

Nouveaux traitements disponibles pour la néphropathie à IgA en 2025 ?

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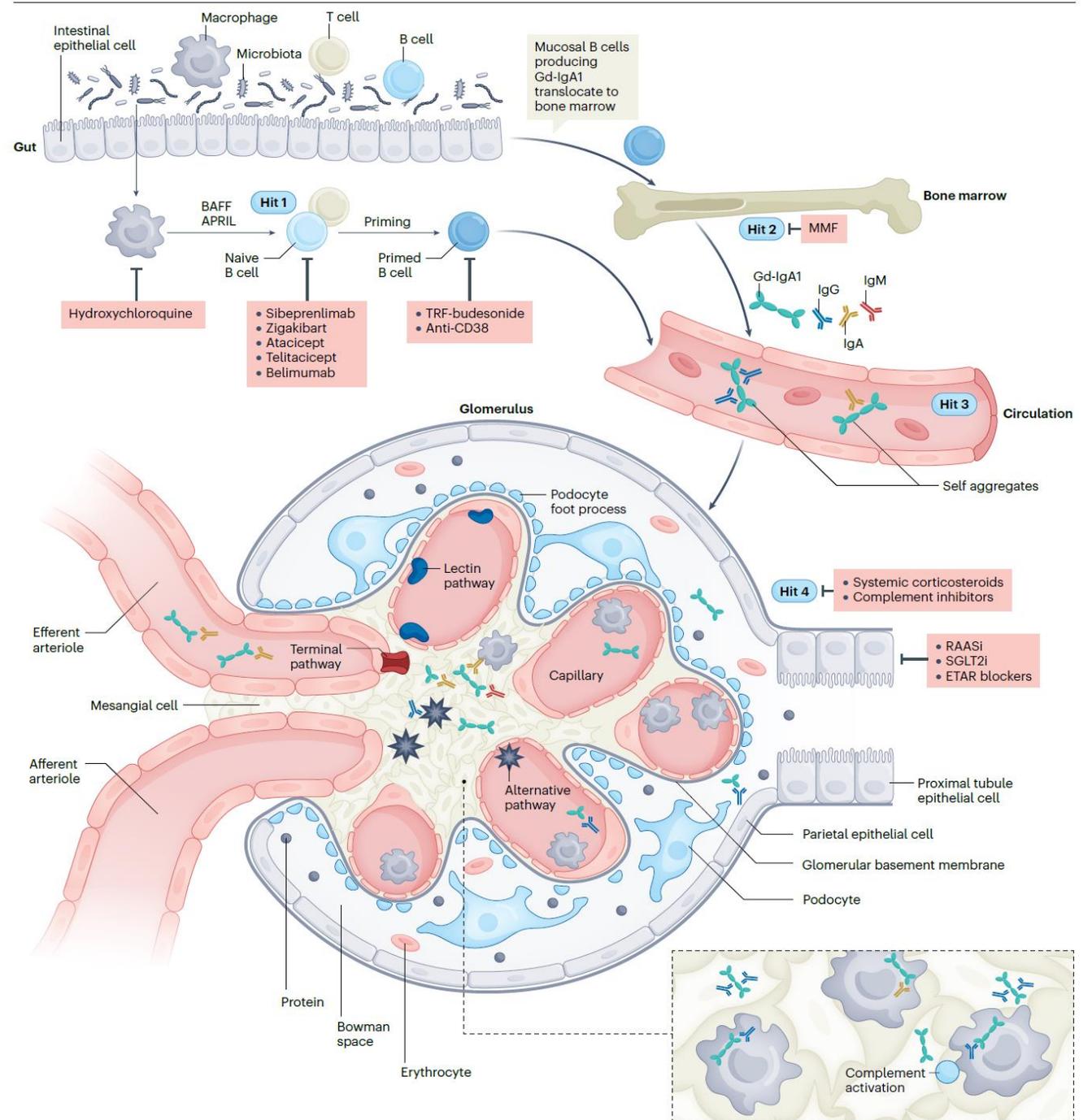
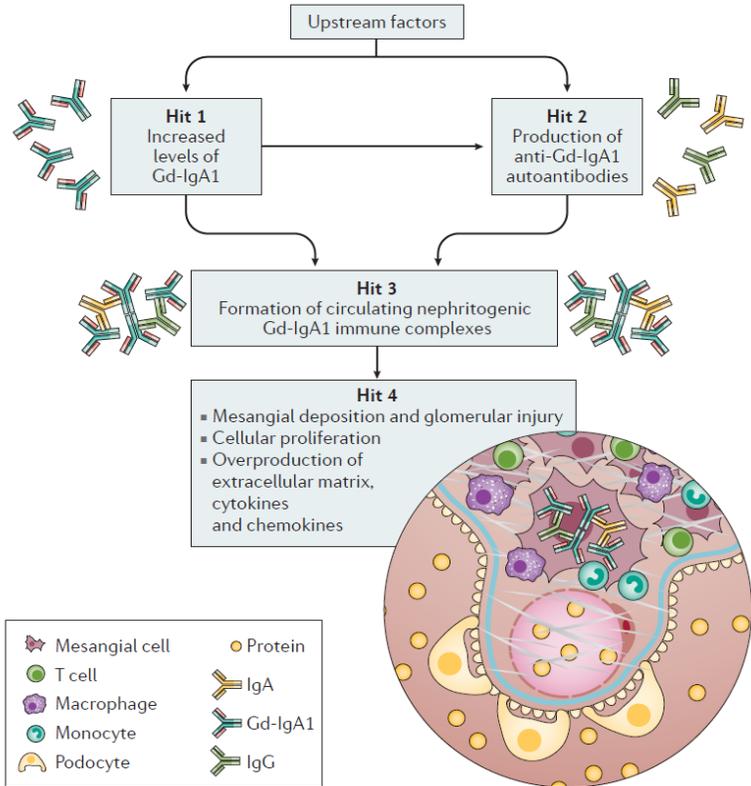
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Nouveaux traitements *disponibles* ?

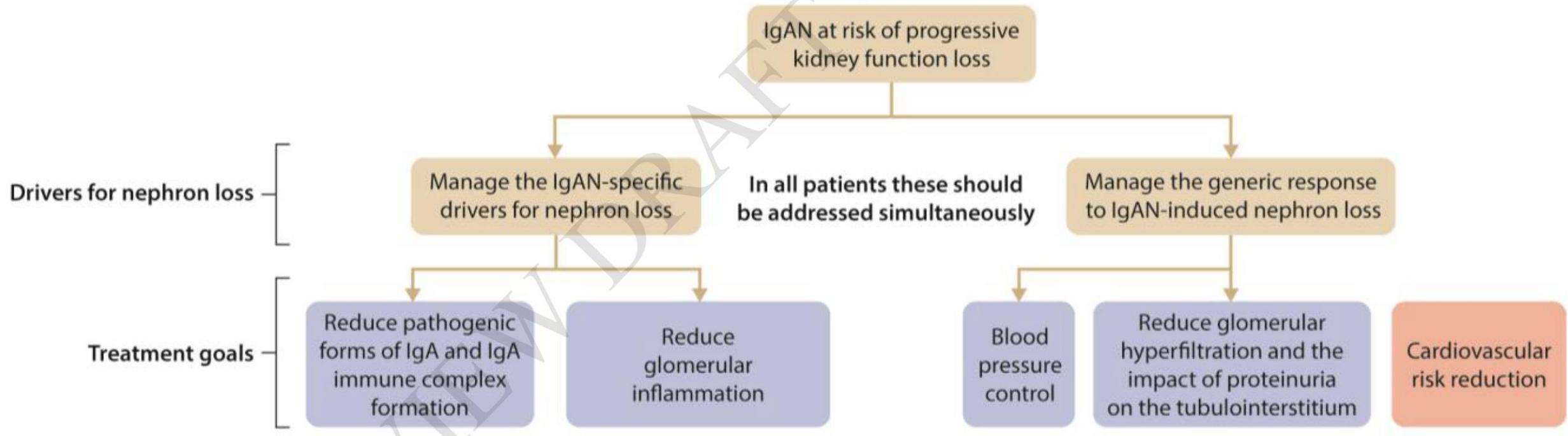
**Anciens traitements *disponibles*
Nouveaux traitements *(non)disponibles***

Physiopathology (briefly !): 4 hits hypothesis



New paradigm

- The focus of management in most patients should be to ***simultaneously***:
 - **Prevent or reduce IgA immune complex formation and immune complex-mediated glomerular injury.**
 - **In parallel, manage the consequences of existing IgAN-induced nephron loss.**



Effect of Oral Methylprednisolone on Decline in Kidney Function or Kidney Failure in Patients With IgA Nephropathy

The TESTING Randomized Clinical Trial

2022

Lv, JAMA, 2022

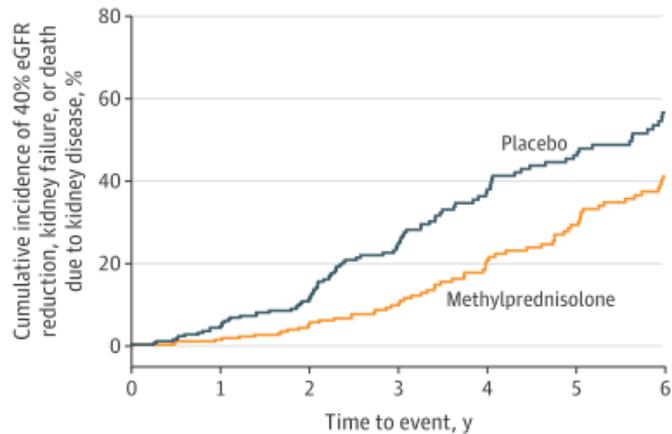
2012-2019, 503p, **China++**, 35,6y, eGFR 61,5_{ml/mn/1,73m²}, Pu 2,4g/j, M1 60%, S1 70%, E1 20-30%, T2 10-15%

MethylP 0,4mg/kg (max 32mg), tapering 6-9m, Trimet/Sulf

Iry outcome (40% GFR or ESRD or death), Mean FU 4,2y

74 (steroids) vs 106 (placebo), HR 0,53 !

