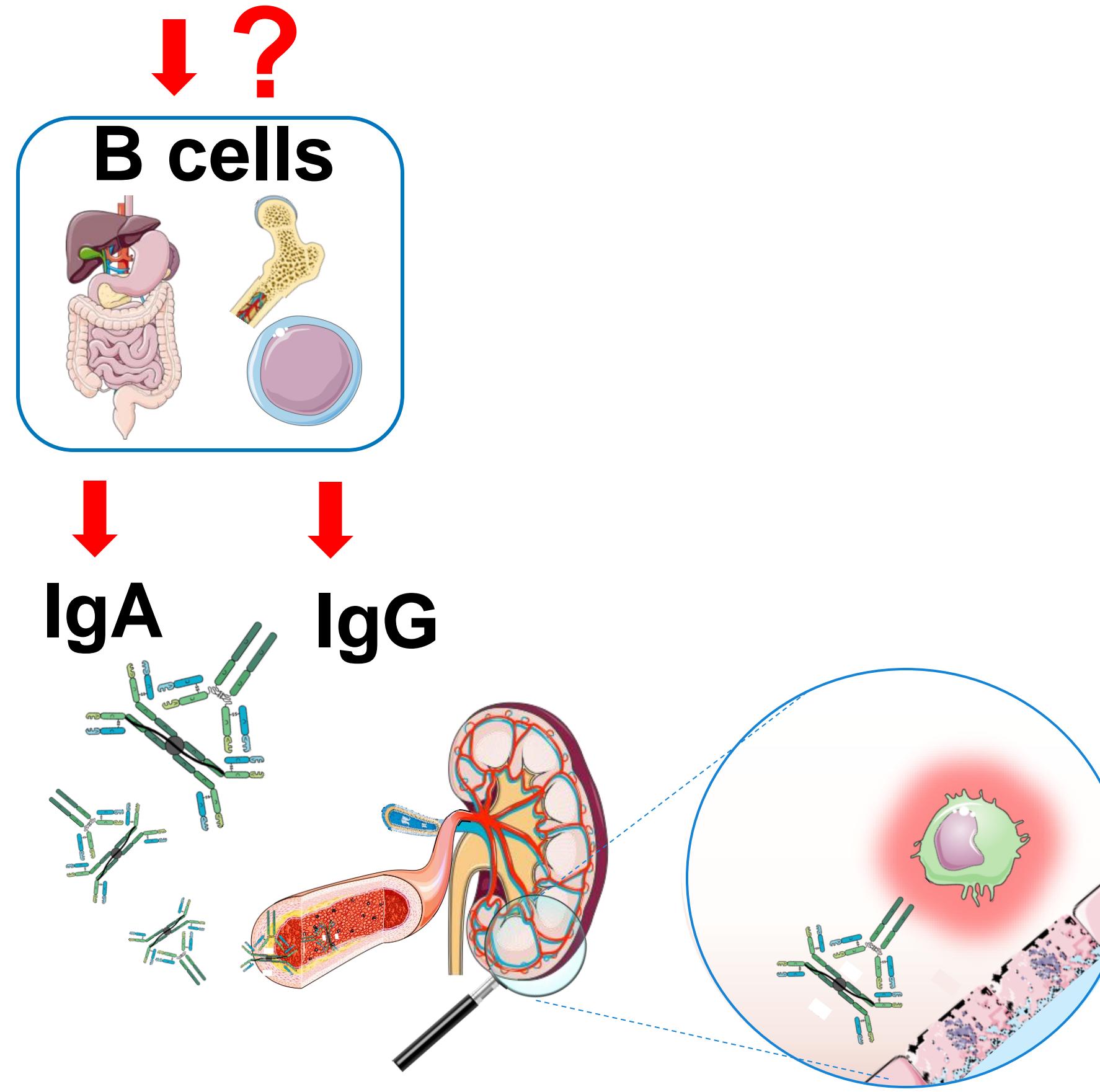


What's new?

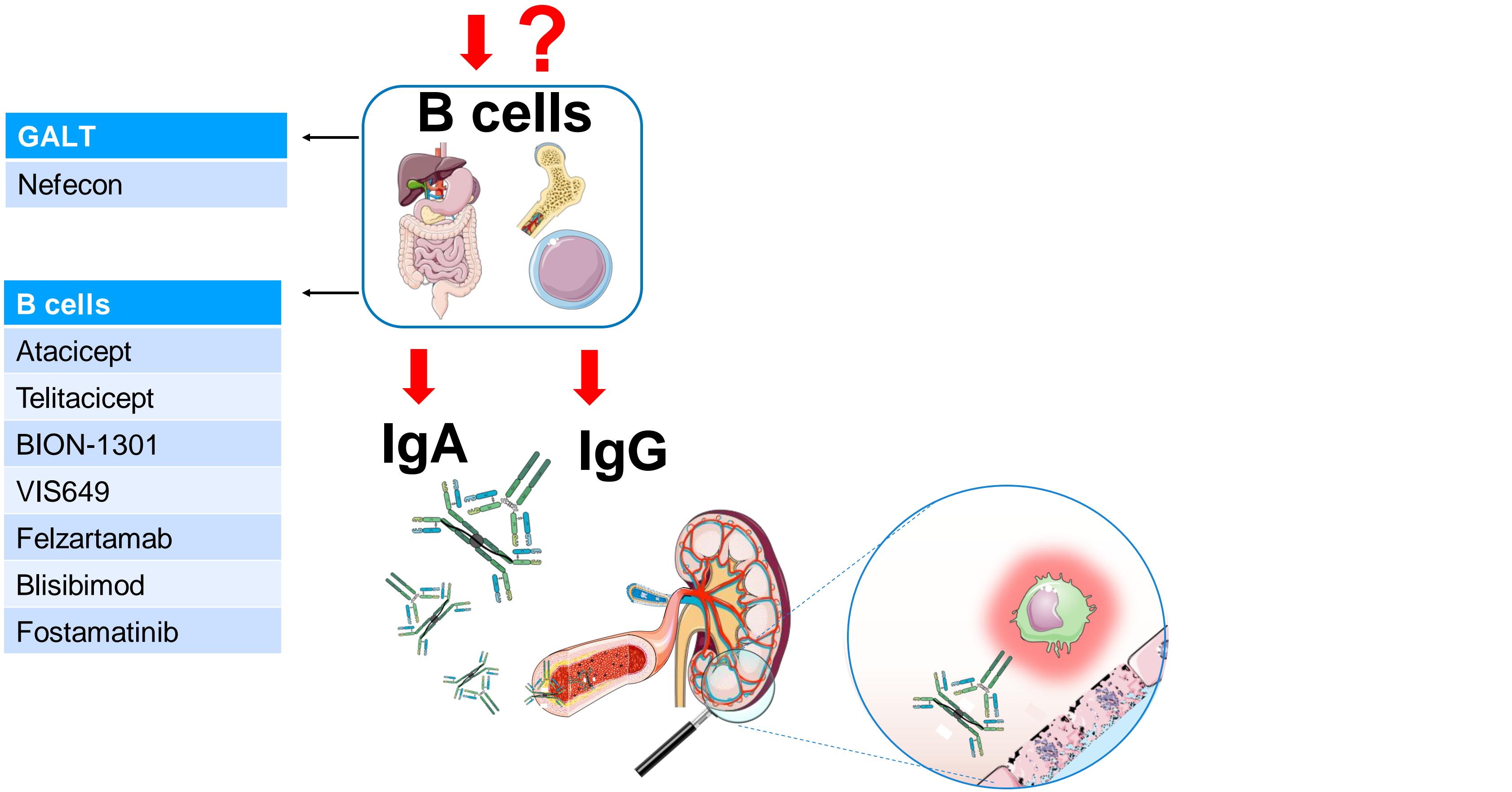
Potential new therapies for IgA nephropathy

Compound	Target	Mechanism of action
Atacicept	B cells	BLyS and APRIL inhibitor
Telitacicept	B cells	BLyS and APRIL inhibitor
BION-1301	B cells	APRIL inhibitor
VIS649	B cells	APRIL inhibitor
Felzartamab	B cells	Anti CD38
Blisibimod	B cells	BAFF inhibitor
Fostamatinib	B cells	SYK inhibitor
Narsoplimab	Complement	MASP-2 inhibitor
Iptacopan	Complement	Factor B inhibitor
ONIS-FB-LRx	Complement	Factor B inhibitor
Ravulizumab	Complement	C5 inhibitor
Avacopan	Complement	C5aR inhibitor
Cemdisiran	Complement	C5 inhibitor
Pegcetacoplan	Complement	C3 inhibitor
Nefcon	GALT	Corticosteroid release in ileum
Atrasentan	Glomerular capillary pressure lowering	Endothelin A receptor inhibitor
Sparsentan	Glomerular capillary pressure lowering	Angiotensin II type 1 (AT1) receptor and ETA receptor inhibitor
Dapagliflozine	Glomerular capillary pressure lowering	SGLT2 inhibitor

