



# Focal and Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) in Kidney Transplantation

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# Outline

## **I-Introduction**

- Epidemiology
- Classification of FSGS
- Pathogenesis
- FSGS variants
- FSGS in kidney transplantation

## **II-The Necker Hospital Experience**

# Epidemiology of FSGS on native kidney

## Increasing frequency

### \*Children:

20% 1990-1992 → 47% 1992-1996 *Gulati S et al. AJKD 1999*

### \*Adults:

2.5% 1974 → 18.7% 1993 *D'Agati V et al. Kidney Int 1994*

4% 1974-1979 → 12.7% 1987-1993 *Haas M et al. AJKD 1995*

**The most common cause of transplantation in children.** *NAPRTCS 1997*

# FSGS Classification

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# Pathogenesis

# Primary FSGS: Pathogenesis of recurrence

## \*Circulating Vascular Permeability Factor :

-Early recurrence of nephrotic syndrome after transplantation. *Hoyer JR et al. Lancet 1972*

-Serum from patients with recurrent FSGS infused in rats induced albuminuria. *Zimmerman SW et al. Clin Nephrol 1984*

-Occurrence of a transient nephrotic syndrome in newborn infants of women with FSGS. *Lagrue G et al. Presse Med 1991*

-Plasma exchange and/or immunoadsorption can induce remission. *Dantal J et al. NEJM 1994*

# Primary FSGS: Pathogenesis of recurrence

## \*T lymphocyte disorder?

-Vascular Permeability Factor and T-cell hybridomas from patients with FSGS. *Koyama A et al. Kidney Int 1991*

-Th2 profile?

- Increased IL-13 mRNA expression in PBMC from patients *Yap HK et al. JASN 1999*

-Overexpression of IL-13 in rat induce MCD. *Lai KW et al. JASN 2007*

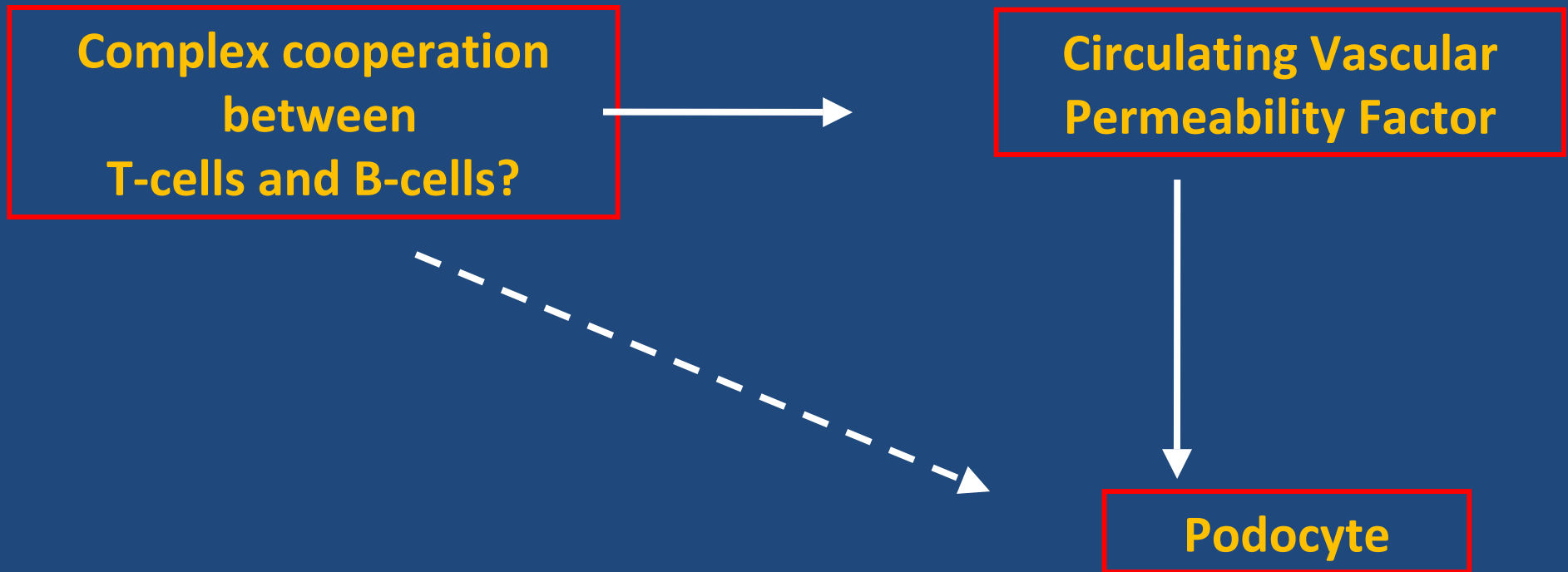
-CD34<sup>+</sup> stem cells of patients with INS induced albuminuria in a humanized mouse model. *Sellier-Leclerc AL et al, JASN 2007*

