

C3G: PATHOLOGY AND UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

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Disclosure of Interests

None





Definition of C3G

- Dominant C3 staining on IF staining
- Pattern of injury- most often membranoproliferative, followed by mesangial proliferative, rarely crescentic, with a variable degree of sclerosing lesions
- EM- Further subclassified into C3GN and DDD

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Can we do more with the biopsy

 Confirmation of alternative pathway of complement activation versus role for other complement pathways (classical and lectin): Role for C4d staining



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Can we do more with the biopsy

 Pronase studies to determine whether unmasked deposits are present- in particular monotypic Ig deposits

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Can we do more with the biopsy

Electron microscopy: Overlap of C3GN and DDD findings- does it matter?

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Overlap of ultrastructural findings in C3 glomerulonephritis and dense deposit disease



C3 or more than C3

- Breakdown/activation products of C3: convincing mass spectrometry data
- Staining for C5-9



Other pathology questions-Patterns of injury

- Rare cases of severe crescentic C3G, sclerosing lesions
- Substructures in C3G deposits



Post infectious GN and C3GN: can we/should we separate the two

- Clinical presentation/duration of kidney disease
- Pattern- diffuse proliferative GN
- Presence of IgG + C3 versus C3 only
- Subepithelial humps
- Ancillary studies- C4d