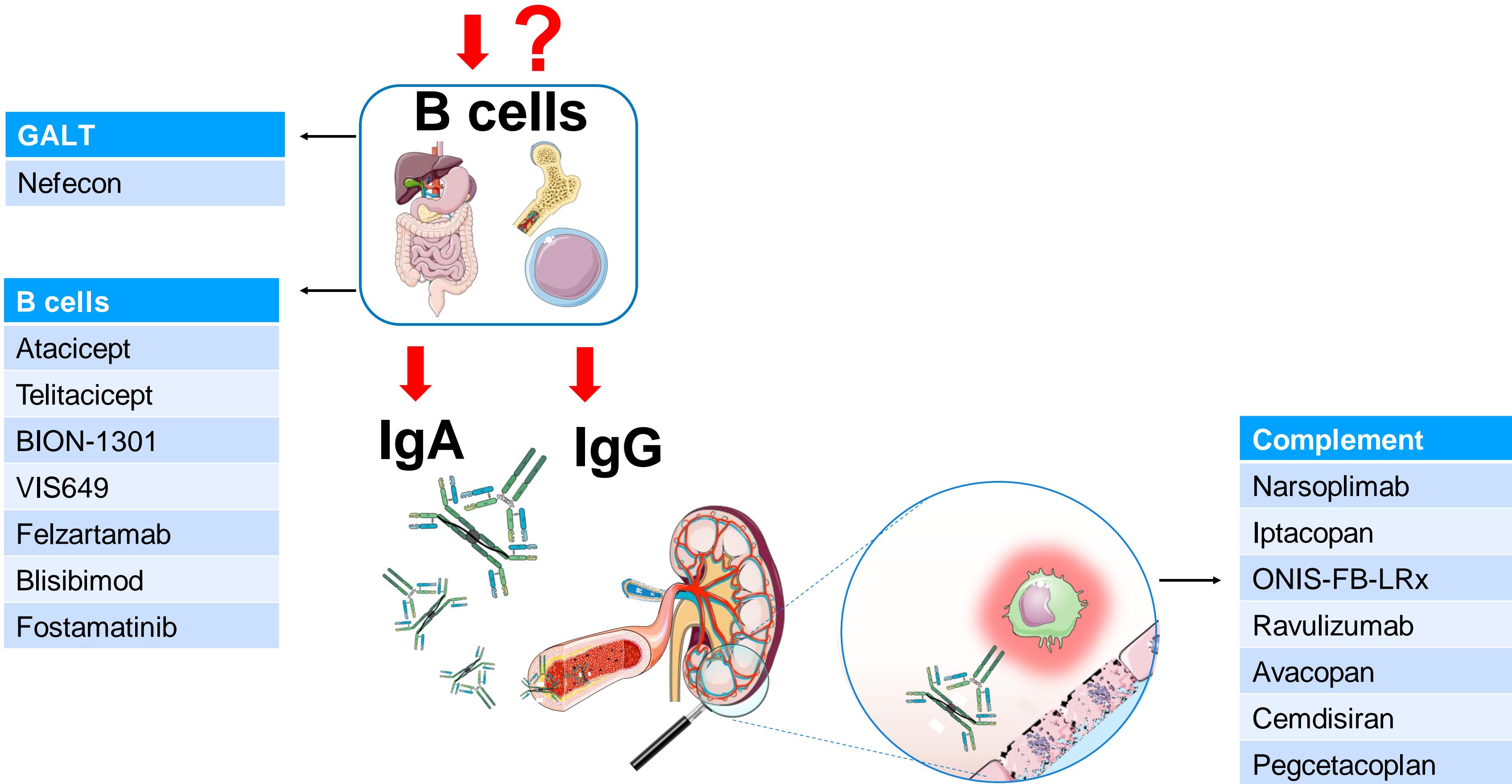
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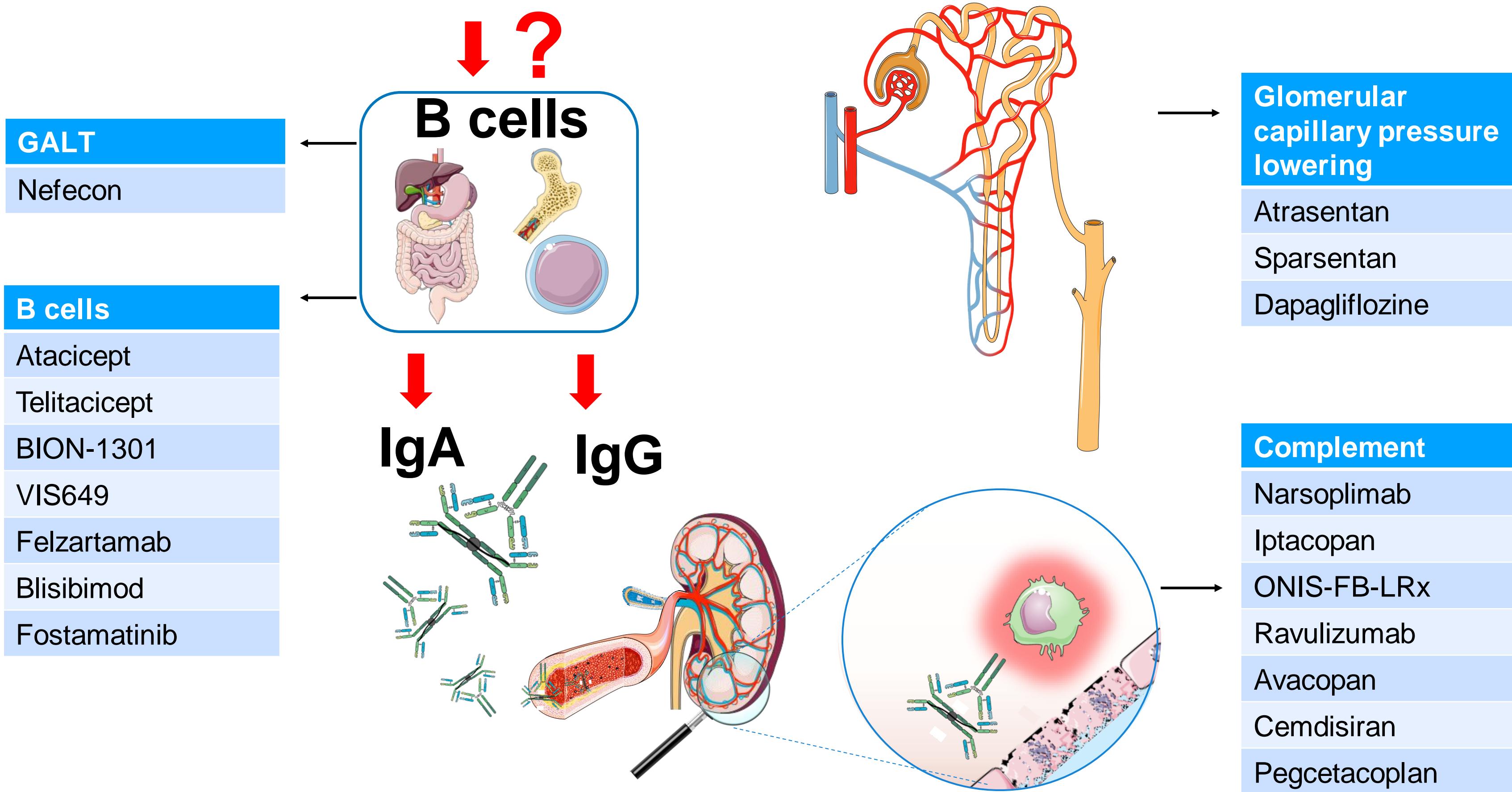
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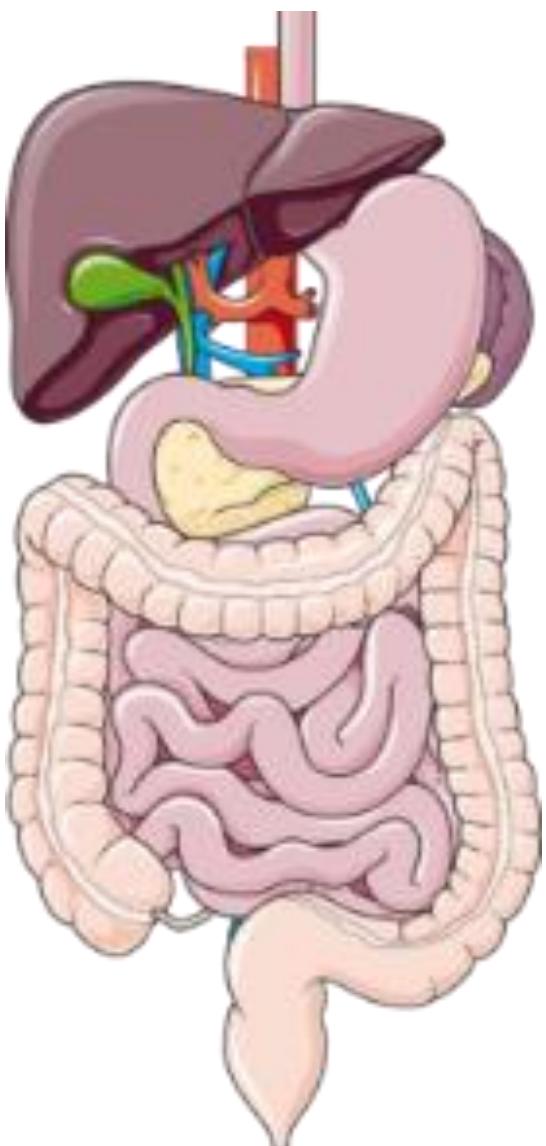


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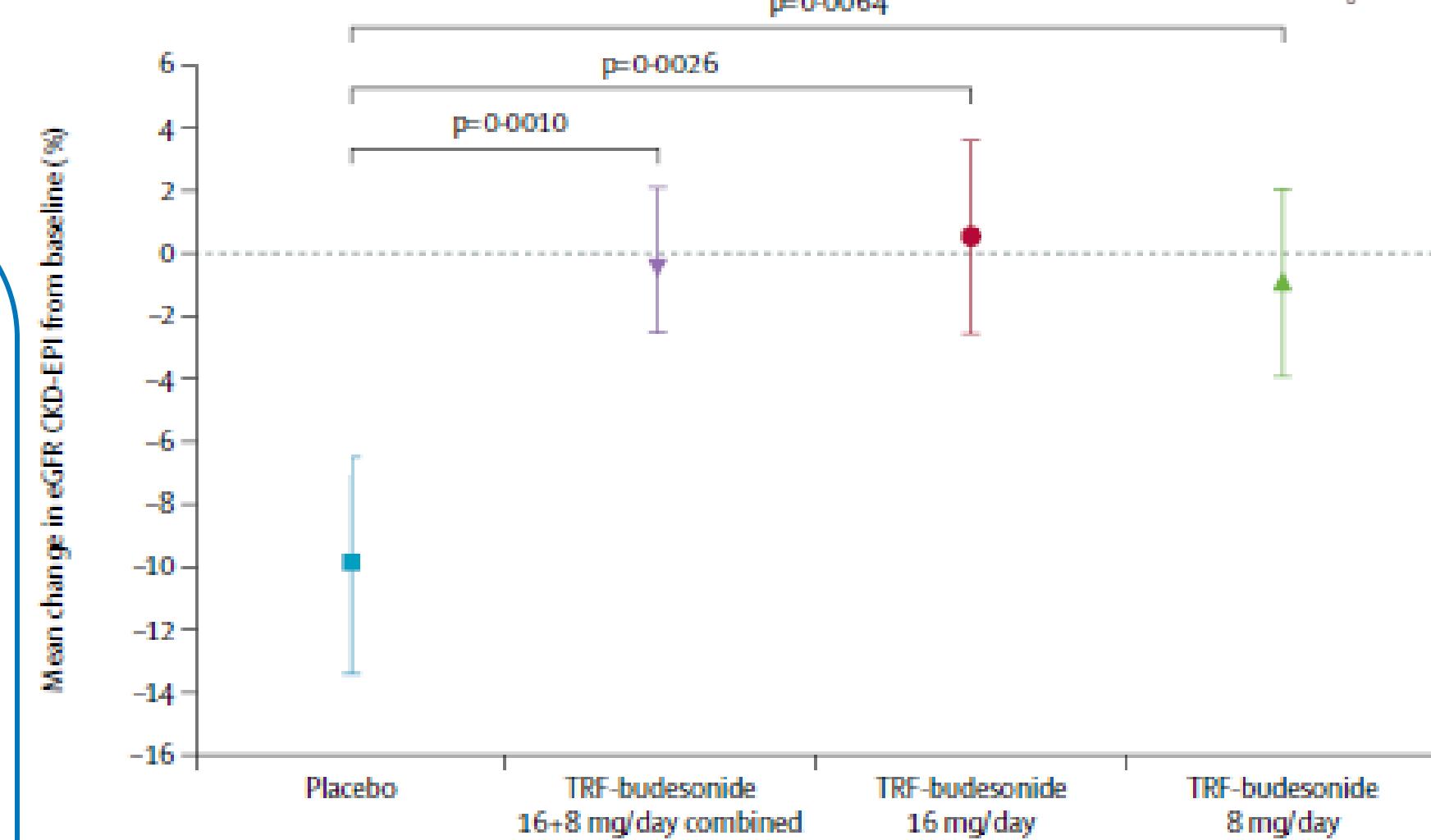
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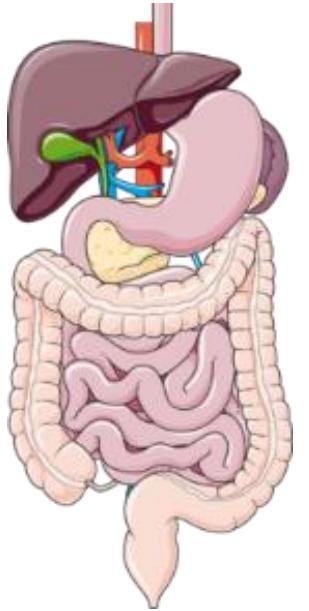
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Effect on renal function