A Primary outcome in all patients

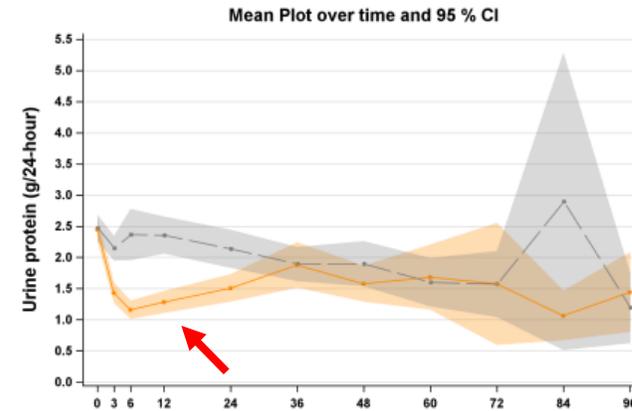


No. of patients at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Methylprednisolone	257	250	215	161	105	92	66
Placebo	246	234	188	127	76	66	44

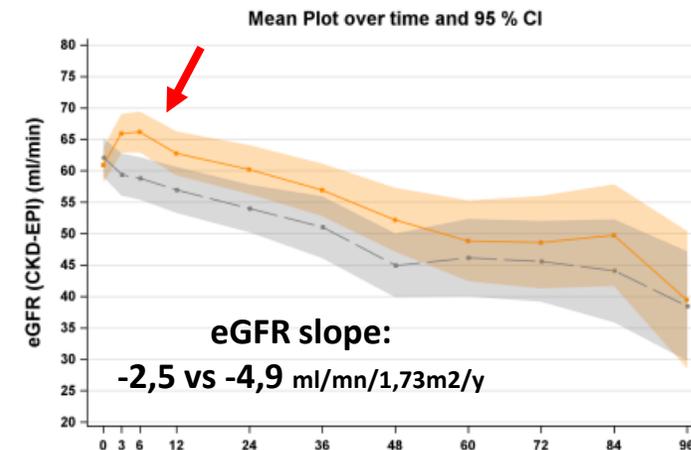
**Serious adverse events: low dose steroids:
6 vs 3 patients, 1 death**

Pu

A) Mean 24 hour protein excretion by randomized group over time



B) Mean eGFR over time



eGFR

TRF-Budesonide

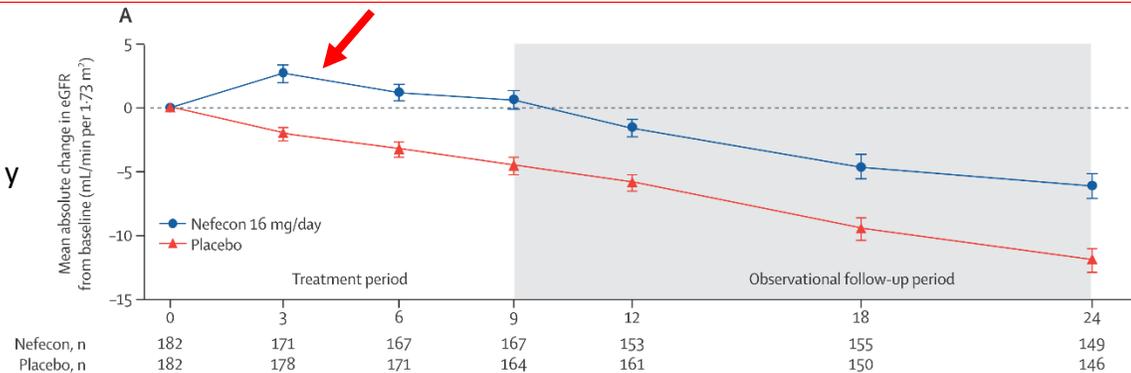
364 patients, FU 24months

TRF-Budesonide: 16mg/d, 9months; Iry outcome: time-weighted eGFR over 2y

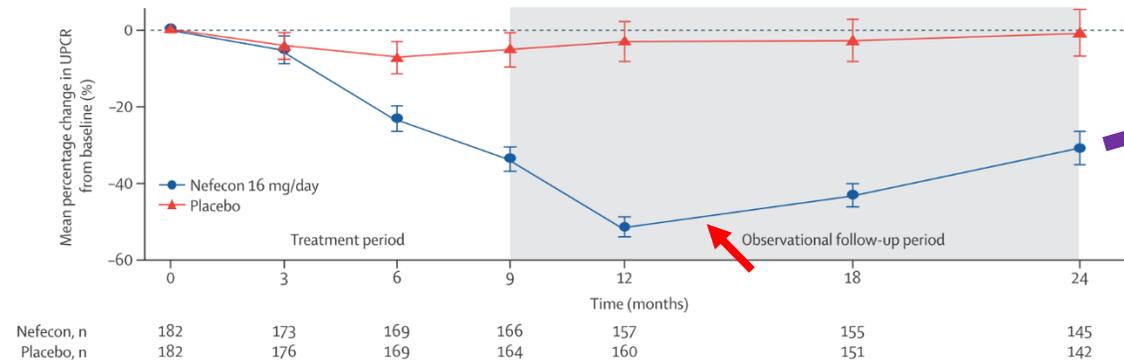
43y, 76% caucasian, Median UPCR 1,48g/g, median eGFR 55ml/mn/1,73m², Hu 70%

RB~2,5y

eGFR
-6,11 vs -12 ml/mn/1,73m² /2 y
 $\Delta=5,9$ ml/mn/1,73m²



uPCR
40% reduction/baseline
No Haematuria:
59% vs 34%

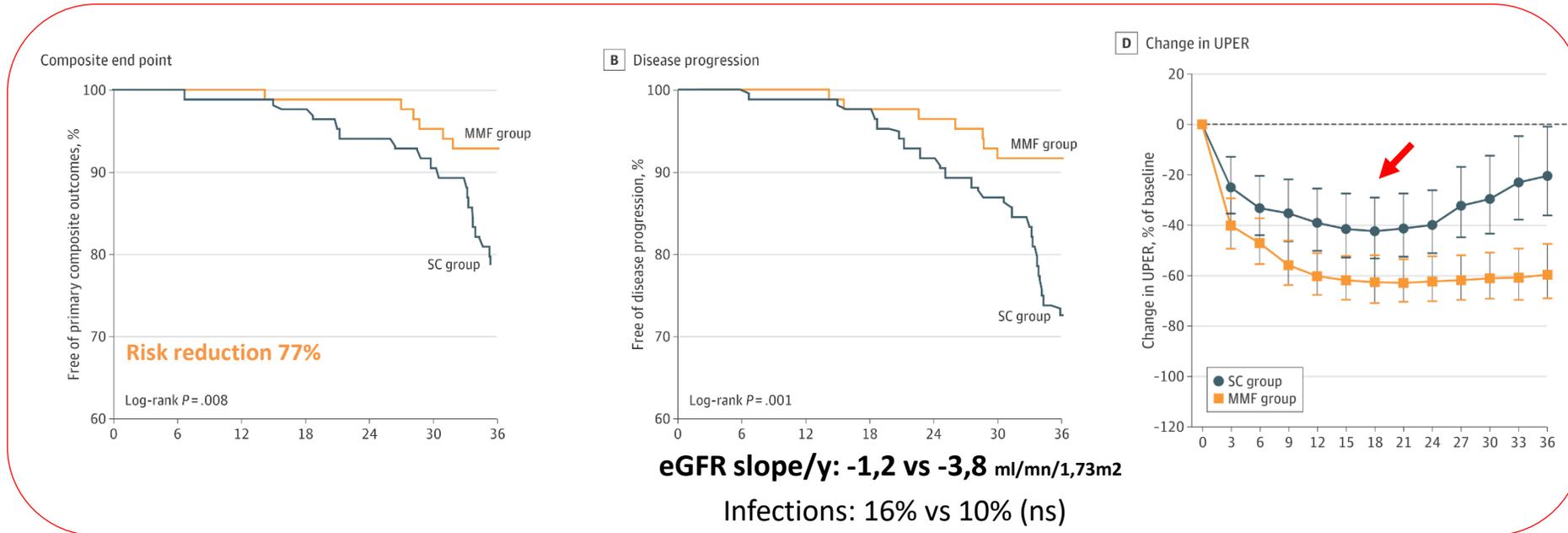


Effectiveness of Mycophenolate Mofetil Among Patients With Progressive IgA Nephropathy

170p, 36y, chinese, UPCR 1,9g/d, eGFR 50_{ml/mn/1,73m²}, Hu 100%, RB<1y (90%); M1 100%, E1 10%, S1 83%, T2 54%, C1 40%

MMF: 1,5g 12m then 1g at least 6 m (mean 30m)

Iry outcome: doubling sCreat, ESRD, CKD progression



Post trial: 60 months

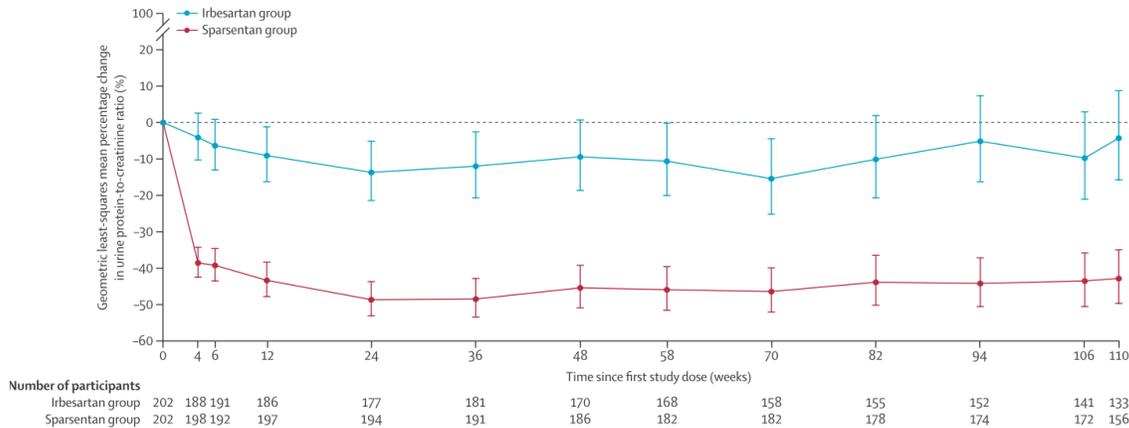
80 MMF, 77 SC; mean eGFR loss/y: 6,1 (MMF discontinuation) vs 7,1 ml/mn/1,73m²

Nephroprotection: Sparsentan

404 IgAN, RAS blockers and Pu >1g/d; 69% male, 64% caucasian, Proteinuria >1,7g/d and eGFR 57ml/mn; RB ~6y

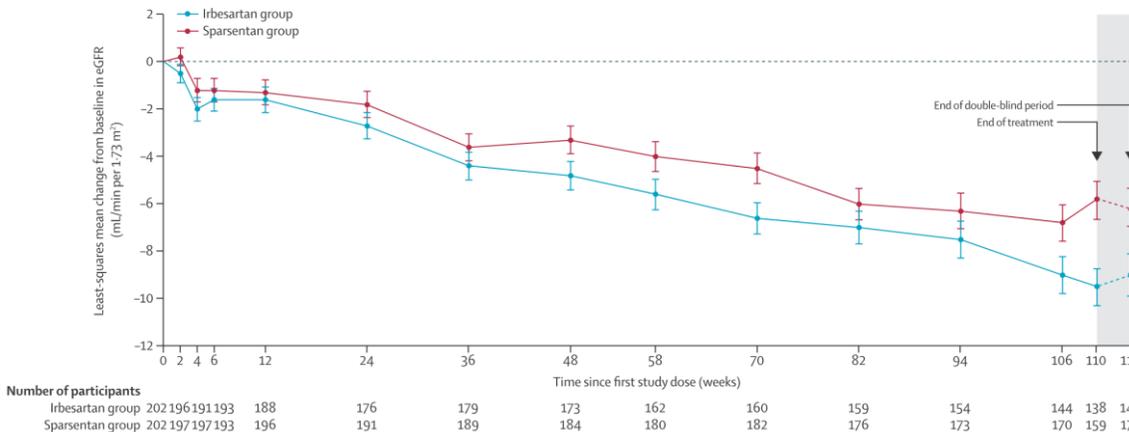
Sparsentan 400mg vs Irbesartan 300mg, FU 2y (data at 36w, prespecified), No SGLT2i
Iry Outcome: proteinuria at W36

uPCR



Pu: -49,8% vs -15,1%
 Similar control of BP
 No excess in TEAE

eGFR



eGFR slope:
-2,7 vs -3,8 ml/mn/1,73m2/Y

Emerging therapies ?