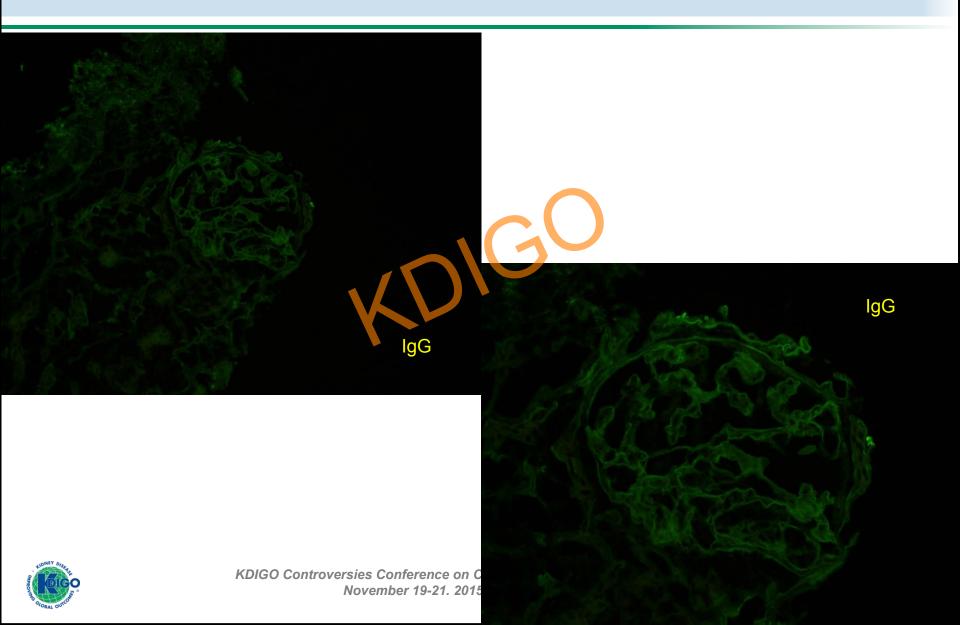




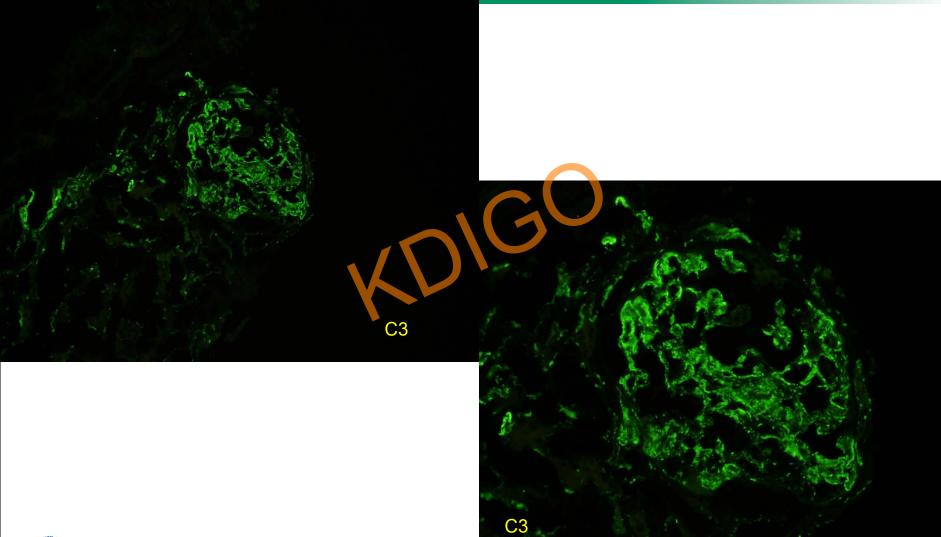




Recurrent C3GN-role for C4d

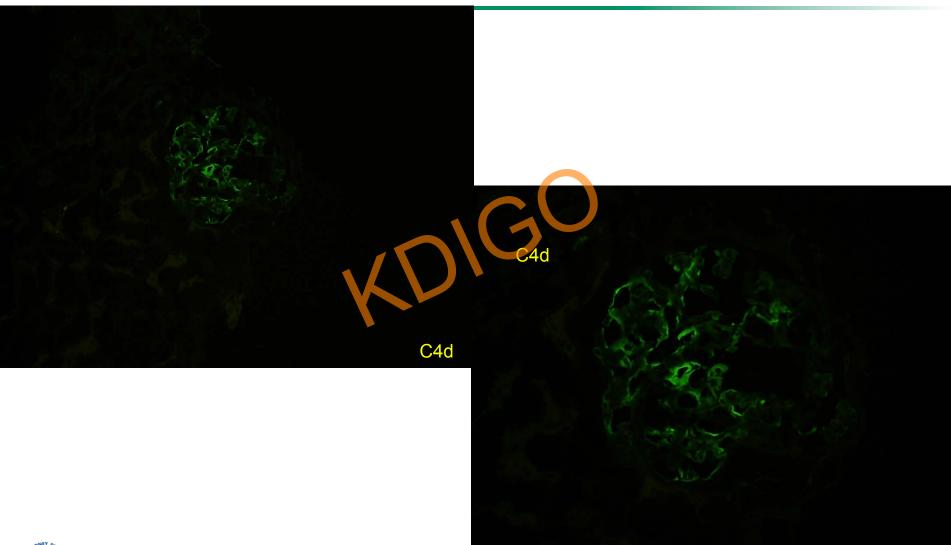


C3 in recurrent C3GN



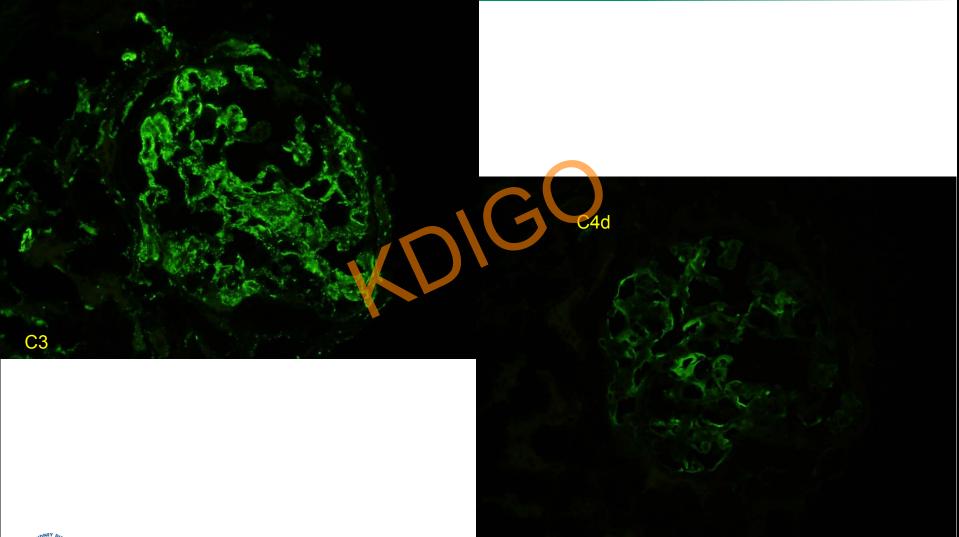






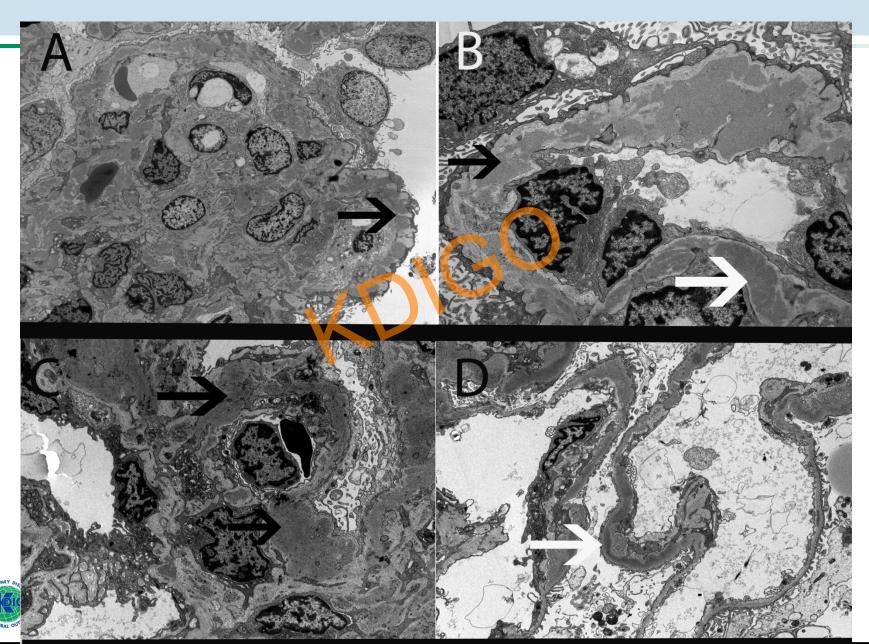


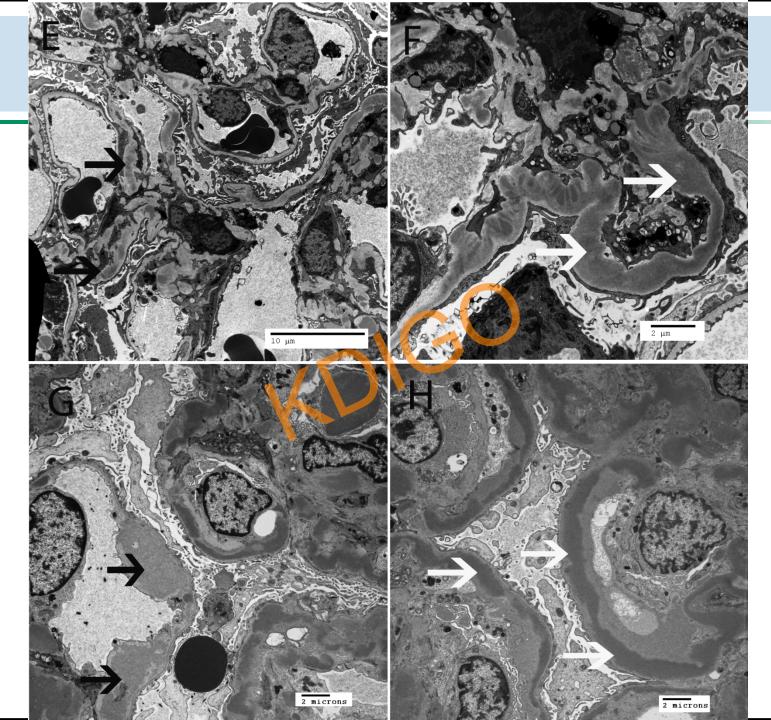
C3 versus C4d