- Compound: Nefcon, oral
- Mechanism: Steroid release in ileum
- 153 patients divided in 3 groups
- 9 months of treatment
- eGFR: ~ 75-80 mL/min
- Proteinuria: ~ 1g / dag
- ACE/ARB: ~ 60%



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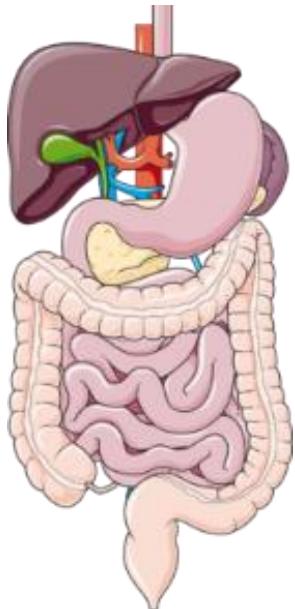
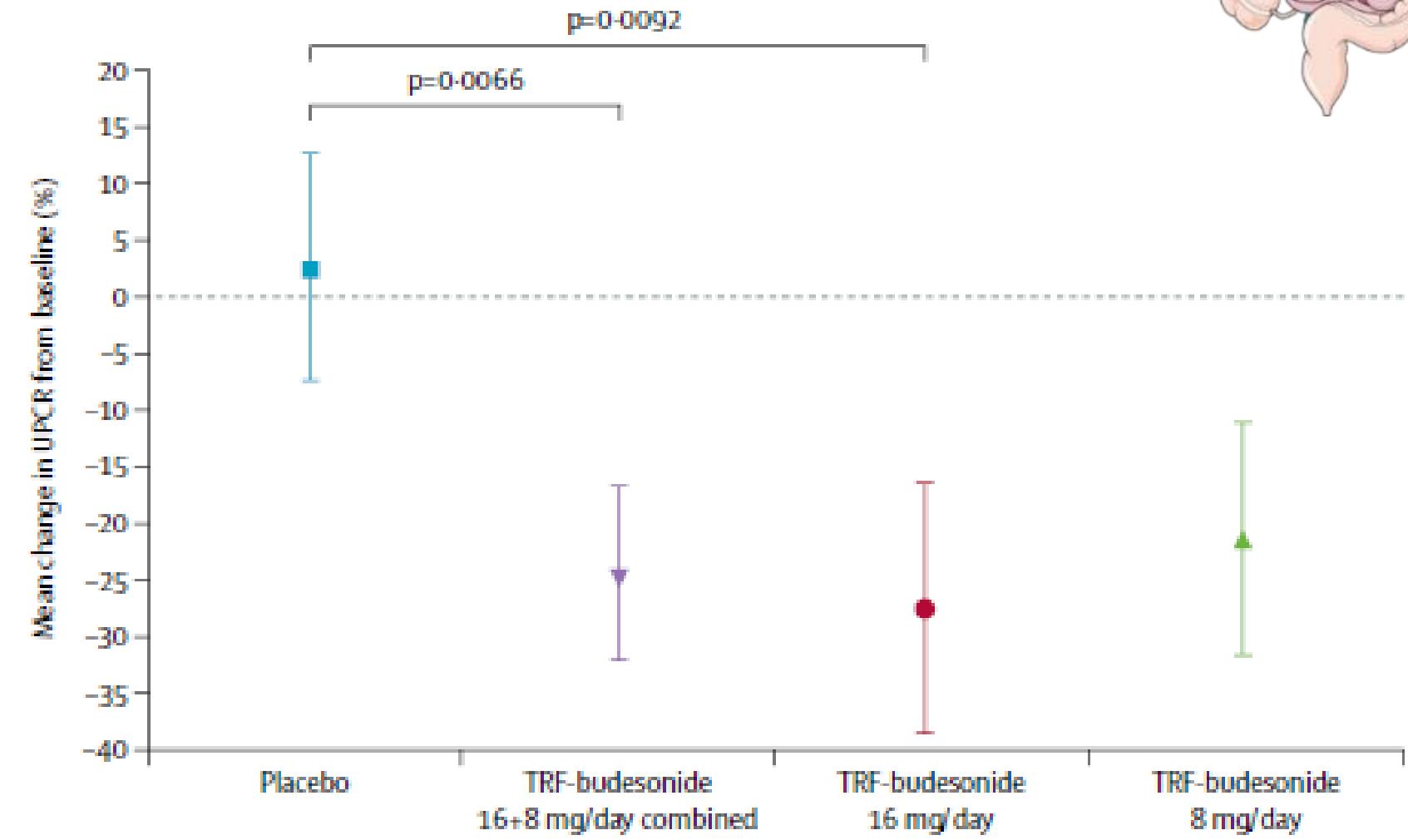
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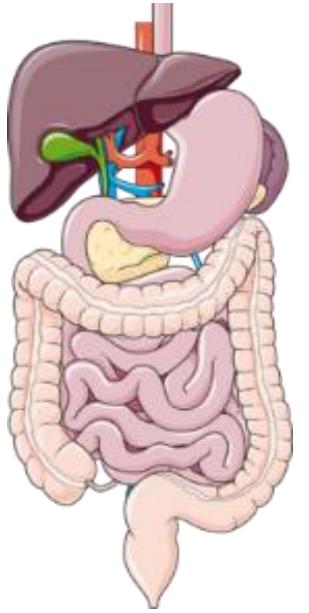
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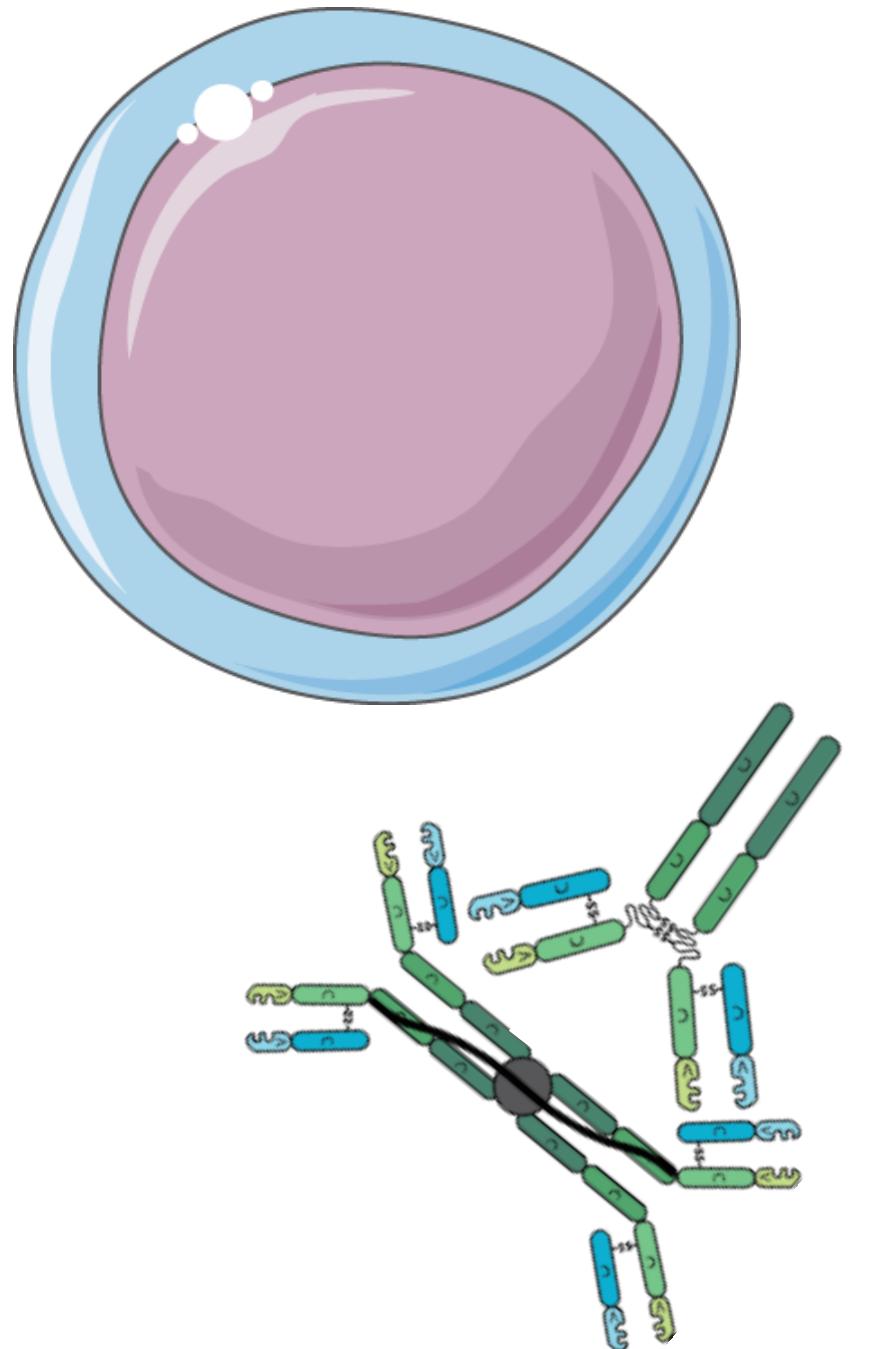
NEFECON FOR THE TREATMENT OF IgA NEPHROPATHY IN PATIENTS AT RISK OF PROGRESSING TO END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE: THE NEFIGARD PHASE 3 TRIAL RESULTS