Endothelin Receptor Antag

B and plasma cell

Complement: B, C3, C5

Table 1. Molecules in clinical development for the treatment of IgA nephropathy

Treatment	Target	Phase	Identifier	Outcome	Estimated Study Completion Date
Supportive care					
SGLT2i	CLiGaN		NCT04662723	UPE	December 26
Sparsentan	SPARTAN		NCT04663204	24 h-UPCR and eGFR	November 23
Sparsentan	SPARTACUS	II	NCT05856760	UACR (sample)	December 24
Sparsentan	PROTECT	III	NCT03762850	24 h-UPCR	July 26
Sparsentan (pediatrics)	EPPIK	II	NCT05003986	UPCR	June 25
Atrasentan	ALIGN		NCT04573478	UPCR	December 25
Atrasentan	ASSIST		NCT05834738	UPCR	October 25
Atrasentan	AFFINITY	II	NCT04573920	UPCR	February 26
SC 0062		II	NCT05687890	UACR	April 25
Steroids					
Steroids		III	NCT03468972	eGFR	May 23
Steroids	CLiGaN	III	NCT04662723	UPE	December 26
Steroids	TIGER	III	NCT03188887	UPCR (sample)+eGFR	January 24
Steroids		III	NCT04833374	24 h-UPE	December 23
B and plasma cell					
Rituximab		IV	NCT05824390	UPE	October 23
Rituximab	RITA	IV	NCT04525729	UPE	December 23
Feltarizamab	IGNAZ	II	NCT05065970	UPE	May 24
Belimumab	BELIGA	II	EudraCT: 2017-004366-10	UPE	
Sibeprenlimab	enVISION	II	NCT04287985	24 h-UPCR	June 23
Sibeprenlimab	VISIONARY	III	NCT05248646	24 h-UPCR	December 26
Ataticept	ORIGIN-3	II/III	NCT04716231	24 h-UPCR	July 2028
Telitacept		II	NCT04905212	24 h-UPE	January 24
Bortezomib		II	NCT05383547	24 h-UPE	December 23
AT-1501		II	NCT05125068	24 h-UPCR	August 25
Complement					
Iptacopan	APPLAUSE-IgA nephropathy		NCT04578834	24 h-UPCR+eGFR	October 25
Narsoplimab		III	NCT03608033	24 h-UPE	April 23
Vermicopan		II	NCT05097989	24 h-UPE	August 26
Pegcetacoplan		II	NCT03453619	UPCR	December 23
Ravulizumab	SANCTUARY	II	NCT04564339	24 h-UPE	June 25
Cemdisiran		II	NCT03841448	24 h-UPCR	February 25
IONIS-FB-LRx		II	NCT04014335	24 h-UPE	December 23
RO7434656	IMAGINATION	III	NCT05797610	24 h-UPCR	September 30
KP 104		II	NCT05517980	24 h-UPCR	September 25
Microbiome					
Enterobacteriaceae capsules	Microbiome	II	NCT05182775	24 h-UPE	December 23

Emerging therapies: Endoth Rec antagonism ?

Phase 3

**Interim analysis (270 patients/group):
9 months: evolution of proteinuria
(repeated measures model)**

2021-2023, 45y, 41% female, 57% Asian,
eGFR 58,9ml/mn/1,73m², Pu 1,4g/d, Hu ?

7-16% discontinuation

99% RASi

Diagnosis: 5,6y before inclusion

Atrasentan in Patients with IgA Nephropathy

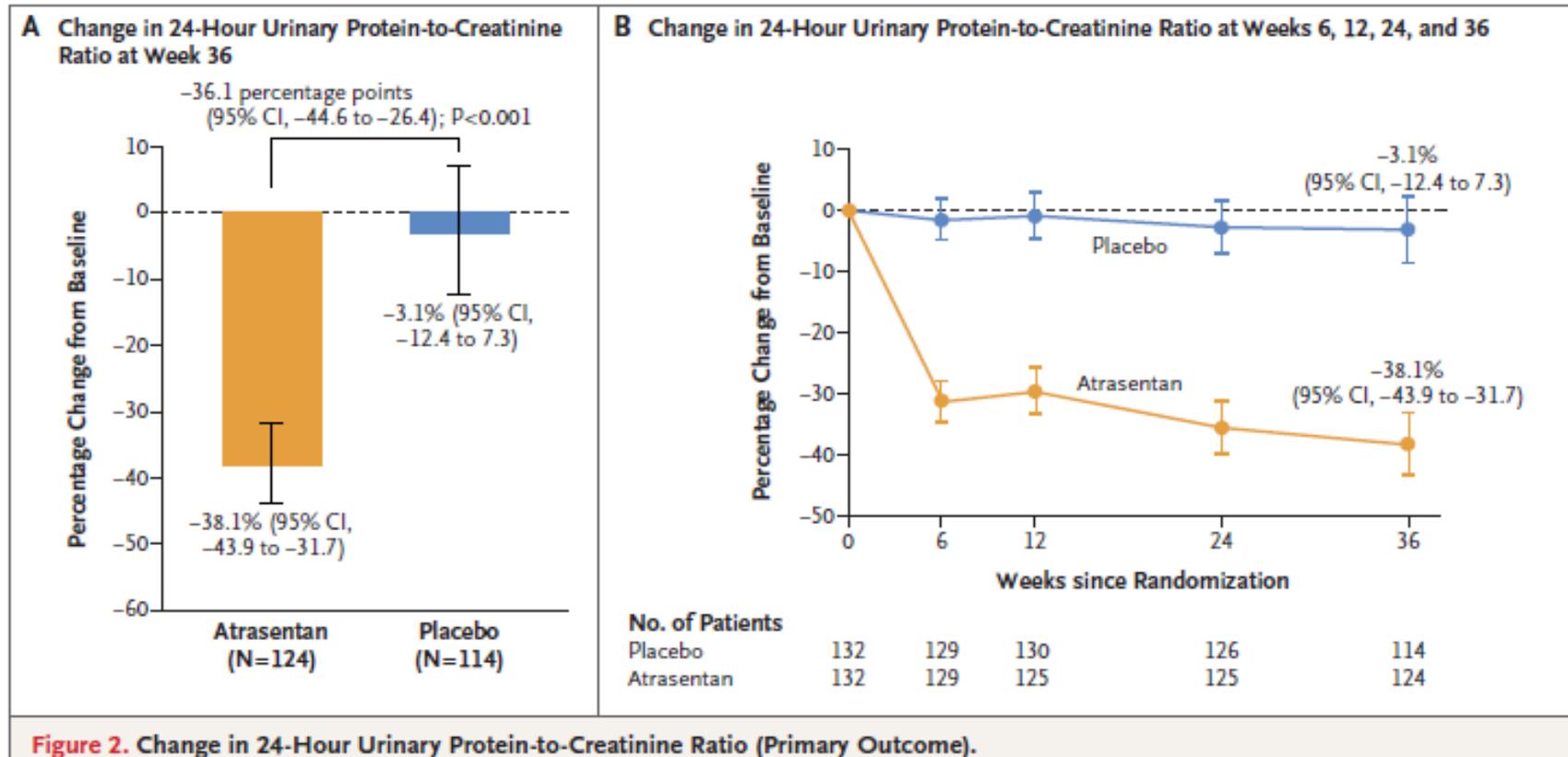
Table 1. Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of the First 270 Patients in the Main Stratum.*

Characteristic	Atrasentan (N=135)	Placebo (N=135)
Duration of disease — yr	5.14±5.41	6.14±6.04
Blood pressure — mm Hg		
Systolic	125.4±13.3	122.9±12.3
Diastolic	79.6±9.8	78.7±9.0
Median total urinary protein excretion (IQR) — mg/day	1847.4 (1314.0–2775.9)	1851.0 (1328.9–2550.0)
24-Hour urinary protein-to-creatinine ratio§		
Median (IQR)	1435.7 (1006.7–1988.6)	1429.2 (1100.9–1918.3)
Distribution — no. (%)		
<1500	72 (53.3)	76 (56.3)
≥1500	63 (46.7)	59 (43.7)
Median 24-hour urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio (IQR)¶	1051.3 (769.2–1485.8)	1059.3 (770.2–1480.8)
Estimated glomerular filtration rate		
Mean — ml/min/1.73 m ²	58.28±23.75	59.49±24.42
Distribution — no. (%)		
≤45 ml/min/1.73 m ²	54 (40.0)	53 (39.3)
>45–60 ml/min/1.73 m ²	25 (18.5)	28 (20.7)
>60 ml/min/1.73 m ²	56 (41.5)	54 (40.0)
Hemoglobin level — g/dl	13.58±1.73	13.70±1.74
Use of RAS inhibitor at baseline — no. (%)		
ARB only	97 (71.9)	95 (70.4)
ACE inhibitor only	37 (27.4)	37 (27.4)
Use of diuretic at baseline — no./total no. (%)	21/134 (15.7)¶	16/135 (11.9)

Emerging therapies: Endoth Rec antagonism ?

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Atrasentan in Patients with IgA Nephropathy



Idem in 29 patients with SGLT2i, no difference in weight gain, blood pressure, or adverse events (anemia ?)

Emerging therapies: complement ?

Alternative Complement Pathway Inhibition with Iptacopan in IgA Nephropathy

Phase 3

Interim analysis (125 patients/group): 9 months: evolution of proteinuria (repeated measures model)

3 months run-in of supportive care, then iptacopan or placebo
« eGFR >45ml/mn/1,73m² » or « eGFR > 30 and RB <2y with <T2 »

2021-2023, 39y, 48% female, 51% Asian, eGFR 62-65ml/mn/1,73m²
Pu 1,8g/d, Hu 70-78%

13% SGLT2i, 99% RASi

RB: 0,8y-1,3y before inclusion



HIGH RISK OF PROGRESSION

Table 1. Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline.*

Characteristic	Iptacopan (N=125)	Placebo (N=125)
Time since kidney biopsy — yr		
Mean	1.7±1.4	1.6±1.7
Median (IQR)	1.3 (0.5–2.8)	0.8 (0.3–2.6)
Oxford Classification MEST-C score — %‡		
M score		
M1	60.8	64.0
M0	32.0	31.2
E score		
E1	28.8	28.8
E0	63.2	64.8
S score		
S1	69.6	71.2
S0	22.4	23.2
T score		
T1 or T2	38.4	42.4
T0	54.4	53.6
C score		
C1	26.4	16.0
C2	1.6	1.6
C0	60.8	68.0
24-Hour urinary protein-to-creatinine ratio — g of protein/g of creatinine		
Median (IQR)	1.8 (1.4–2.7)	1.9 (1.5–2.8)
<2 — no. (%)	71 (56.8)	67 (53.6)
≥2 — no. (%)	54 (43.2)	58 (46.4)