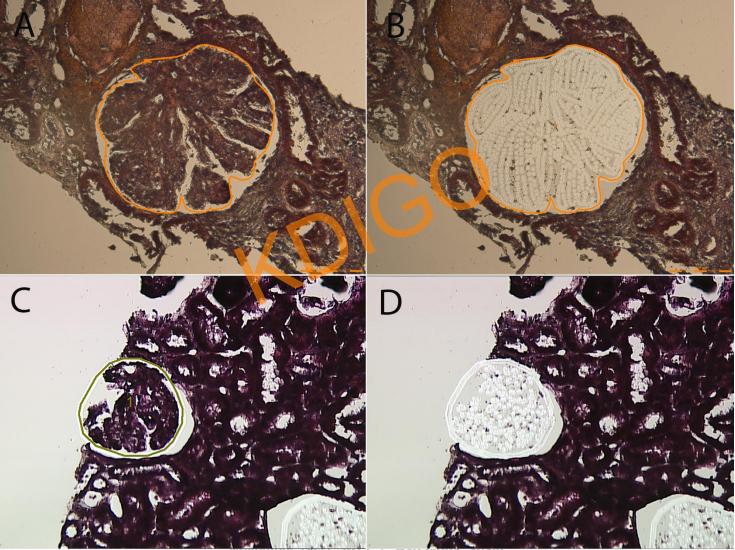
Overlapping features







Breakdown/activation products of C3



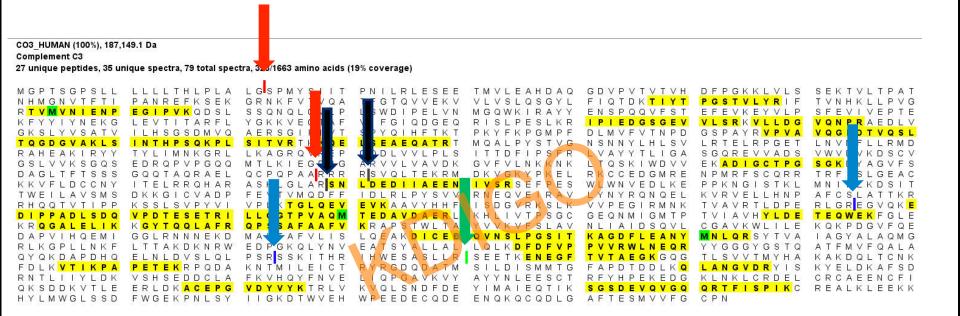


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LCMS of 6 patients of C3GN and 6 patients of DDD

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Location of bars

Before red bar: Signal sequence Between two red bars = β chain Between two black bars = C3a Between second black and first blue = C3c (α 1) Between blue bars = C3dg Between second blue to green bar = C3f From green to end = C3c (α 2) *KDIGO Controversies Conference on Complement-Mediated Kidney Diseases November 19-21. 2015* | *Barcelona, Spain*