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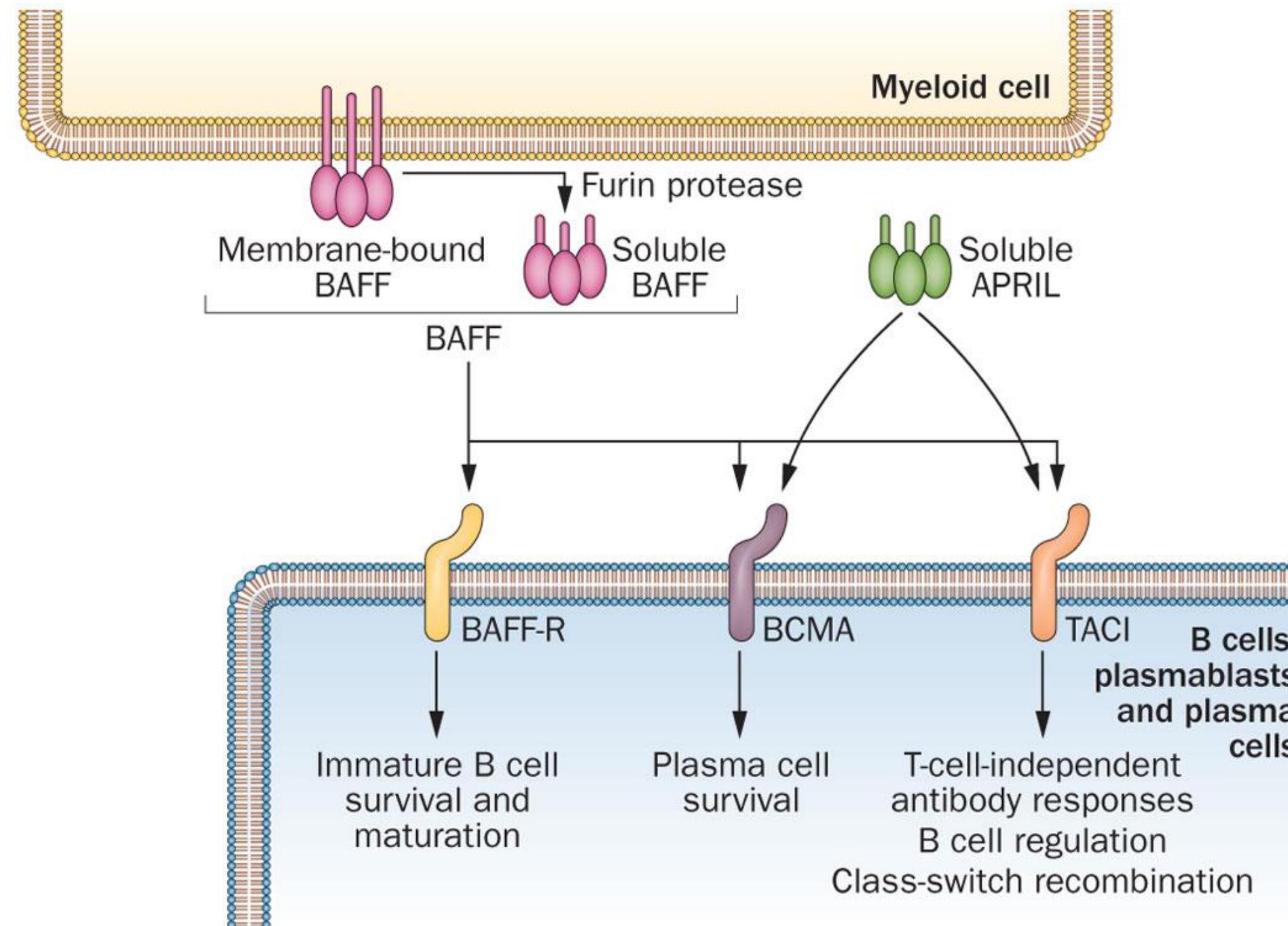
Preliminary results

- Compound: Nefecon 16mg/day, oral
- Mechanism: Steroid release in ileum
- 199 patients divided in 2 groups
- 9 months treatment
- eGFR: 35-90 ml/min
- Proteinuria: >1g / dag
- ACE/ARB: 100%
- Proteinuria decreased by 27% in Nefecon vs placebo ($p=0.0005$).
- 3.87 ml/min (7%) less eGFR decline in Nefcon vs placebo ($p=0.0029$).



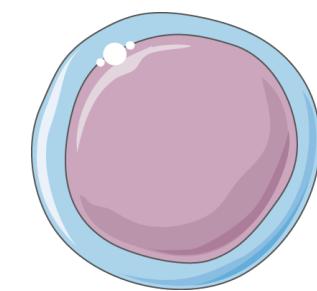
Targeting B cells

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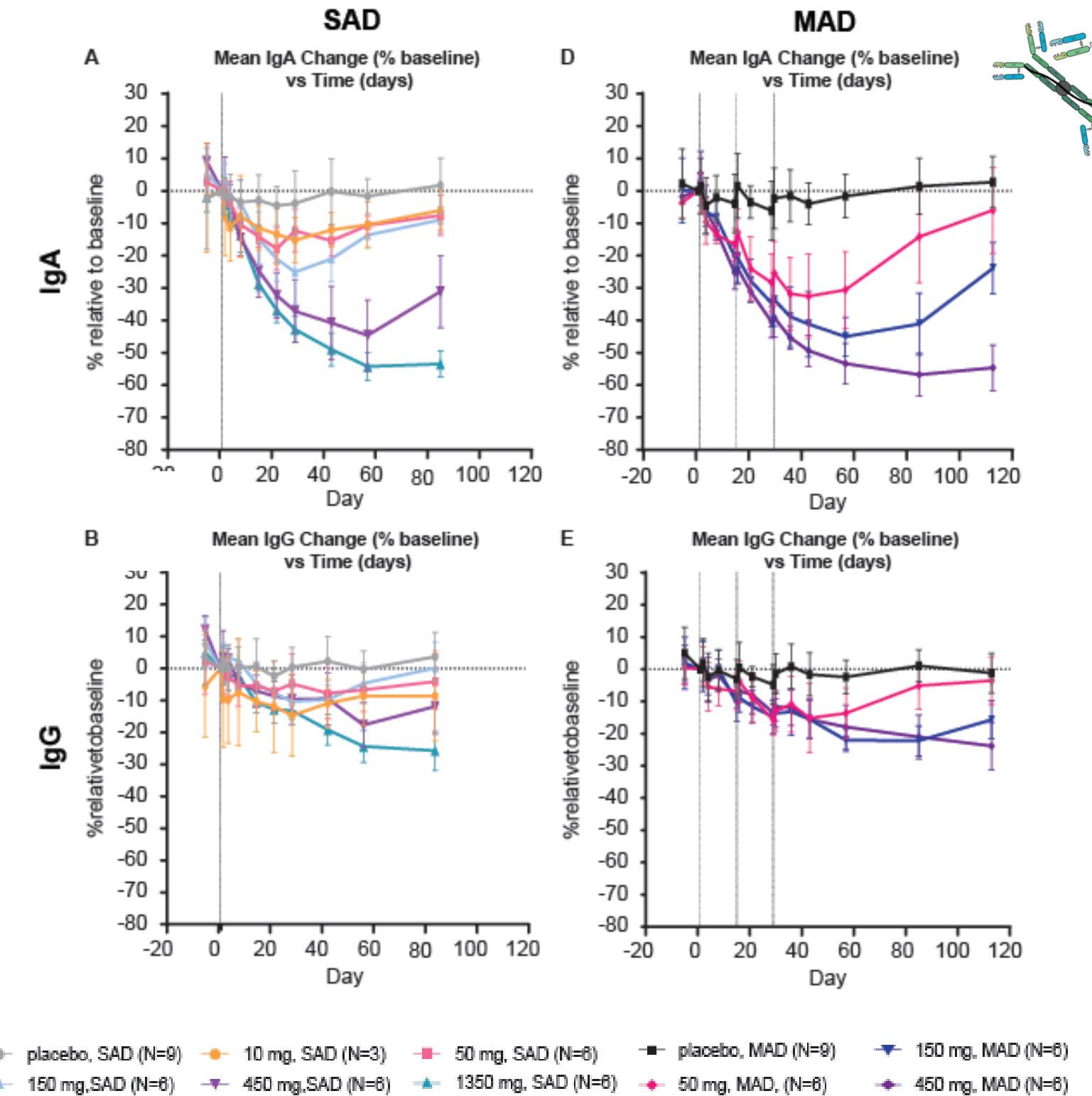


Results of a Phase 1 Trial to Investigate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics, and Pharmacodynamics of BION-1301 in Healthy Volunteers

Session Information

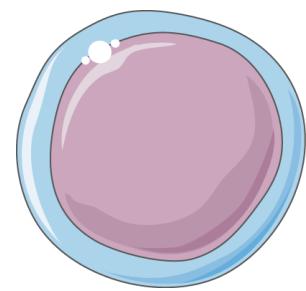
» Glomerular Diseases: Clinical, Outcomes, and Trials - 1
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Abstract Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Compound: BION-1301, i.v.
- Mechanism: B cells
- 63 patients divided over 4 groups
- 2,5 - 4 months treatment
- Healthy volunteers



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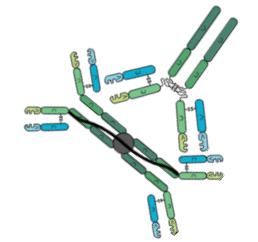
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INTERIM RESULTS OF PHASE 1 AND 2 TRIALS TO INVESTIGATE THE SAFETY, TOLERABILITY, PHARMACOKINETICS, PHARMACODYNAMICS, AND CLINICAL ACTIVITY OF BION-1301 IN PATIENTS WITH IGA NEPHROPATHY

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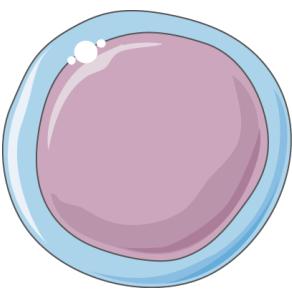
Preliminary results

RESULTS: In Part 3 of Phase 1 and the Phase 2 OLE trial to date, BION-1301 has been well tolerated in IgAN patients receiving a 450mg dose every two weeks for 12+ weeks with no SAEs observed. Consistent with PD responses previously reported in HVs, durable reductions in serum levels of fAPRII and immunoglobulins were also observed in IgAN patients. Clinically meaningful reductions in proteinuria were observed as early as 12 weeks and were associated with the reduction in IgA. Additional data from patients receiving long-term treatment will be updated.