Alternative Complement Pathway Inhibition with Iptacopan in IgA Nephropathy

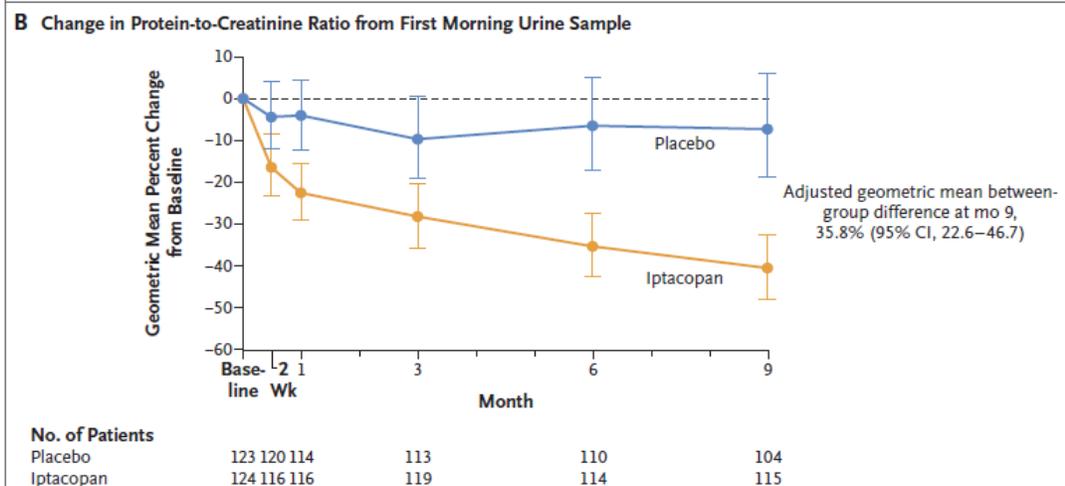
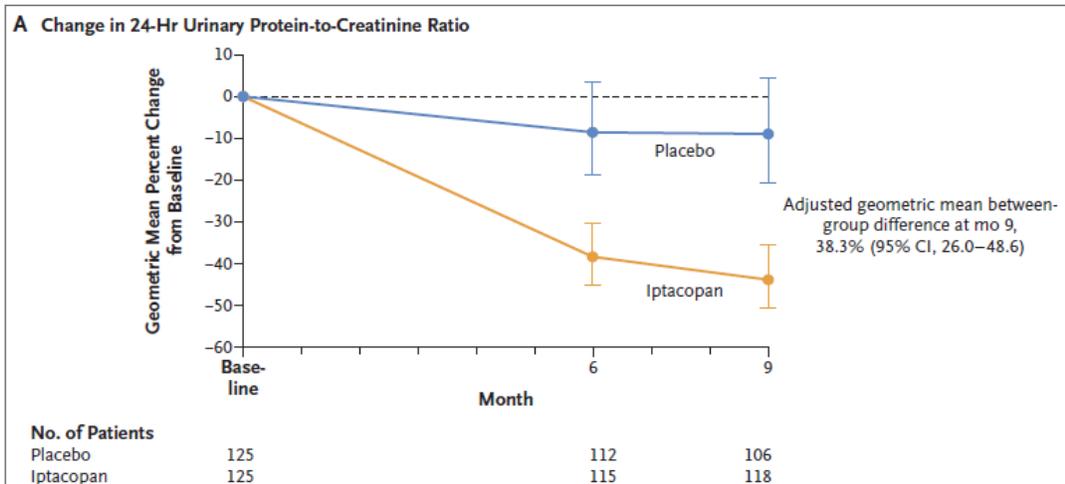
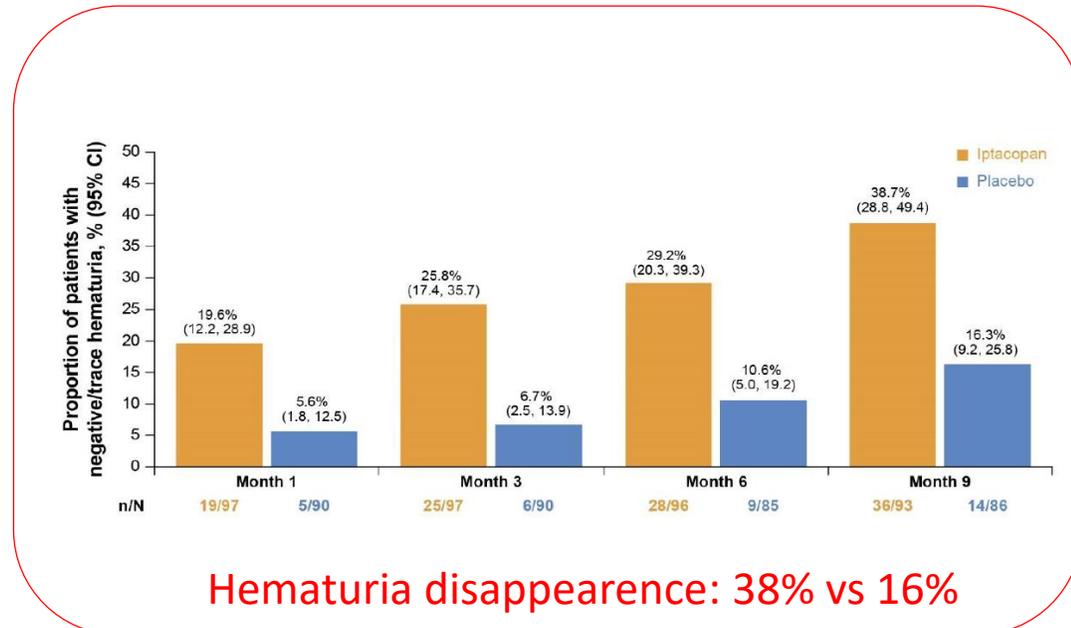
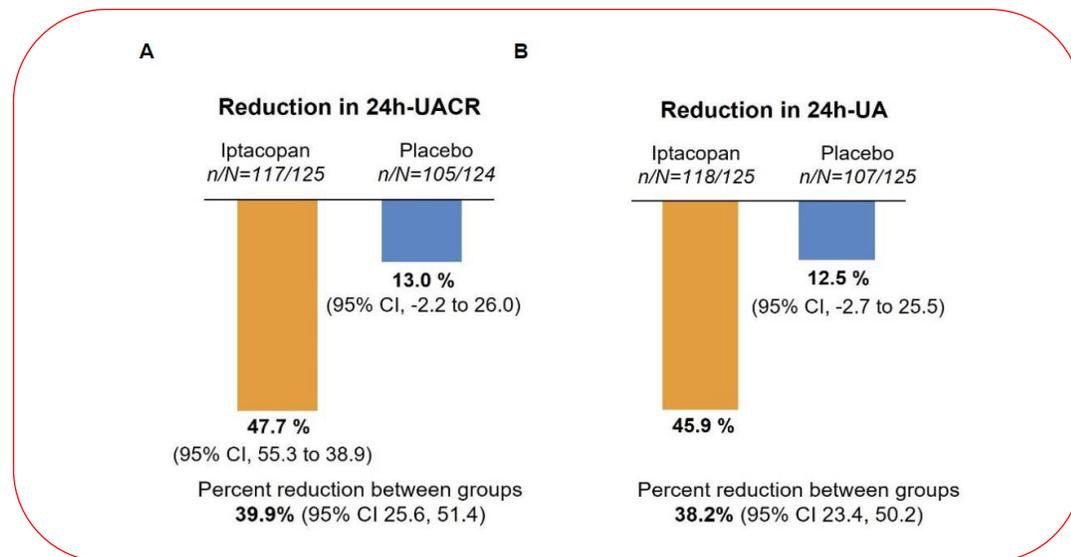


Figure 2. Changes in Urinary Protein-to-Creatinine Ratio.

<1g/g: 54/119 (ipta)vs 24/110 (plcb)
< 0,5g/g: 18/119 (ipta)vs 7/110 (plcb)



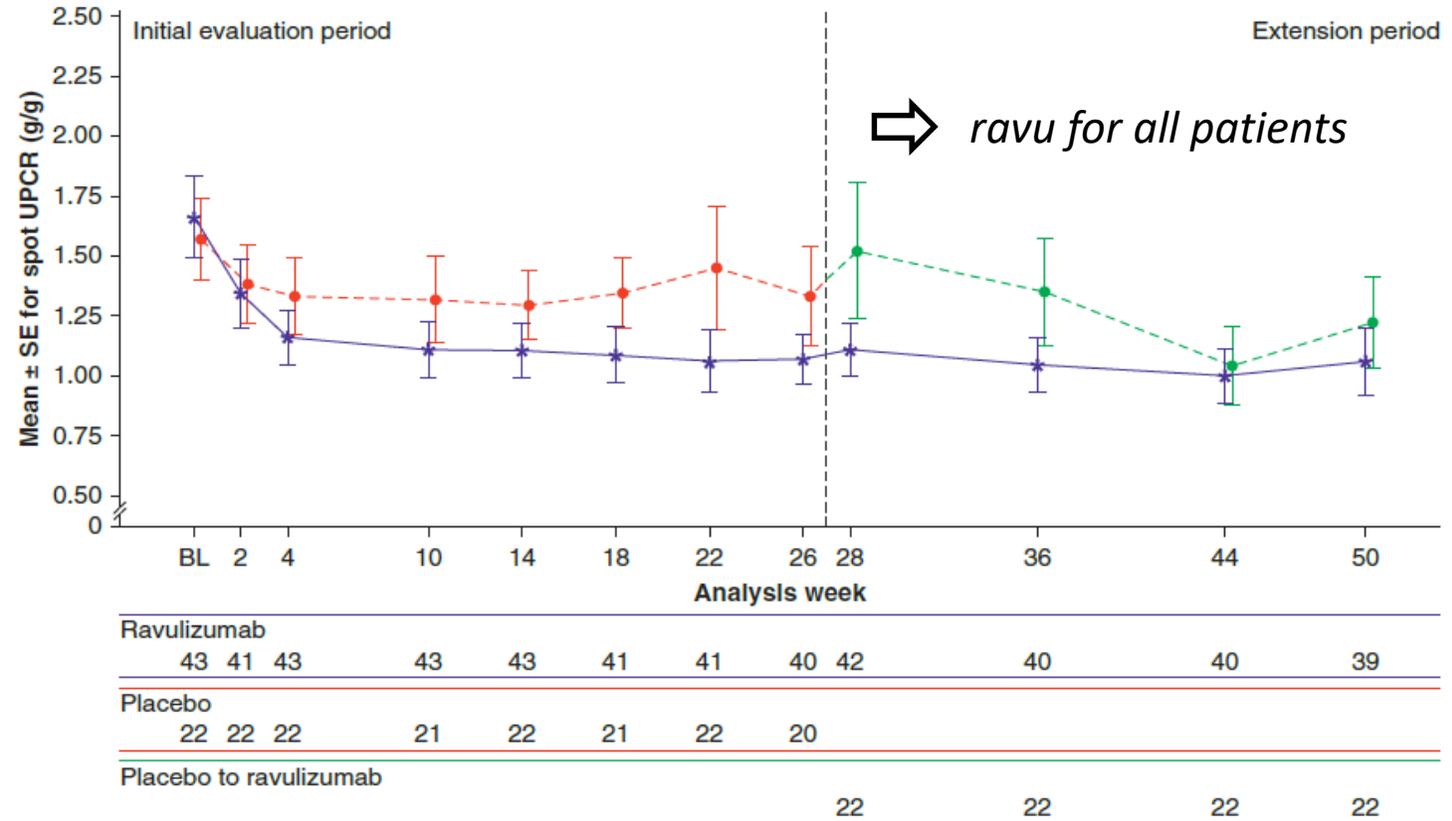
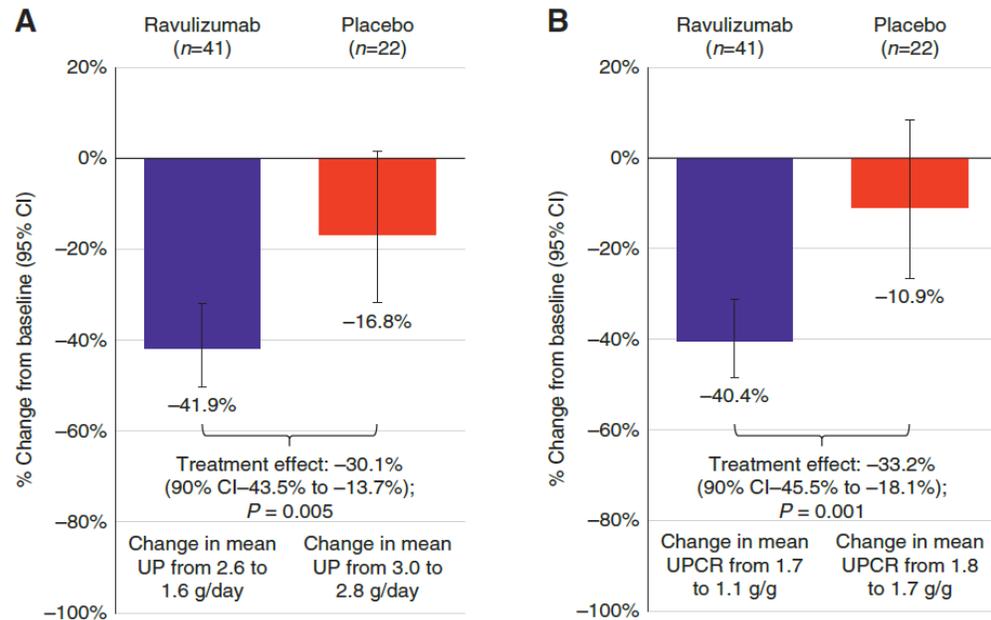
Efficacy and Safety of Ravulizumab in IgA Nephropathy