-But Calcineurin inhibitors, anti-CD3 and anti-CD52 have inconstant efficiencies

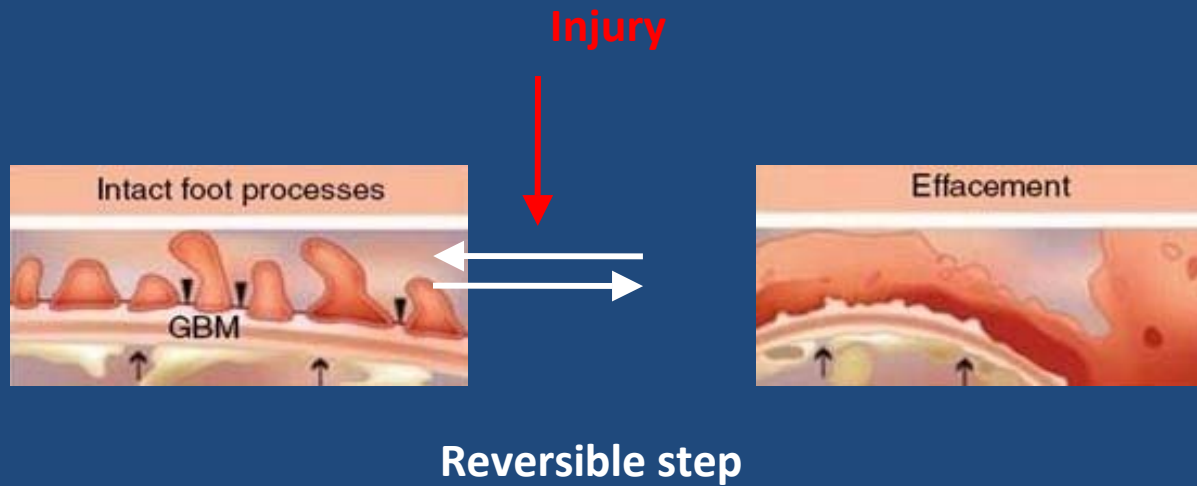
## \*B lymphocyte disorder?

-Inconstant efficiency of Rituximab.