- Compound: BION-1301, i.v.
- Mechanism: B cells
- 20 patients divided over 2 groups
- 3 months treatment
- eGFR 35-90 ml/min
- Proteinuria >0,5 g / dag
- ACE/ARB: 100%

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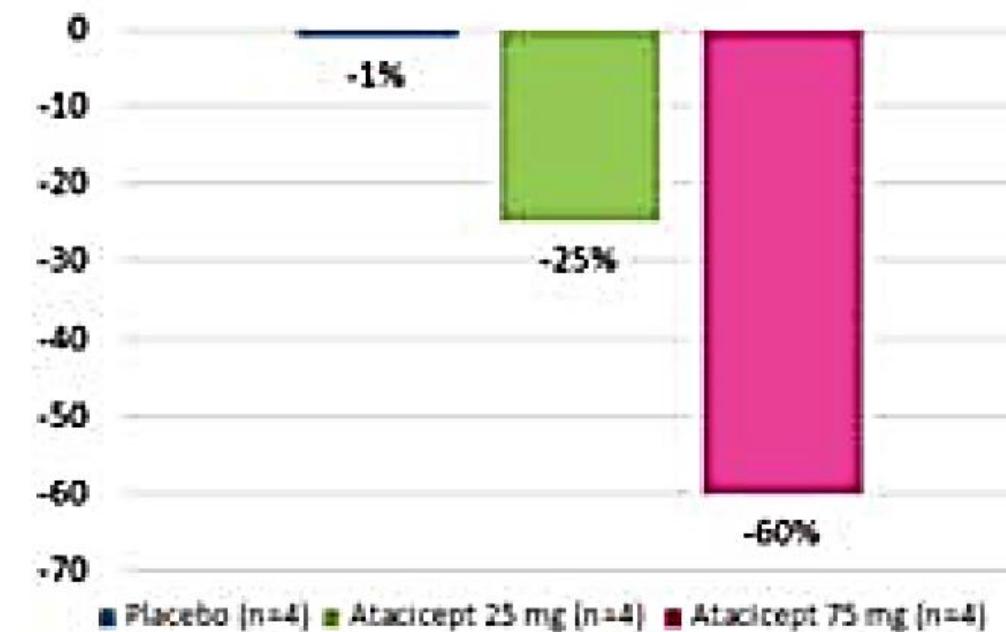
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THE 24-WEEK INTERIM ANALYSIS RESULTS OF A RANDOMIZED, DOUBLE-BLIND, PLACEBO-CONTROLLED PHASE II STUDY OF ATACICEPT IN PATIENTS WITH IGA NEPHROPATHY AND PERSISTENT PROTEINURIA

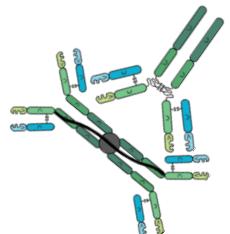
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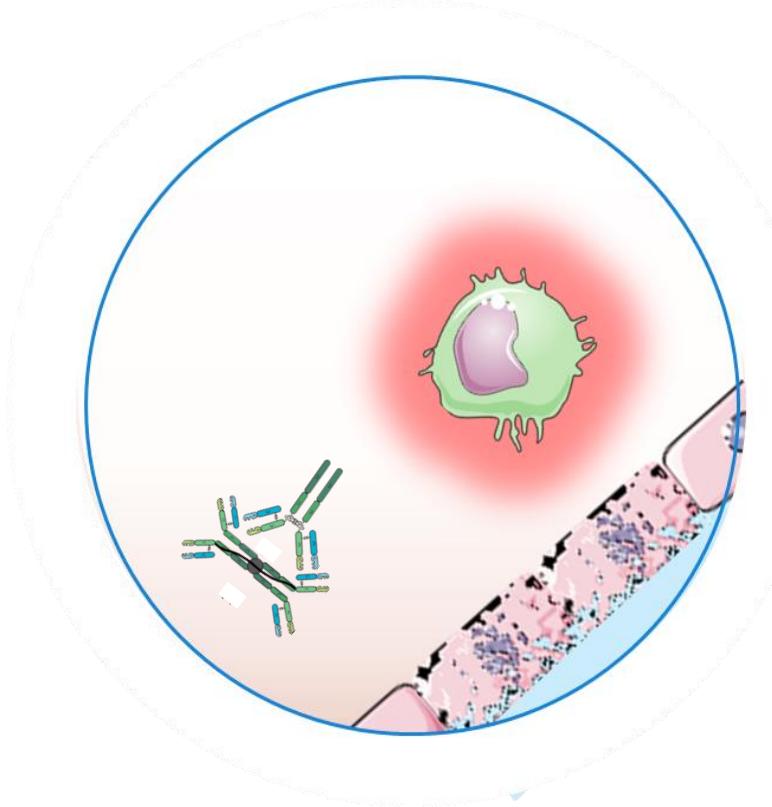
- Compound: atacicept, s.c.
- Working: B cells
- 16 patients divided over 3 groups
- 24 weeks of treatment
- eGFR: ?
- Eiwit in urine: >1,0 g / dag
- ACE/ARB: 100%

Effect on Gd-IgA1



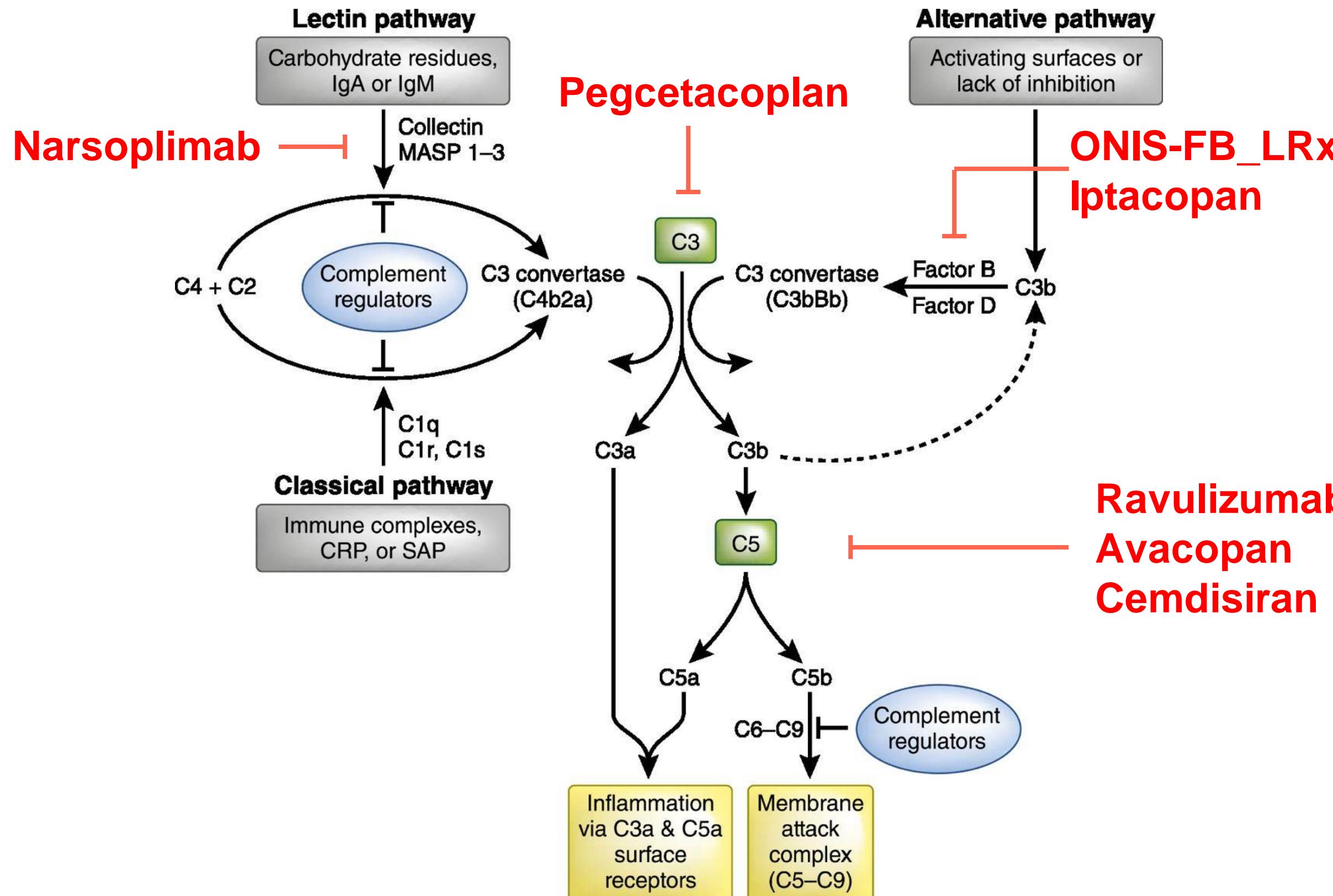
Effect on proteinuria





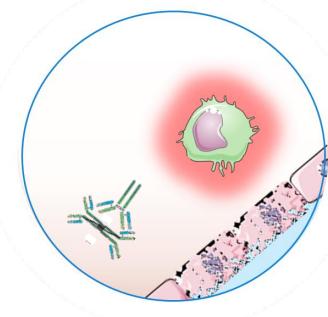
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C5A RECEPTOR INHIBITOR AVACOPAN IN IGA NEPHROPATHY STUDY FREE

Annette Bruchfeld, Patrick Nachman, Samir Parikh, Richard Lafayette, Antonia Potarca,

Janet Diehl, Lisa Lohr, Shichang Miao, Thomas Schall, Pirow Bekker

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, Volume 32, Issue suppl_3, May 2017, Page iii82,