A Phase 2 Randomized Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Trial

Phase 2 study. Pu > 1g/g despite RASi, eGFR >30

66 patients, 46% female, 21% Asian, UPCr 1,67, eGFR 74ml/mn/1,73m², 17-21% SGLT2i

W36: UPCr: 42% reduction vs 17% (placebo); Favourable safety profile



Emerging therapies: B cells ?

Sibeprenlimab: anti-APRIL

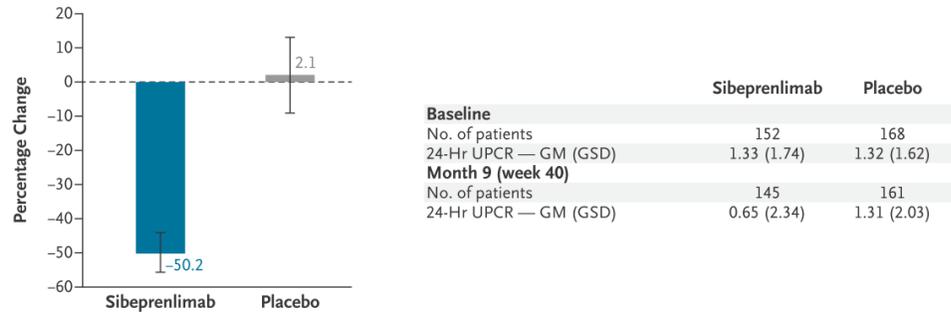
320 patients, 62% men, 59% Asian, 0,75g/g, ACE/ARB, iSGLT2 40%, no T2/C2

Median: 42y, 63,4ml/mn/1,73m2, P/C 1,25g/g

Sibeprenlimab: 400mg sub cutaneous /week (ongoing phase 3)

Interim analysis W40

A Geometric Mean Change in Spot UPCR from Baseline



B Least-Squares Geometric Mean Change in Spot UPCR from Baseline

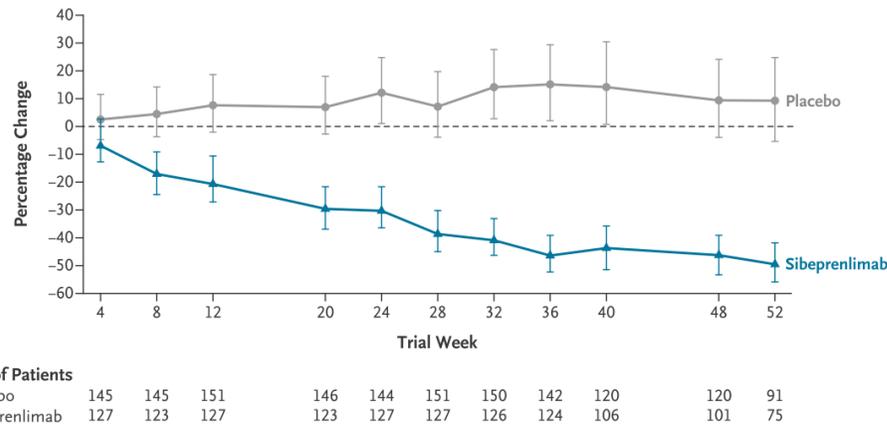


Figure 1. Change from Baseline in Urinary Protein-to-Creatinine Ratio.

<0,5g/g: 34/99, 34% vs 15/118, 12%

B Change in 24-Hour UPCR from Baseline over 9 Months, According to Stratification Factors

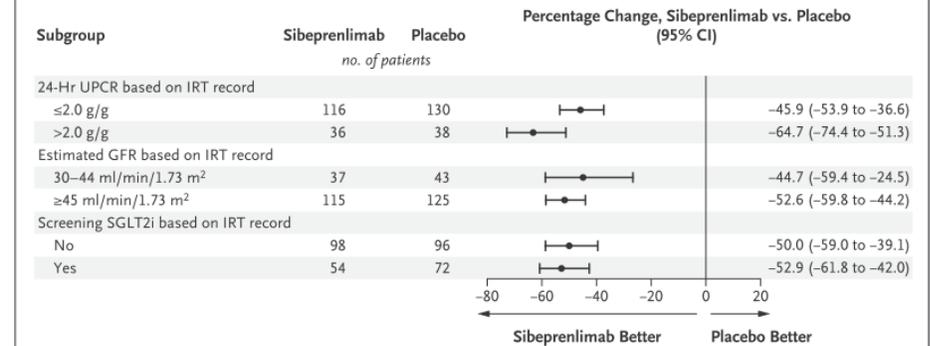
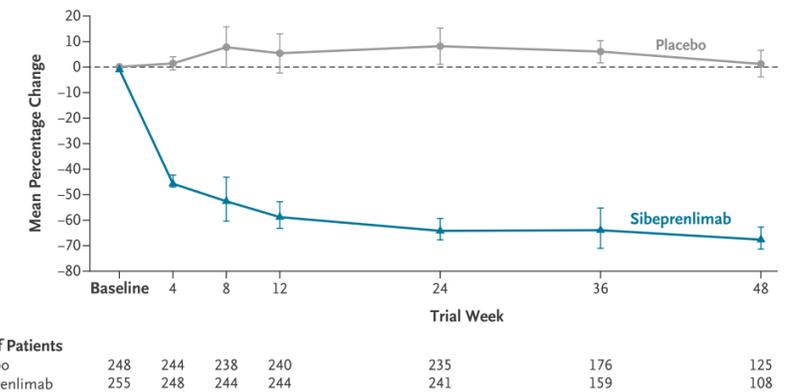


Figure 2. Interim Subgroup Analyses of 24-Hr UPCR at 9 Months (Full Analysis Population).

A Change in Serum GD-IgA1 Level from Baseline



No. of Patients	248	244	238	240	235	176	125
Placebo	248	244	238	240	235	176	125
Sibeprenlimab	255	248	244	244	241	159	108

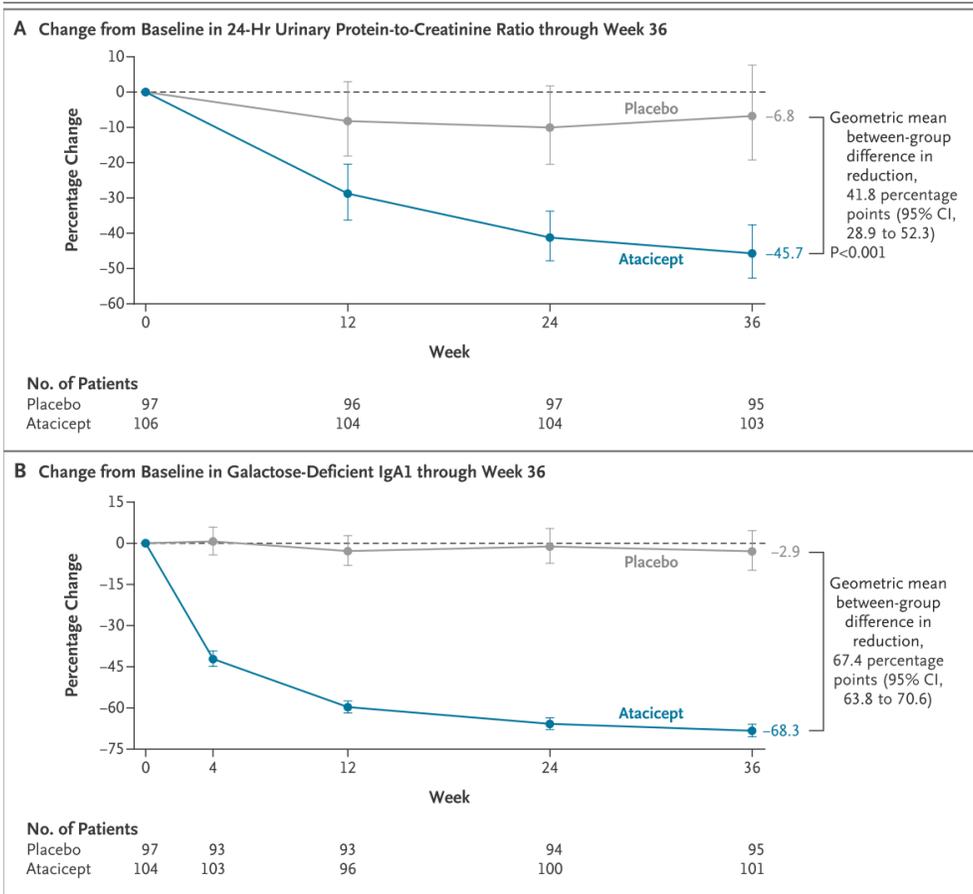
Emerging therapies: anti B cell: atacicept ?