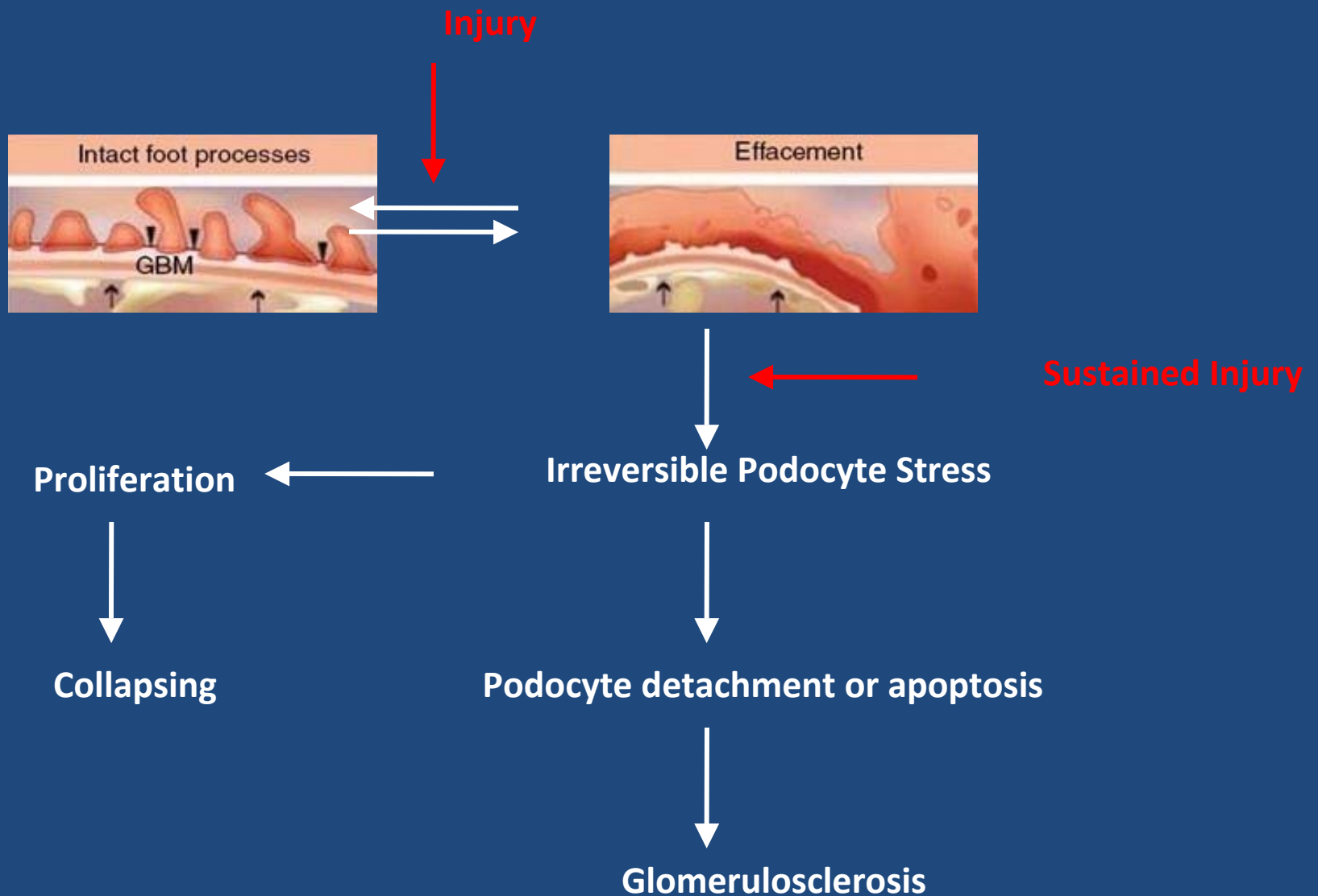
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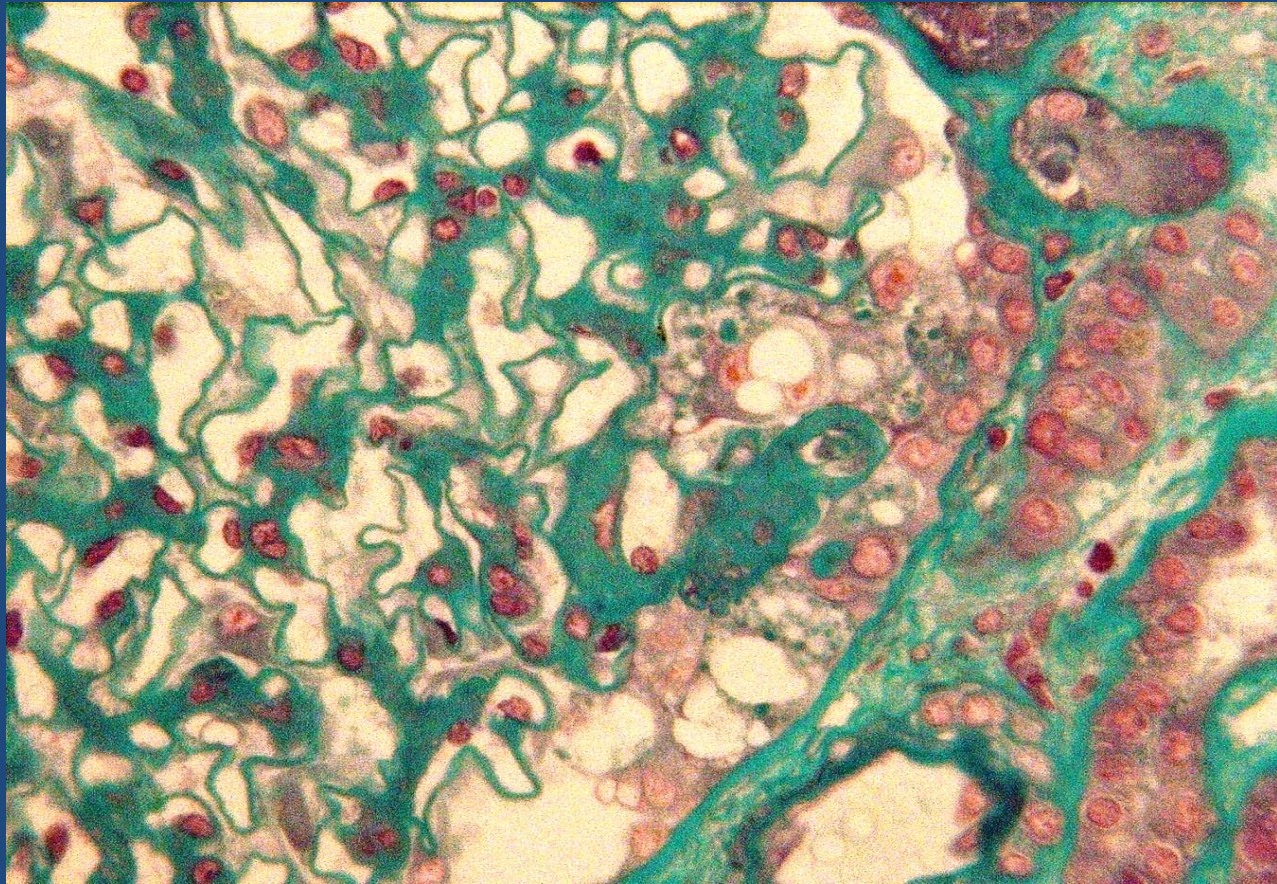
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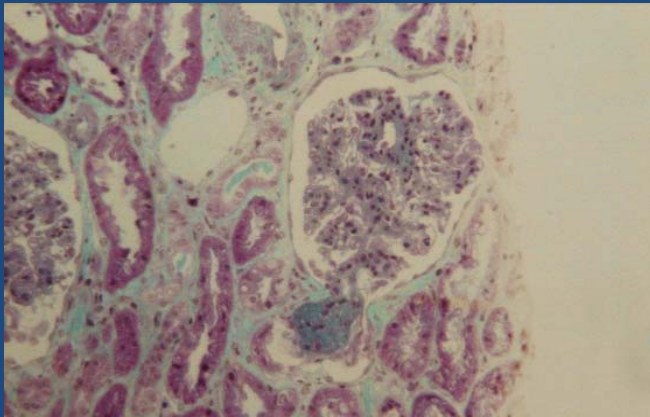
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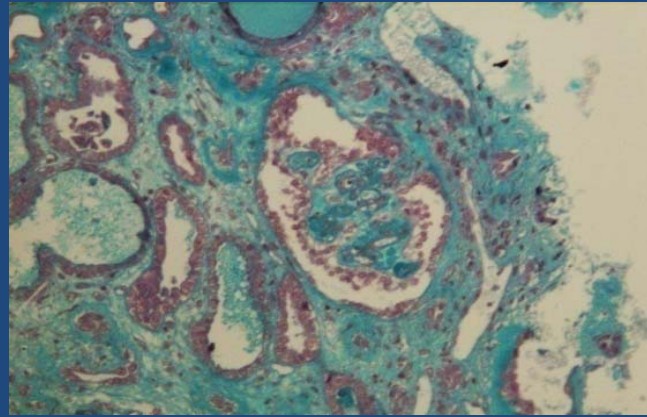
# FSGS variants