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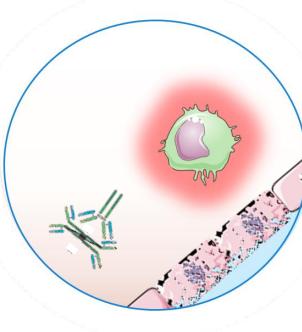
- Compound: Avacopan
- Mechanism: C5a receptor antagonist
- 7 patients
- 12 weeks treatment, 12 weeks follow-up
- eGFR: 66 (18) ml/min
- Proteinuria: UPCR: 1801 (1181-3392) mg/g
- ACE/ARB: 100%

Results:

- Proteinuria improved in 6 patients (on average -80 mg/g/week)
 - 3 patients achieved a UPCR <1 g/g
 - 2 of these 3 patients returned to baseline levels at the end of the 12-week follow-up
 - eGFR was did not change

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Safety, Tolerability and Efficacy of Narsoplimab, a Novel MASP-2 Inhibitor for the Treatment of IgA Nephropathy

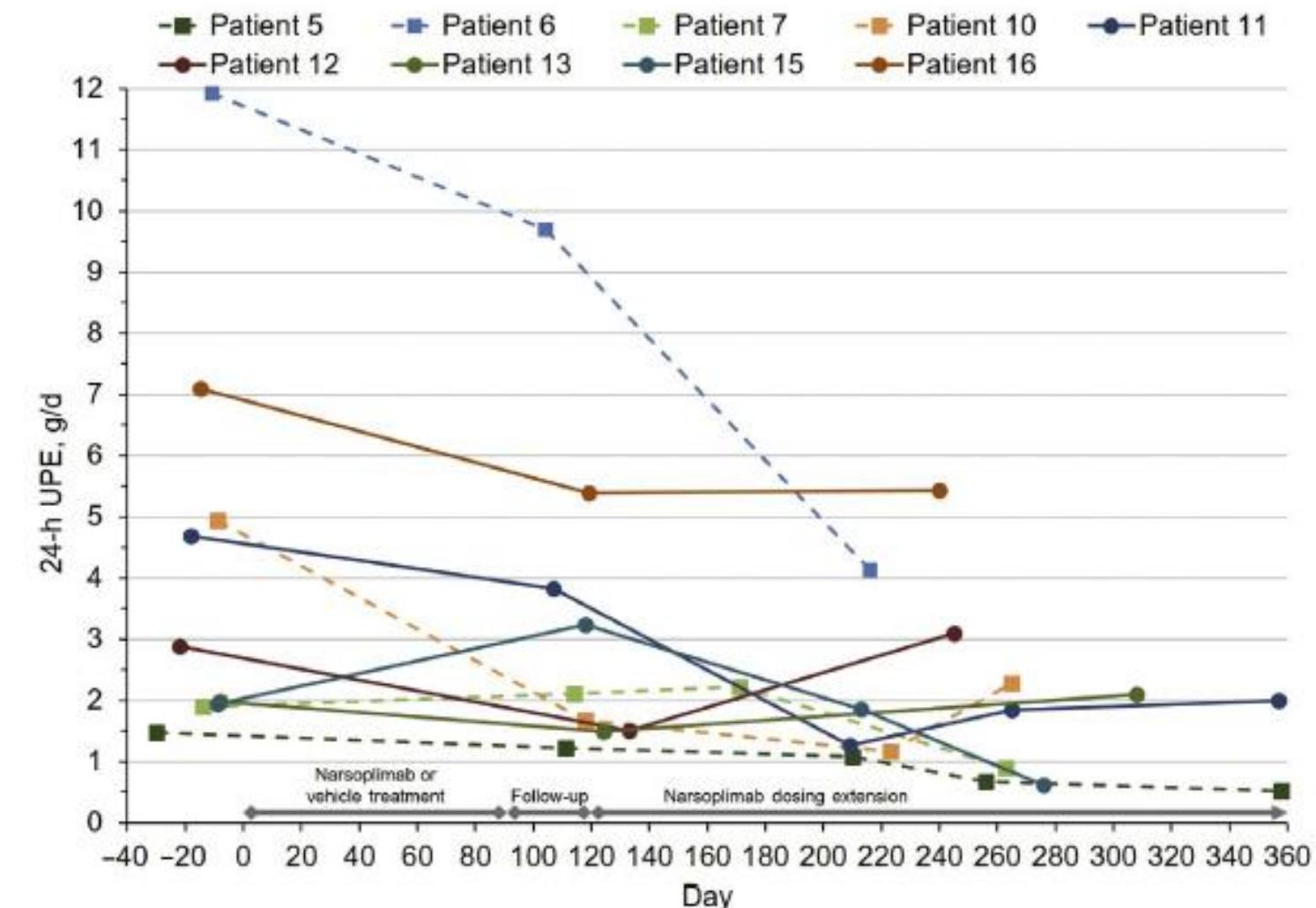
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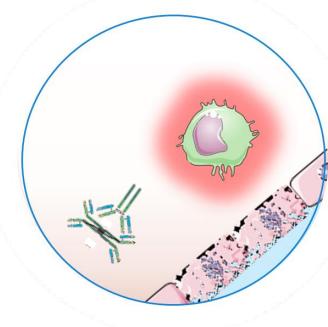
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- Compound: Narsoplimab
- Mechanism: MASP-2 inhibitor
- 9 patients divided over 2 groups
- 3 months treatment
- eGFR ~ 37 ml/min
- Eiwit in urine: > 1 g / dag
- ACE/ARB: 100%

61% reduction in proteinuria



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Final 12-week Endpoint Analyses of a Phase 2 Dose-Ranging Study to Investigate the Efficacy and Safety of Iptacopan in Primary IgA Nephropathy

Professor Jonathan Barratt

on behalf of the Iptacopan IgAN Program Steering Committee

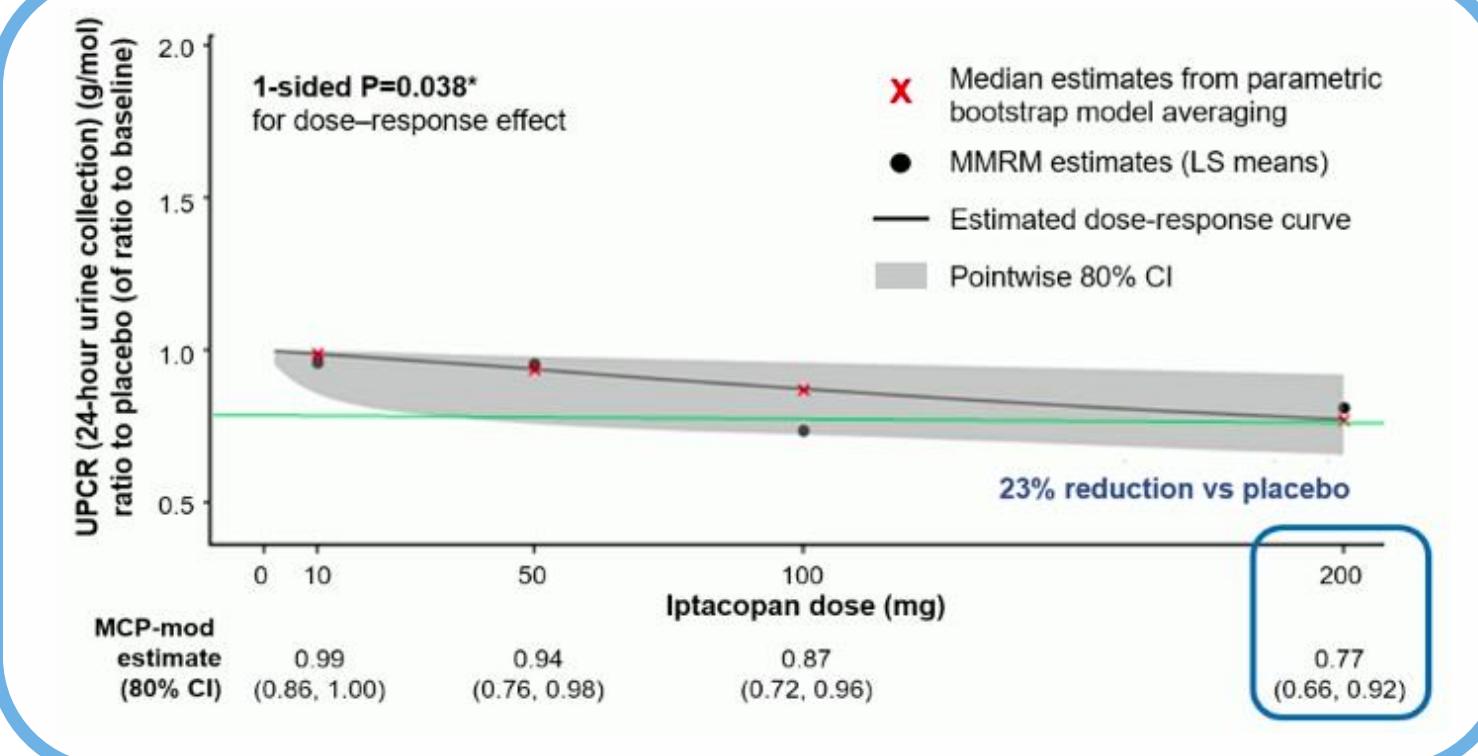
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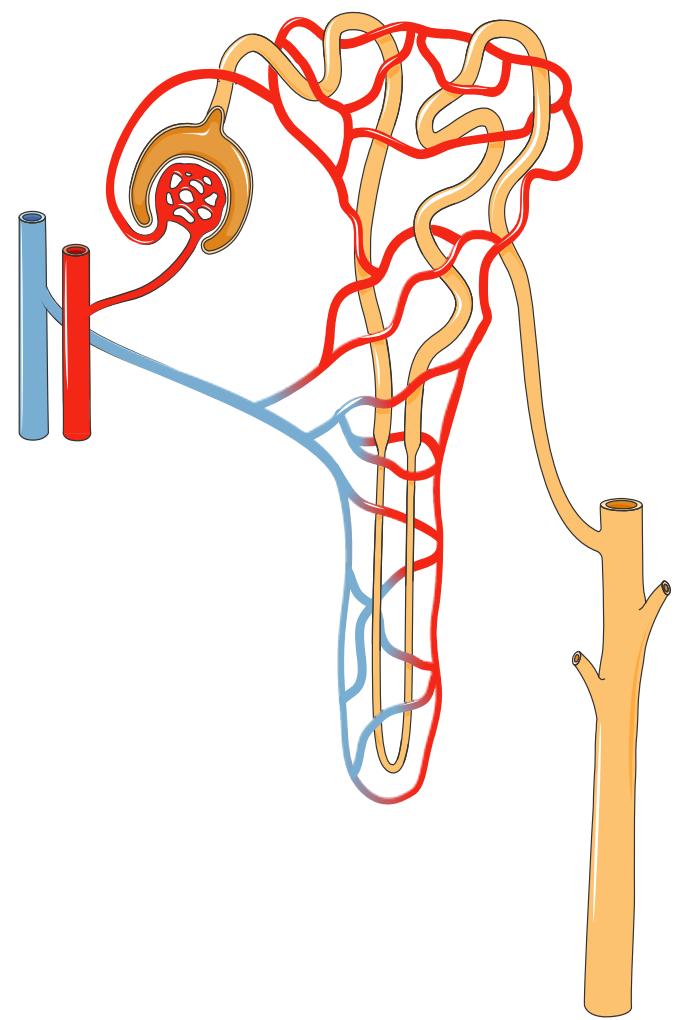
58th ERA-EDTA Congress, Berlin, June 5–8, 2021