203 patients, 57% men, 55% Asian, 99% ACE/ARB, iSGLT2 53%

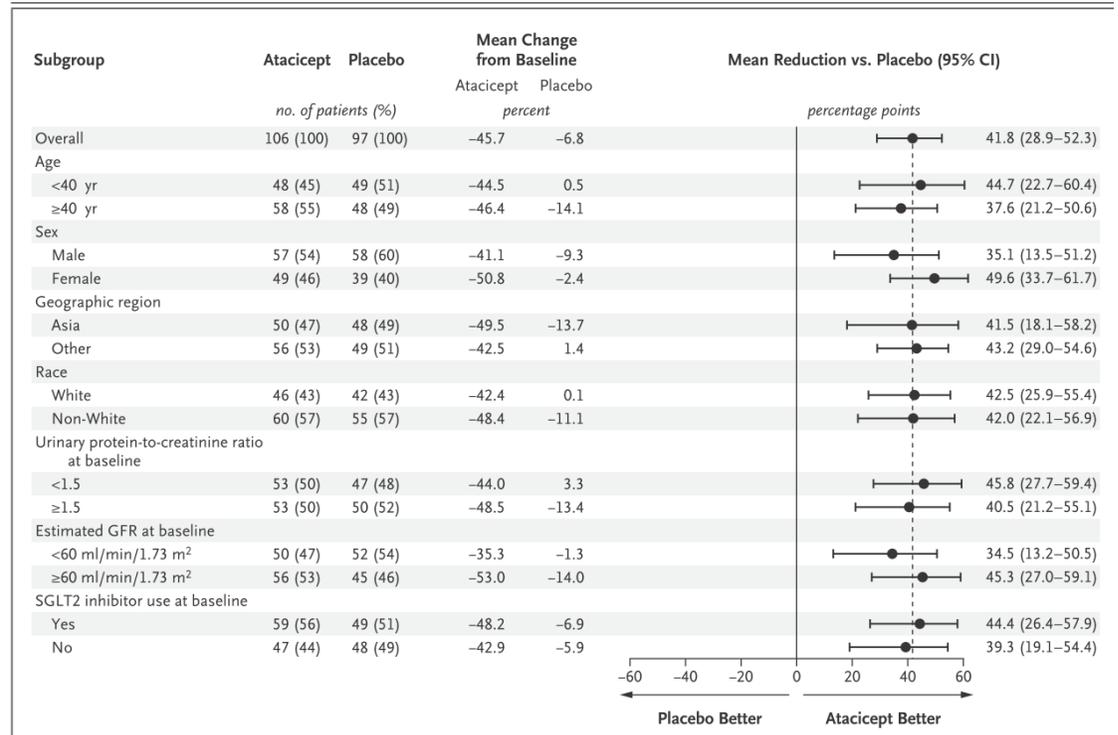
Median: 40y, 65ml/mn/1,73m2, Proteinuria 2,2g/d

Atacicept: 150mg sub cutaneous /week (ongoing phase 3)

W36 proteinuria



Hu resolution: 81% vs 12%



No safety alert

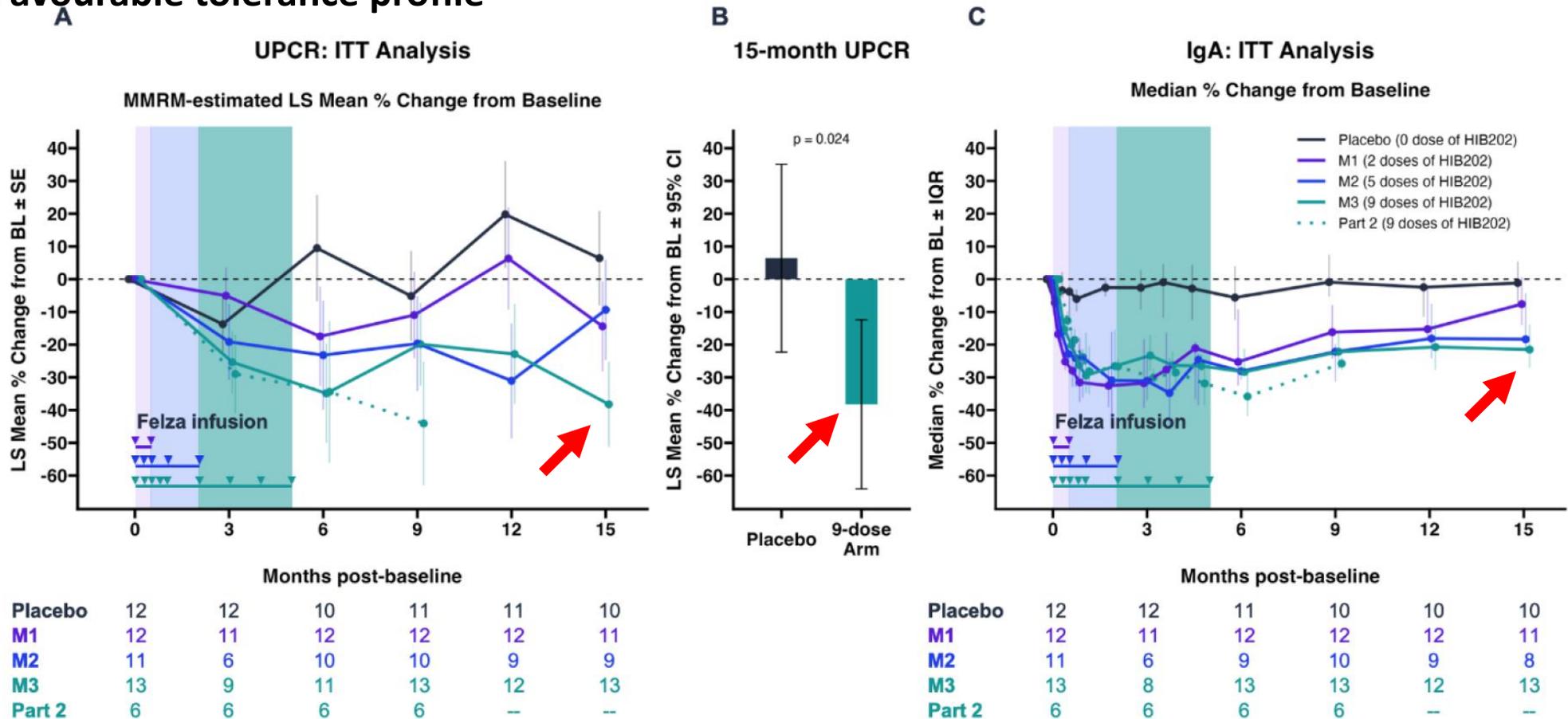
Emerging therapies: anti B cells ?

Felzartamab: anti-CD38; phase 2 study, different doses (max 9d in 5 months)

48 patients, UPCR 1,67, eGFR 74ml/mn/1,73m²

UPCR: 38% reduction at m15 (9 doses regimen); reduction in circulating IgA

Favourable tolerance profile



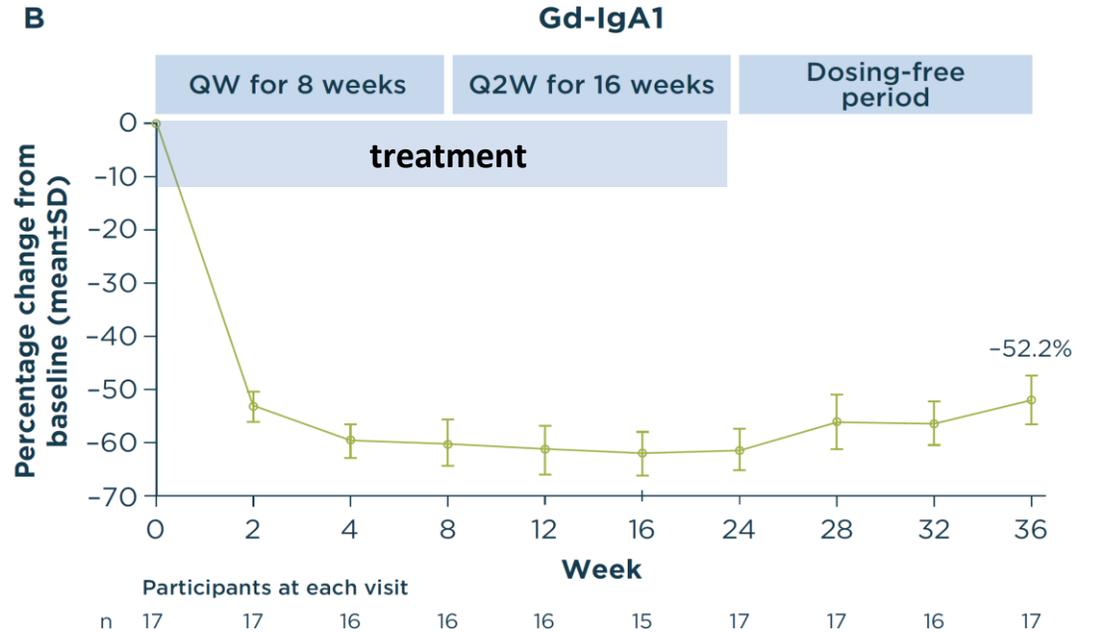
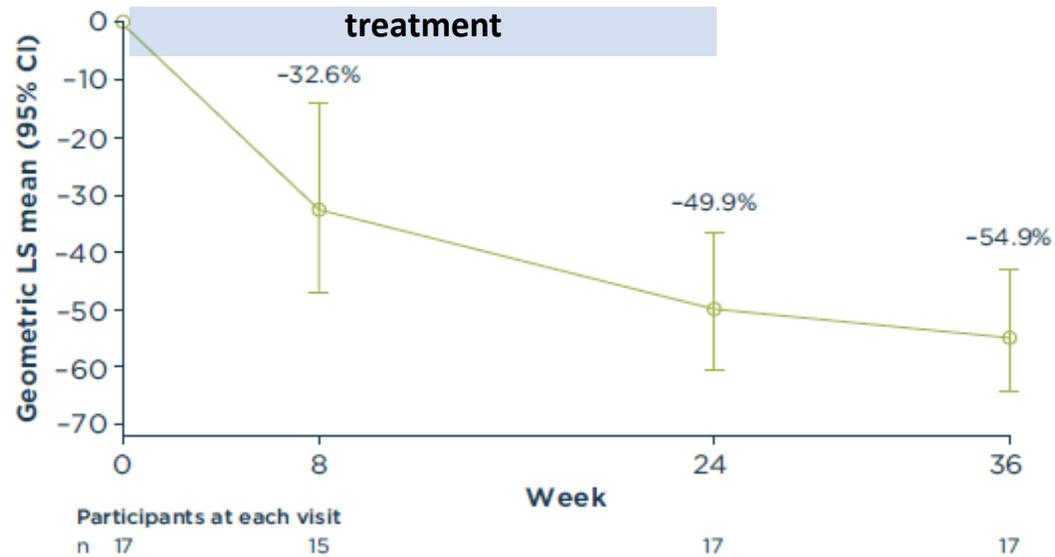
Emerging therapies: anti B cells ?

Mezagitamab: anti-CD38; phase 1b study, 24w treatment

17 patients, 40y, UPCR 1,5, eGFR 74ml/mn/1,73m²

UPCR: 54% reduction at m9; reduction in circulating IgA; Favourable tolerance profile

Figure 3. Percentage change from baseline in proteinuria based on 24-h UPCR over time

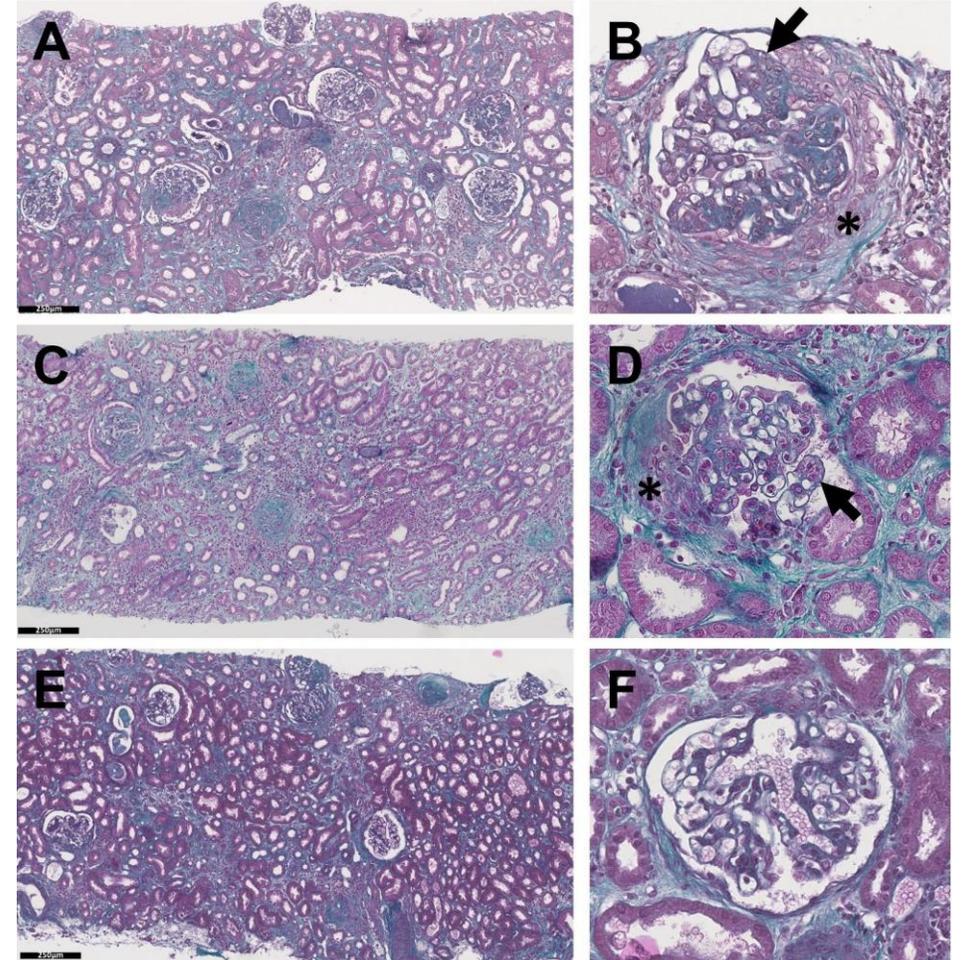


Emerging therapies: anti B cells ?