# The Columbia classification of FSGS variants

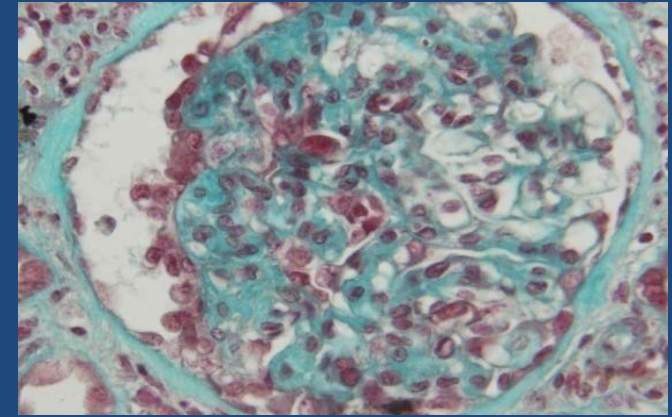
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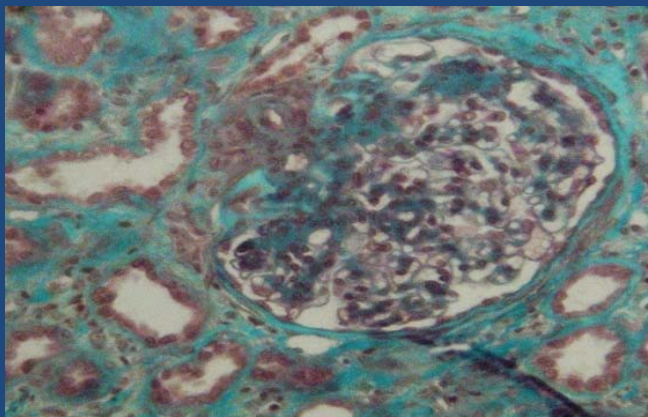
**Collapsing (COL)**