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23% reduction in proteinuria

- Compound: Iptacopan
- Mechanism: Factor B inhibitor
- 87 patients divided over 5 groups
- 12 weeks treatment
- eGFR: >30 ml/min
- Proteinuria: >1 g / dag
- ACE/ARB: 100%





Glomerular capillary pressure lowering



Traverse Therapeutics Announces Positive Topline Interim Results from the Ongoing Phase 3
PROTECT Study of Sparsentan in IgA Nephropathy

August 16, 2021

Press release august 2021
unblinded interim analysis

- Phase 3 clinical trial
- N = 404
- Sparsentan vs irbesartan
- Duration: 114 wks
- Proteinuria of ≥ 1 g/day
- eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m²
- On ACEi/ARB

Mean reduction in proteinuria
from baseline at Week 36 in first
280 patients:

Sparsentan 49.8 % vs Irbesartan
15.1% (p<0.0001)

CLINICAL TRIAL | VOLUME 100, ISSUE 1, P215-224, JULY 01, 2021

A pre-specified analysis of the DAPA-CKD trial demonstrates the effects of dapagliflozin on major adverse kidney events in patients with IgA nephropathy

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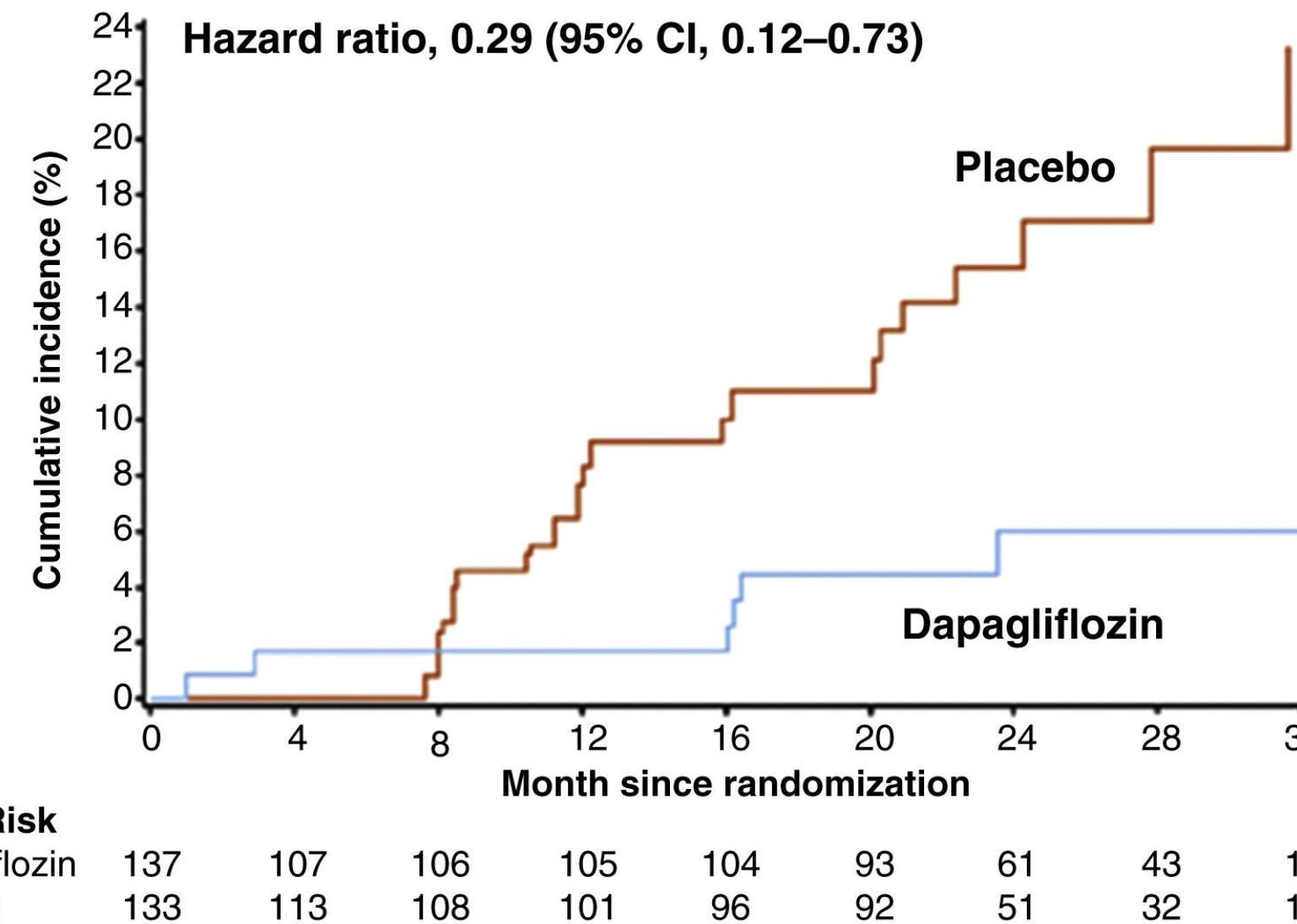
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- 270 investigator reported IgAN
- 254 biopsy proven IgAN
- 137 dapagliflozin / 130 placebo
- Median follow-up 2.1 years
- 14% DM2

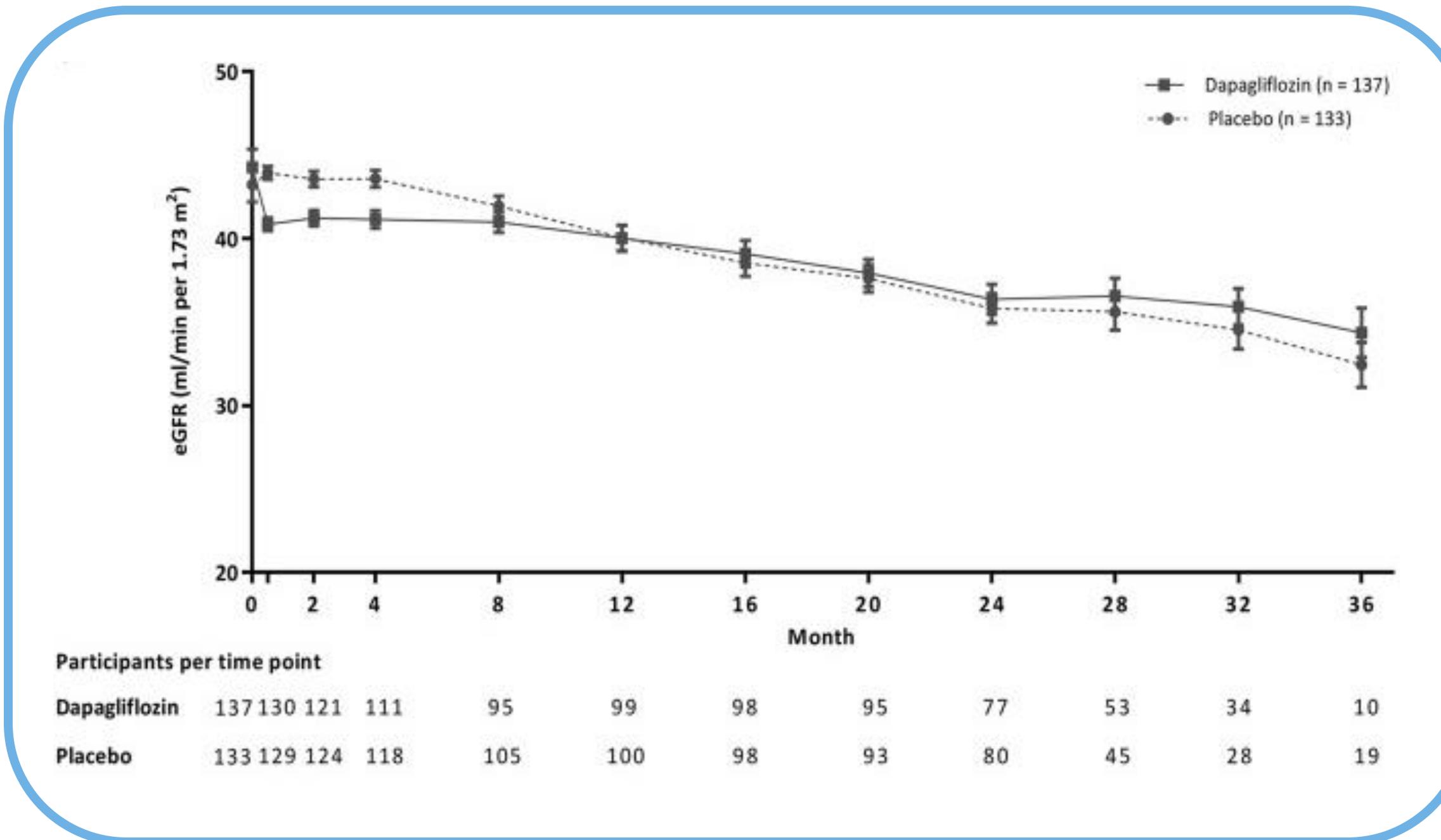
Baseline characteristics

Age	51 years
Female	33%
SBP	127 mmHg
eGFR	44 ml/min/1.73m ²
UACR	900 mg/g
ACEi or ARB	100%