Daratumumab (routinely available anti-CD38 antibody)

Daratumumab in high risk IgAN patients (n=4...)

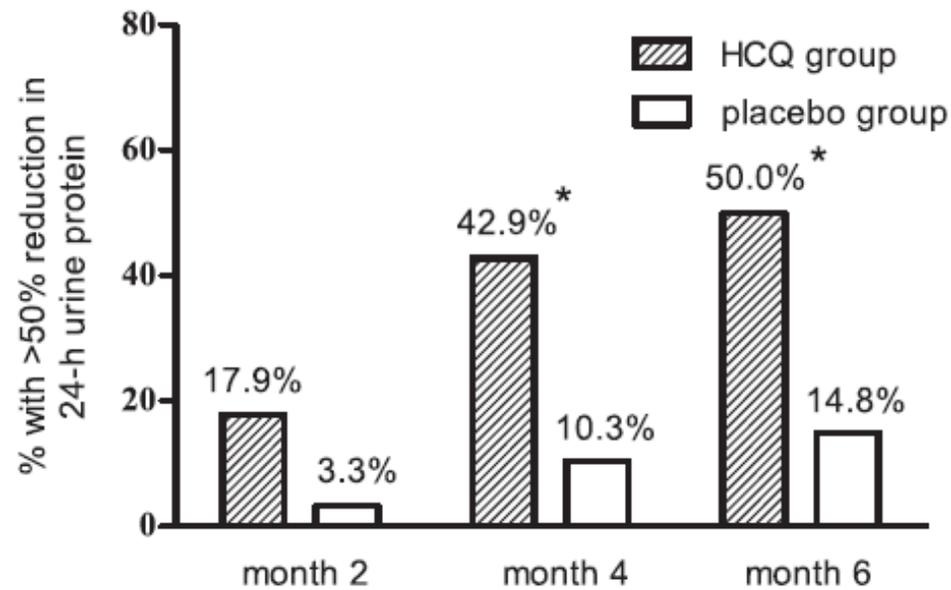
Presentation at dara initiation						Last follow-up from dara initiation					
eGFR	Alb	PCR	UHem	Last IgAN KB (delay/dara initiation)	Protocol	FU	eGFR	Alb	PCR	UHem	Repeat KB (delay/dara initiation)
58	NA	1,5	10000 0	M0E1S0TOC1 (3m)	Dara Bor Dex, 9m	21m	51	48	0,1	1000	M1E1S0T0 C0 (3 m)
26	32,8	4,1	15000	M1E1S1T1 C1 (2m)	Dara Dex, 9m	11m	59	42	0,5	<1000	M1E0S1T1 C0 (4m)
17	36	0,73	10000 0	M1E0S1T0 C1 (35m)	Dara Dex, 6m	16m	23,2	NA	0,1	4000	NA
25	27	4.47	90000	M1E1S1T0 C1 (29m)	Dara Dex, 12m	13m	32	42	0,9	7000	NA



Emerging therapies: anti-B cell ?

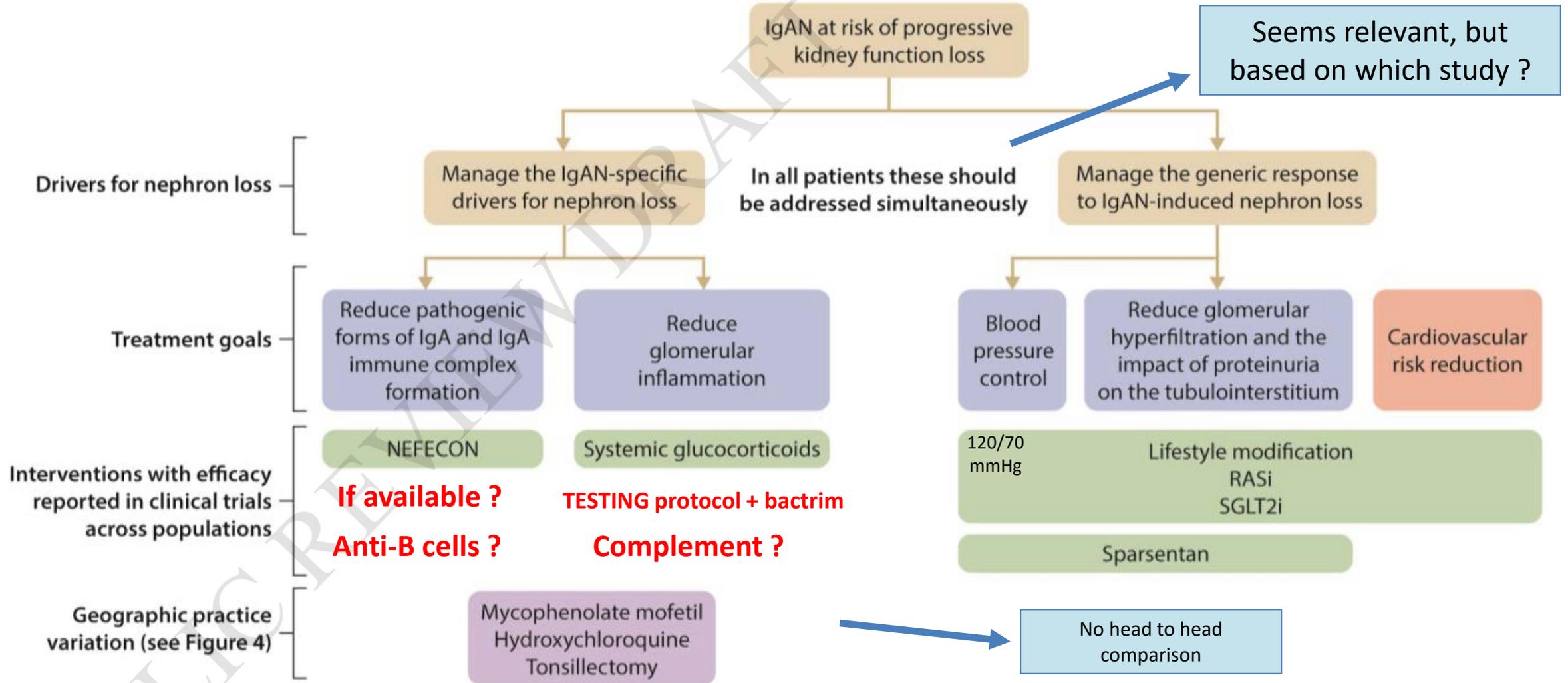
Hydroxychloroquine

60 chinese patients, Pu 1,6g/d despite RASi,; HCQ: 50% Pu reduction M6



PHRC 2021
N. Maillard (St Etienne)

New paradigm ?



Which criteria to stratify these treatments ?

CONCLUSIONS: new available treatments ?

When ?

Nephroprotection and immunomodulation **simultaneously**

How ?

Various protocols (no pozzi...)

Low-dose steroids (Testing) for Asian? +/- MMF ?

TRF-budesonide or available enteric budesonide ?



The next: numerous new tools

Nephroprotection (Endoth Recept antagonism)

Timing, selection criteria

Anti-B cell treatments (BAFF-APRIL/ CD38) ? Complement ? Long term HCQ ?

Individualized treatment approach: proposition

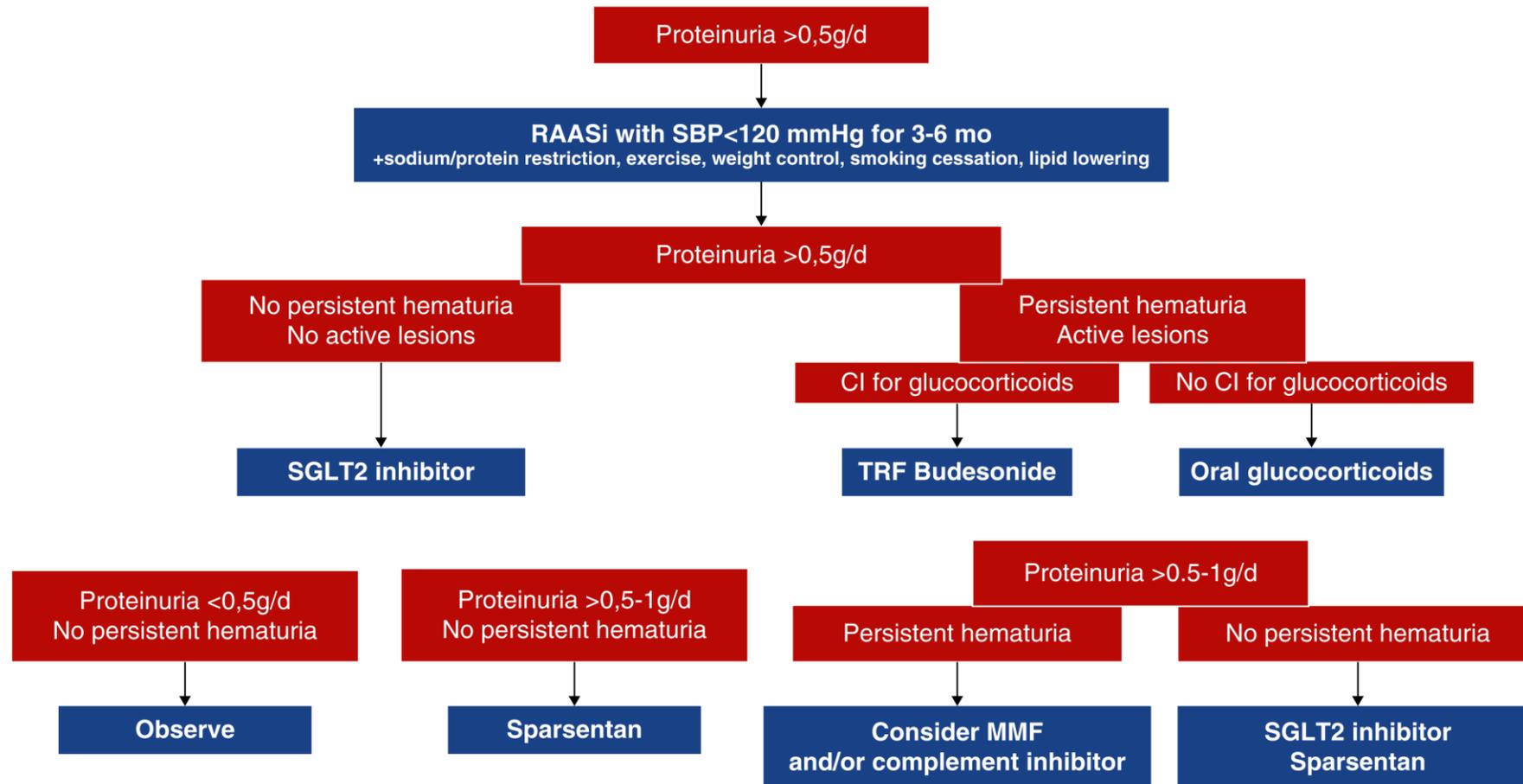


Figure 3. Proposal for an individualized treatment approach in patients with IgA nephropathy. CI, contraindication; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; TRF, targeted-release formulation; SGLT2, sodium–glucose transporter 2.