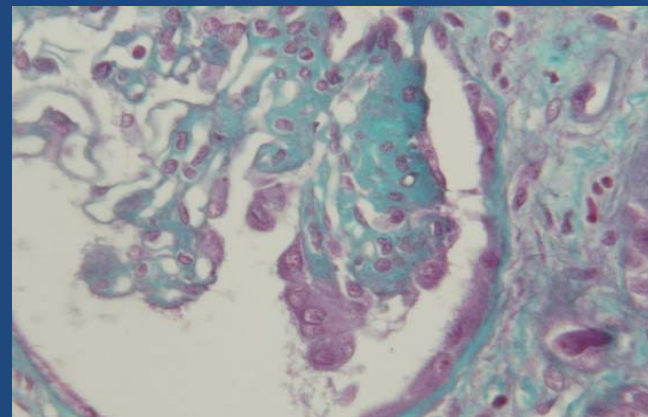
**Cellular (CELL)**



**Perihilar (PH)**



**Not otherwise specified (NOS)**



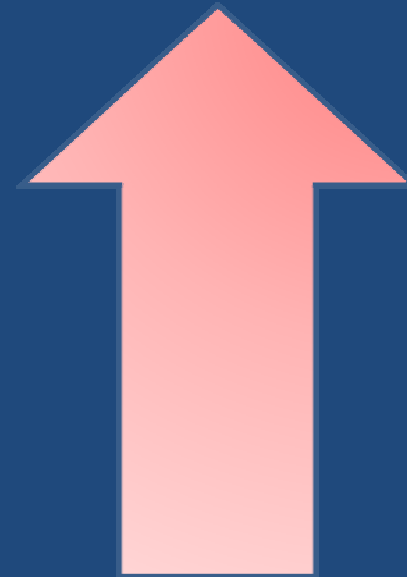
# Prognosis of FSGS variants on native kidneys

- **TIP:**
  - often steroid sensitive
  - rarely progress to ESRD. *Stokes MB et al. Kidney Int 2004. Thomas DB et al. Kidney Int 2006*
- **COL:**
  - severe prognosis
  - poor or even no response to treatment. *Stokes MB et al. Kidney Int 2004. Thomas DB et al. Kidney Int 2006*
- **NOS, PH and CELL:**
  - intermediate prognosis. *Stokes MB et al. Kidney Int 2004. Thomas DB et al. Kidney Int 2006*

# FSGS in kidney transplantation

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- **Recurrence after transplantation:**
  - Frequent (20-80%)
  - Poor graft surviving: 50-60% at five years
- **Risks factors:**
  - Recurrence on a previous graft
  - Young age at onset
  - Rapidity of evolution toward ESRD?
  - Mesangial proliferation?
  - Duration of HD before kidney transplantation?
  - Donor age?



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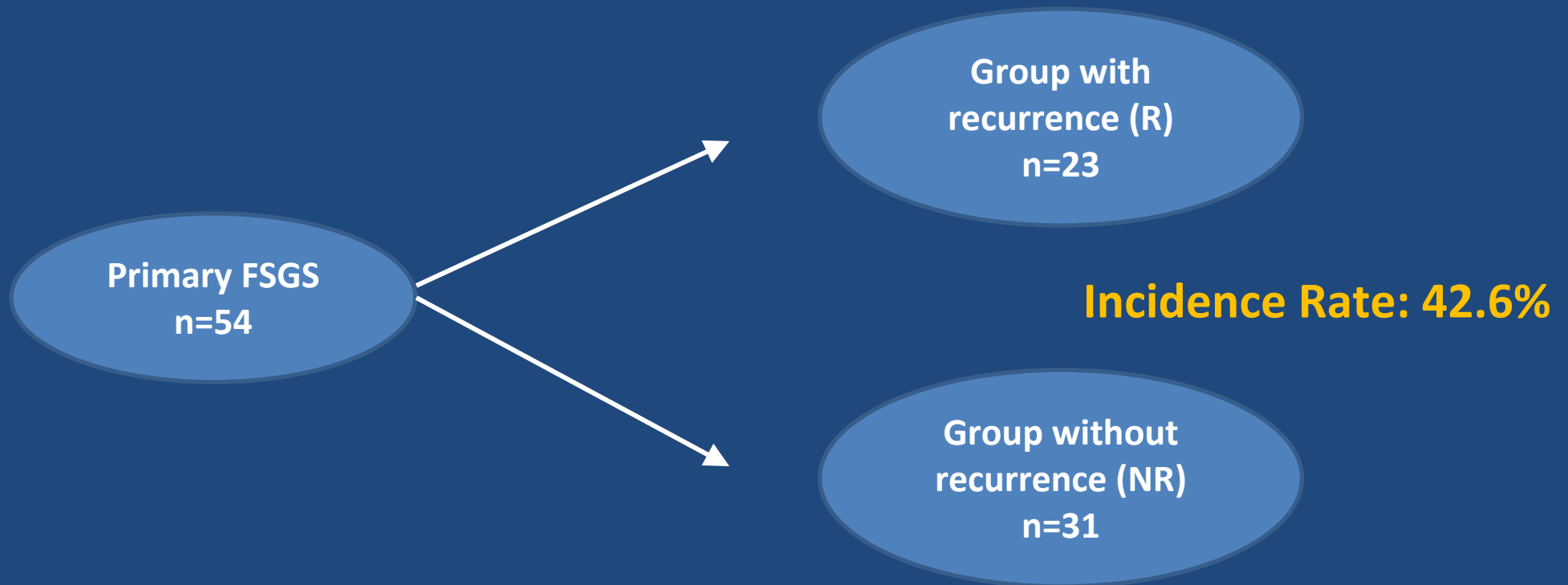
## Material and methods:

- \*Patient with primary FSGS

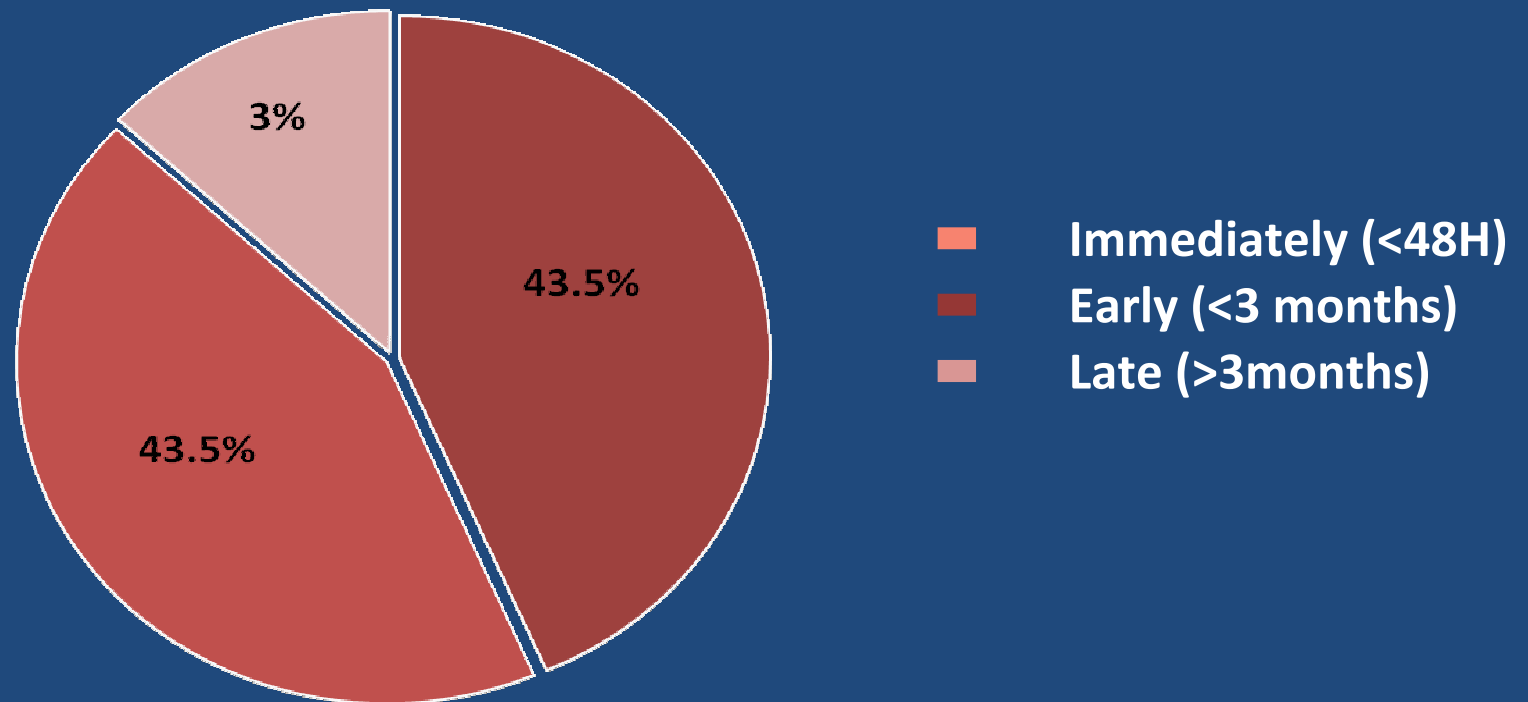
- \*Period 1996-2006, n=875 kidney transplantation