4B. Dense deposit disease

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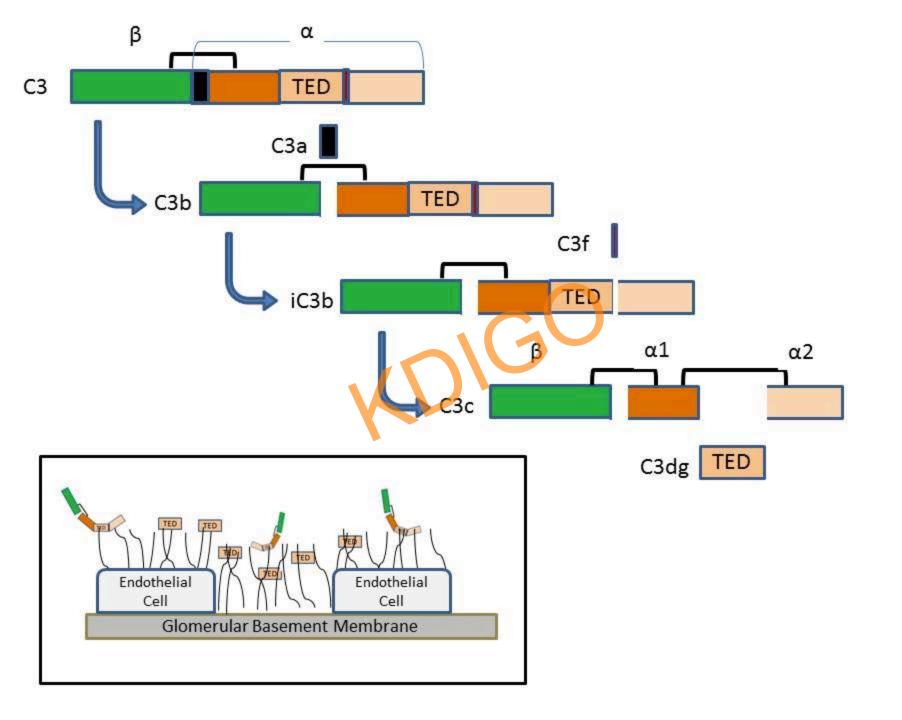
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	Complem	CO3_HUM	Patient 03	100%	0.066%	3	3	4	2.2%
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	Complem	CO3_HUM	Patient 05	100%	0.28%	12	14	15	9.9%
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	Complem	CO3_HUM	Patient 07	100%	1.00%	32	40	77	23%
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	Complem	CO3_HUM	Patient 09	100%	0.10%	6	6	8	4.3%
	Complem	CO3_HUM	Patient 10	100%	0.14%	5	7	7	5.1%
	Complem	CO3_HUM	Patient 11	100%	0.53%	19	26	28	16%
	Complem	CO3_HUM	Patient 12	100%	0.43%	13	19	23	11%



Percentage amino acid coverage of C3 proteins detected by mass spectrometry

		Overall amino acid cove rage	C3 β chain	C3a	C3c- α1	C3dg	C3f	С3с-α2
Patient 1	C3GN #1	16	6.3	0	4.3	30.9	0	7.0
Patient 2	C3GN #2	16	11.5	0	4.3	35.5	0	17.5
Patient 3	C3GN #3	19	17.8	0	12.1	34.6	0	17.7
Patient 4	DDD #1	8	2.2	0	14.5	24	0	3.5
Patient 5	DDD #2	10	10	0	0	23.2	0	3.5
Patient 6	DDD #3	11	7.7	0	4.3	30	0	3.5
Patient 7	C3GN #4	23	16	0	14.5	50	0	17.7
Patient 8	C3GN #5	7	0	0	0	30	0	0
Patient 9	C3GN #6	4	0	0	0	16.9	0	3.5
Patient 10	DDD #4	5	0	0	14.5	15.4	0	0
Patient 11	DDD #5	15	9.3	0	4.3	47	0	3.5
Patient 12	DDD #6	10	5.9	0	4.3	32	0	0





C5b-9 staining Supplement: C3 coverage map showing number of unique peptides, number of

total spectra and number of unique spectra

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What is the relationship of post-infectious GN to C3 glomerulopathy: two different or related entities

- Clinical presentation/duration of kidney disease
- Pattern- diffuse proliferative GN
- Presence of IgG + C3 versus C3 only
- Subepithelial humps
- Ancillary studies- C4d

Atypical postinfectious glomerulonephritis is associated with abnormalities in the alternative pathway of complement

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Electron Microscopy

- Required in every case?
- Overlapping features