Individualized treatment : just a proposition

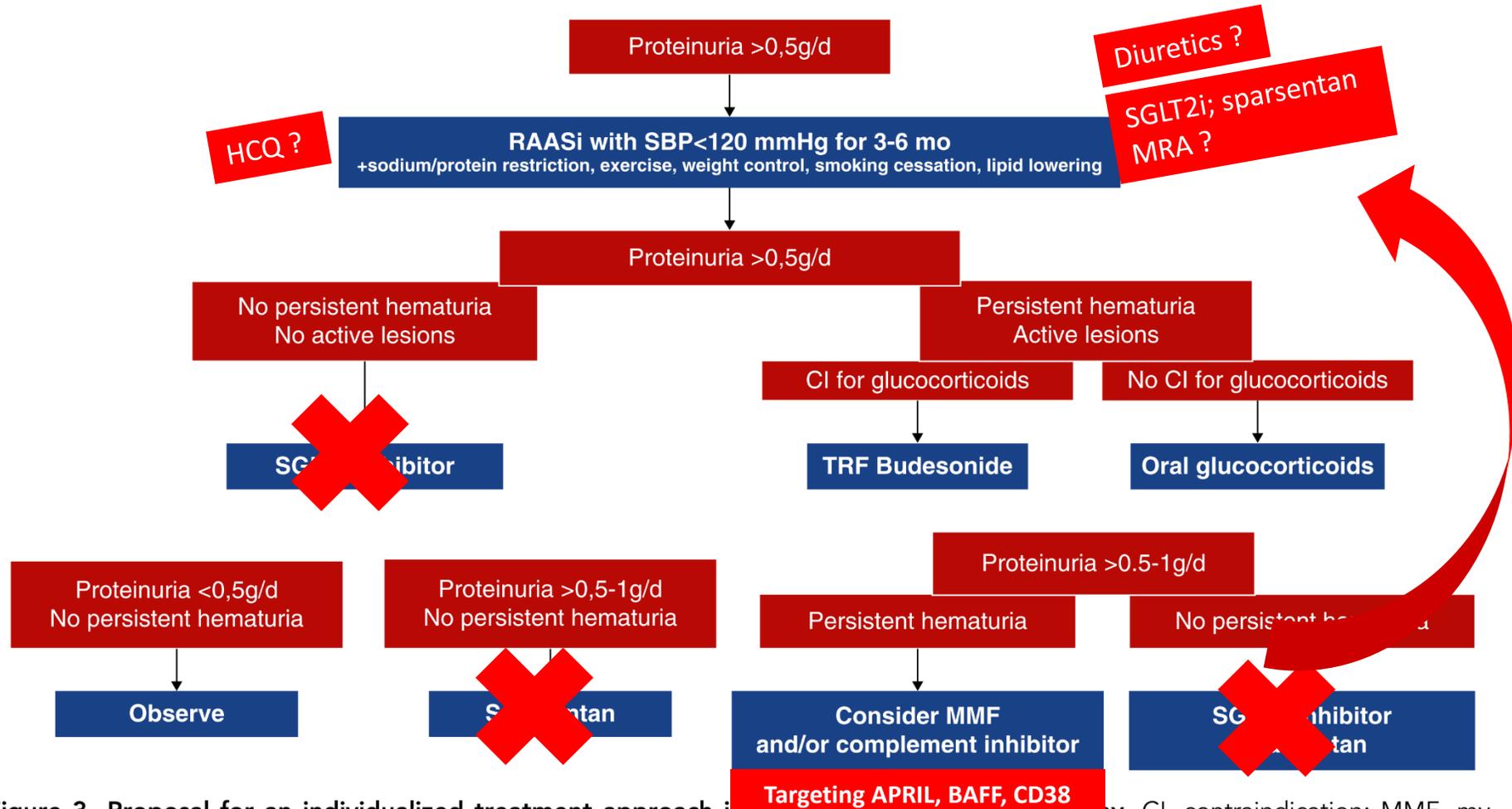


Figure 3. Proposal for an individualized treatment approach in proteinuric kidney disease. CI, contraindication; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; TRF, targeted-release formulation; SGLT2, sodium–glucose transporter 2.

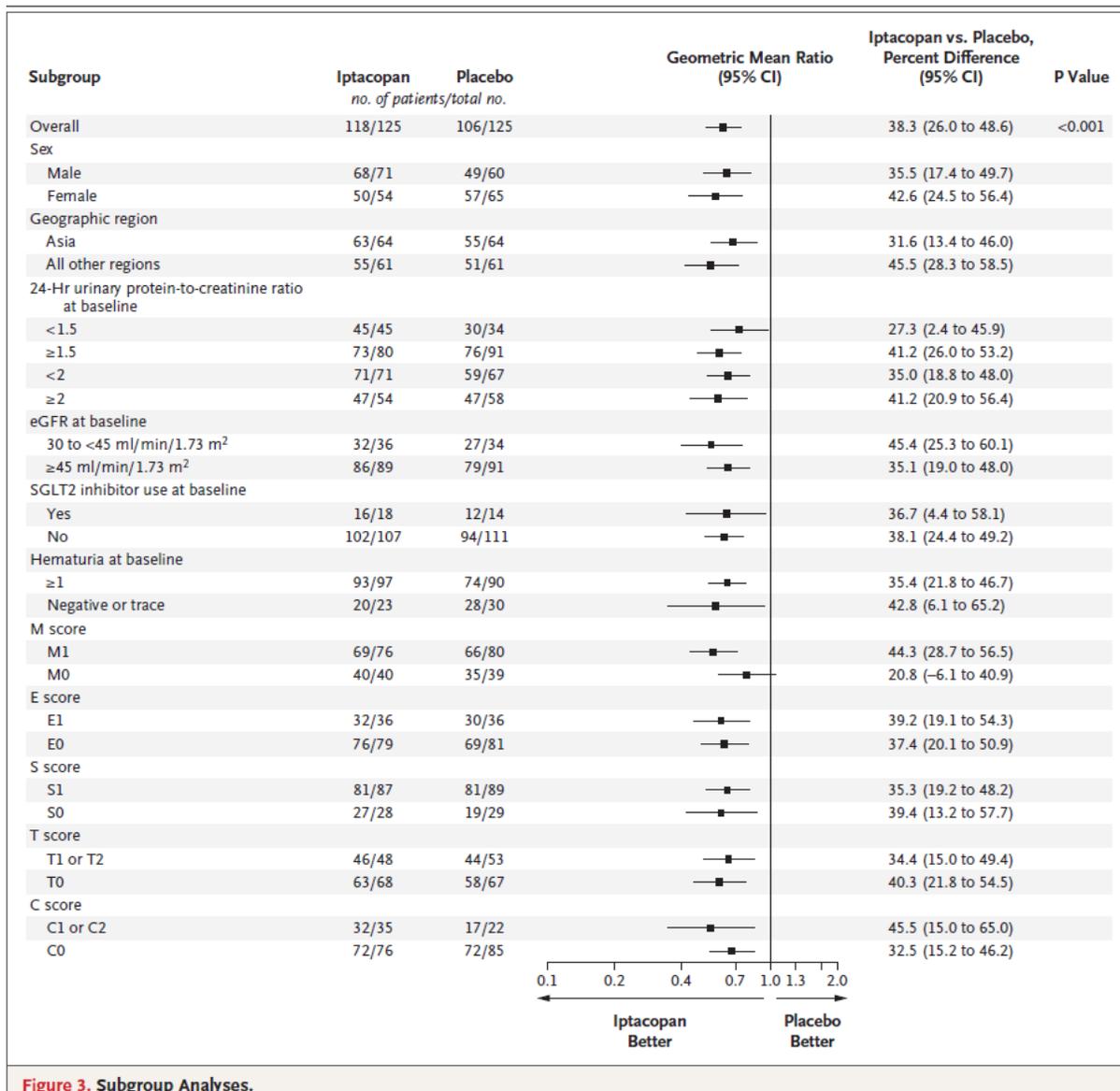
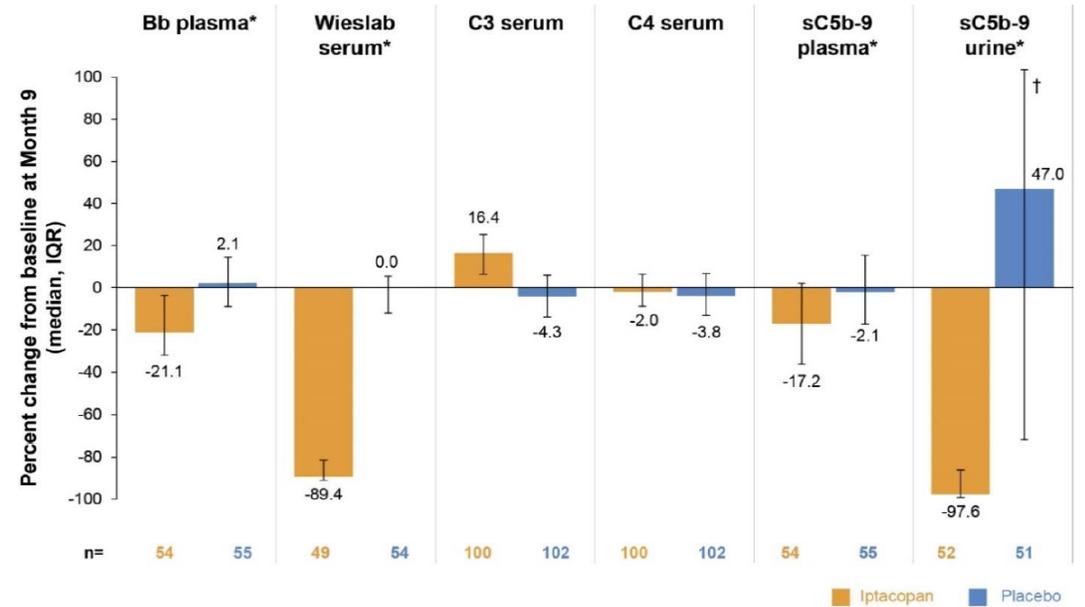


Figure 3. Subgroup Analyses.

Benefit of iptacopan in subgroup analysis

Supplementary Figure S6: Change from Baseline to Month 9 in Complement Pathway Biomarkers



Reduction in C biomarkers (uC5b9: proteinuria ??)