- \*Nephrotic range proteinuria without glomerular abnormality

# Frequency and risks factors for recurrence



# Delay of recurrence



# Frequency and risks factors for recurrence

## Recipients characteristics:

- \* Age at onset of proteinuria
- \* Sex
- \* Ethnical characteristics
- \* Recurrence on a previous graft
- \* Delay before ESRD
- \* Duration of hemodialysis
- \* Immunosuppressive drug during the post transplant course

## Donors characteristics:

- \* Age
- \* Sex
- \* Cold ischemia
- \* HLA mismatch
- \* Creatinine level

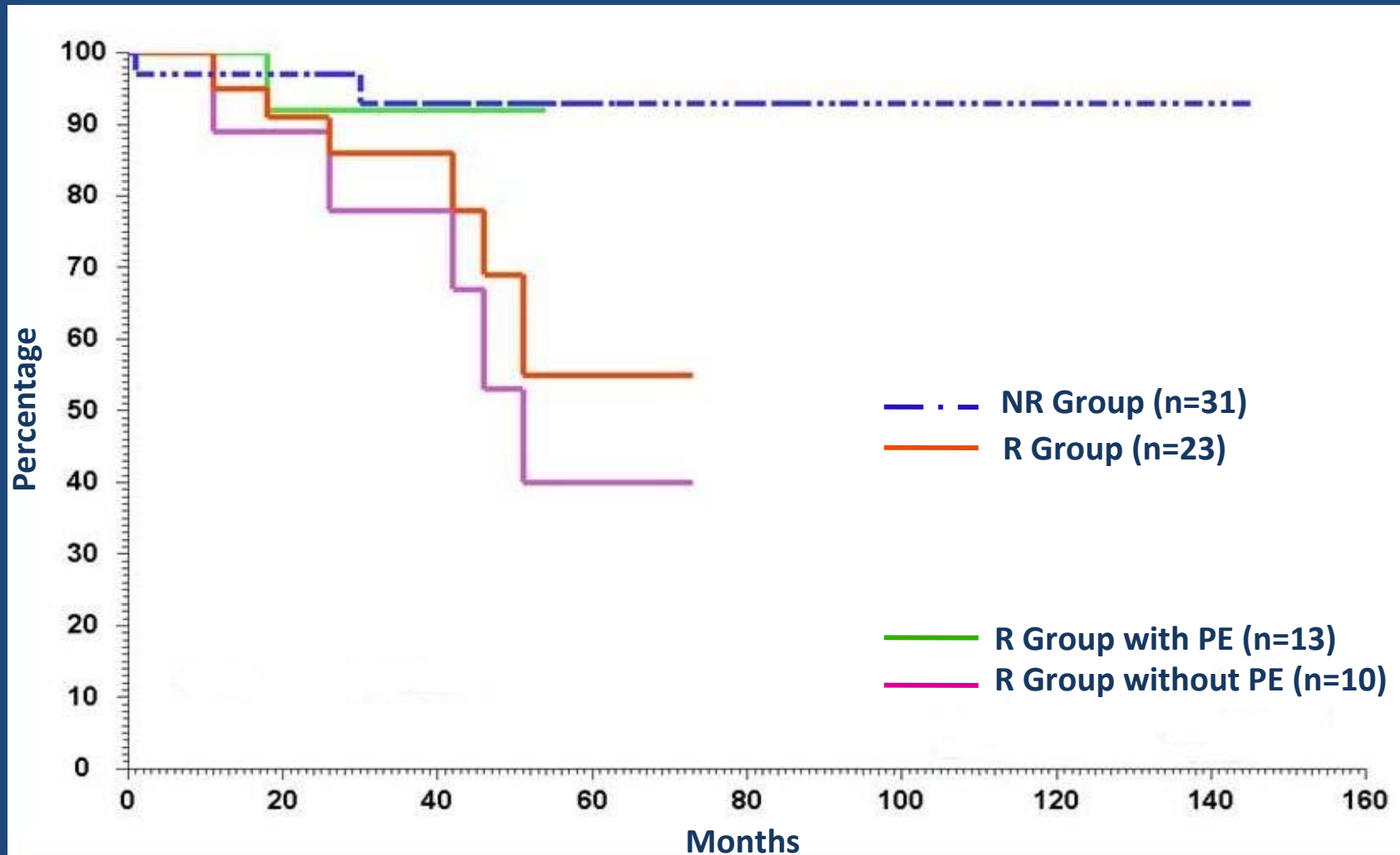
# Risks factors for recurrence: **univariate analysis**

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>R group</b>	<b>NR group</b>	<b>P-value</b>
Age at onset of proteinuria (years)	16.7±9.6	23.8±10.3	0.01
Recurrence on a previous graft	8/9	0/7	0.001
Delay before ESRD (years)	2.8±1.7	5±5	0.004
Duration of HD (years)	2.3±2.3	5±3.8	0.04
Donor age (years)	49.9 ±13.7	42.5±12.8	0.04