Composite primary outcome



Change from baseline eGFR



-3.5

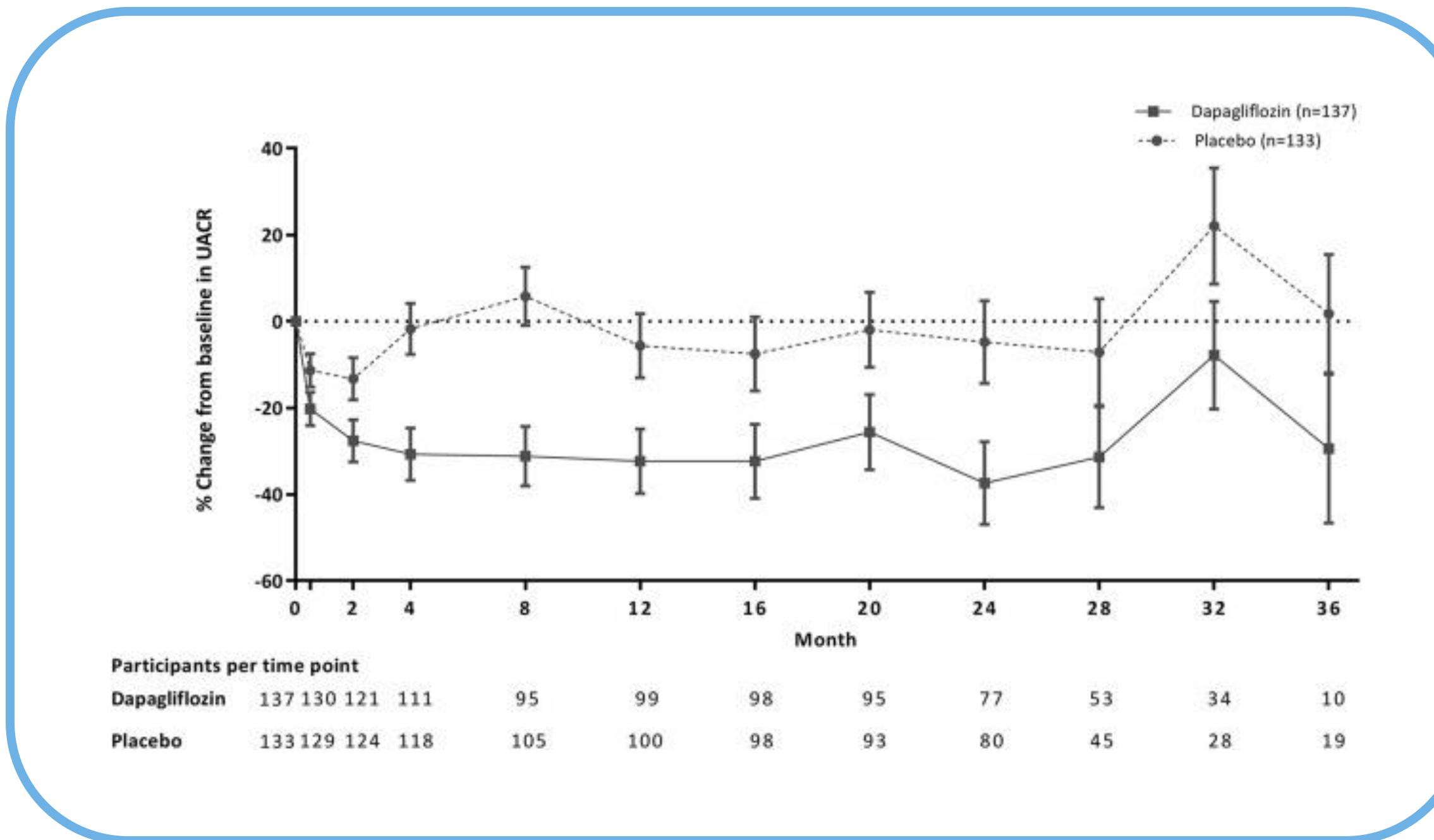
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-4.7

ml/min/1.73m²

per year

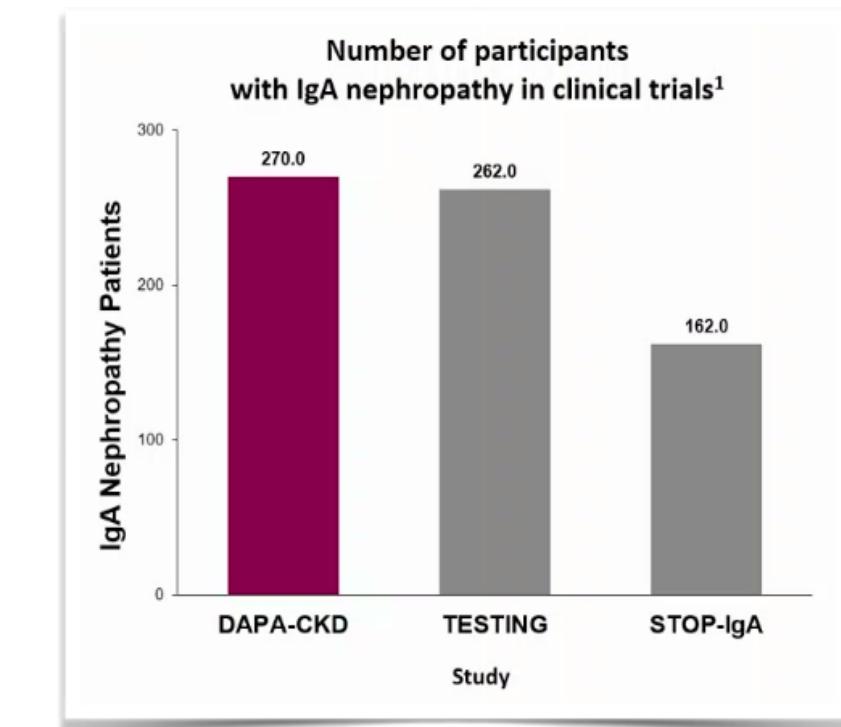
Change in proteinuria



25% reduction
in UACR

Conclusion

- Dapagliflozin reduces risk of eGFR decline >50%, ESRD, renal or cardiovascular death in IgAN patients.
- RR 71%, ARR of 11% over 2.1 years period
- No prior trial of any therapeutic agent in IgA nephropathy has demonstrated an effect of this magnitude
- Safety was excellent
- Limitation is that it is not clear whether RASI dosage had been proactively maximized.



Conclusion

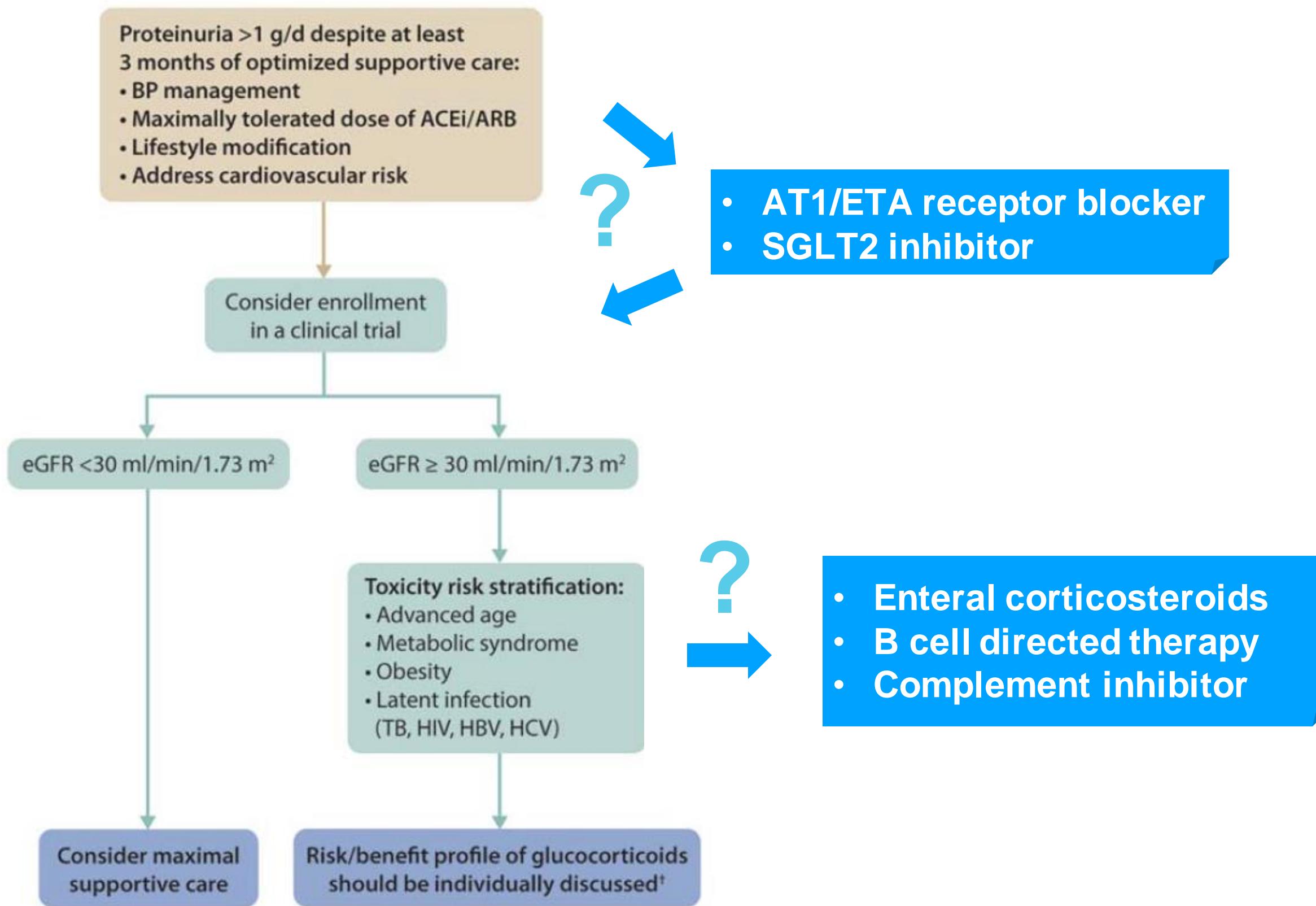
Supportive care:

- Additional glomerular capillary pressure lowering with SGLT2 or AT1/ETA inhibitor seems beneficial -> Study results need to be awaited.

Immune targeting therapies in patients with eGFR > 30 and proteinuria > 1g/day:

- Latest results from TESTING indicate efficacy of corticosteroids, but patient selection and dosage is important to balance benefit vs harm.
- Enteral corticosteroids seems beneficial and may bring a better balance in benefit vs harm -> Phase 3 study results need to be awaited.
- Substantial activity in drug development for IgA nephropathy, targets include B-cells and complement -> Phase 2 and 3 studies are being set up / ongoing.

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Future challenge:

How to identify which patient benefits from which treatment (biomarker, biopsy, clinical characteristics, adverse events profile, etc..)?