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# Allograft survival rate: **Necker Cohort**



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# **The Columbia classification of Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis and allograft risk of recurrence**

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# FSGS classification and allograft risk of recurrence in adults and infants

## Material and methods:

\*Biopsy proven idiopathic FSGS and evolution toward ESRD (excluding all secondary forms) including **adults and children**

### \*Biopsies performed:

- On native kidneys
- Transplanted kidney: screening biopsies at Month 3 and 12
- Transplanted kidney and Proteinuria Recurrence
- Transplanted kidney and Acute renal failure

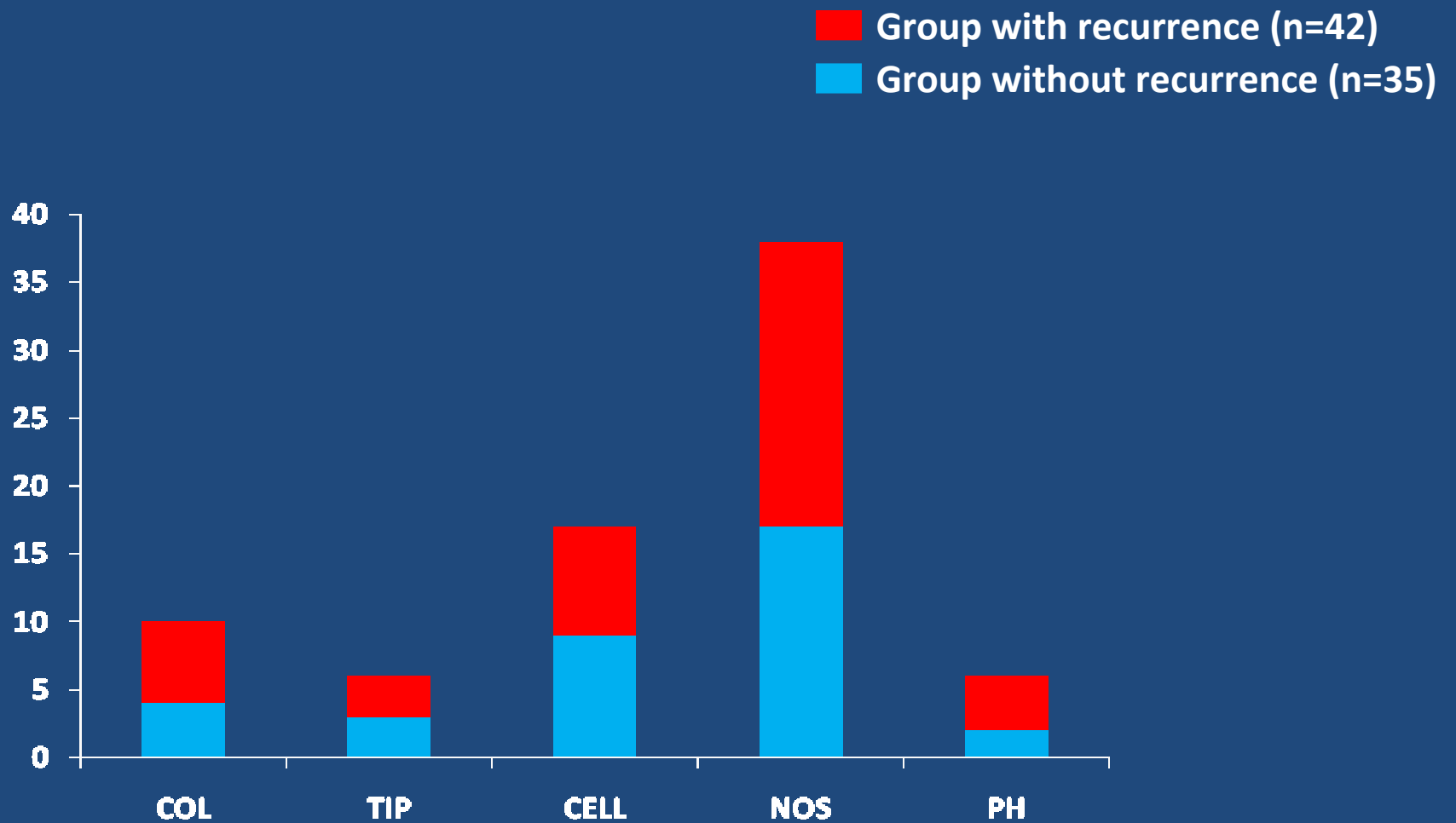
\*Columbia classification for each biopsy, at least 15 serial sections

# FSGS on **natives** kidney

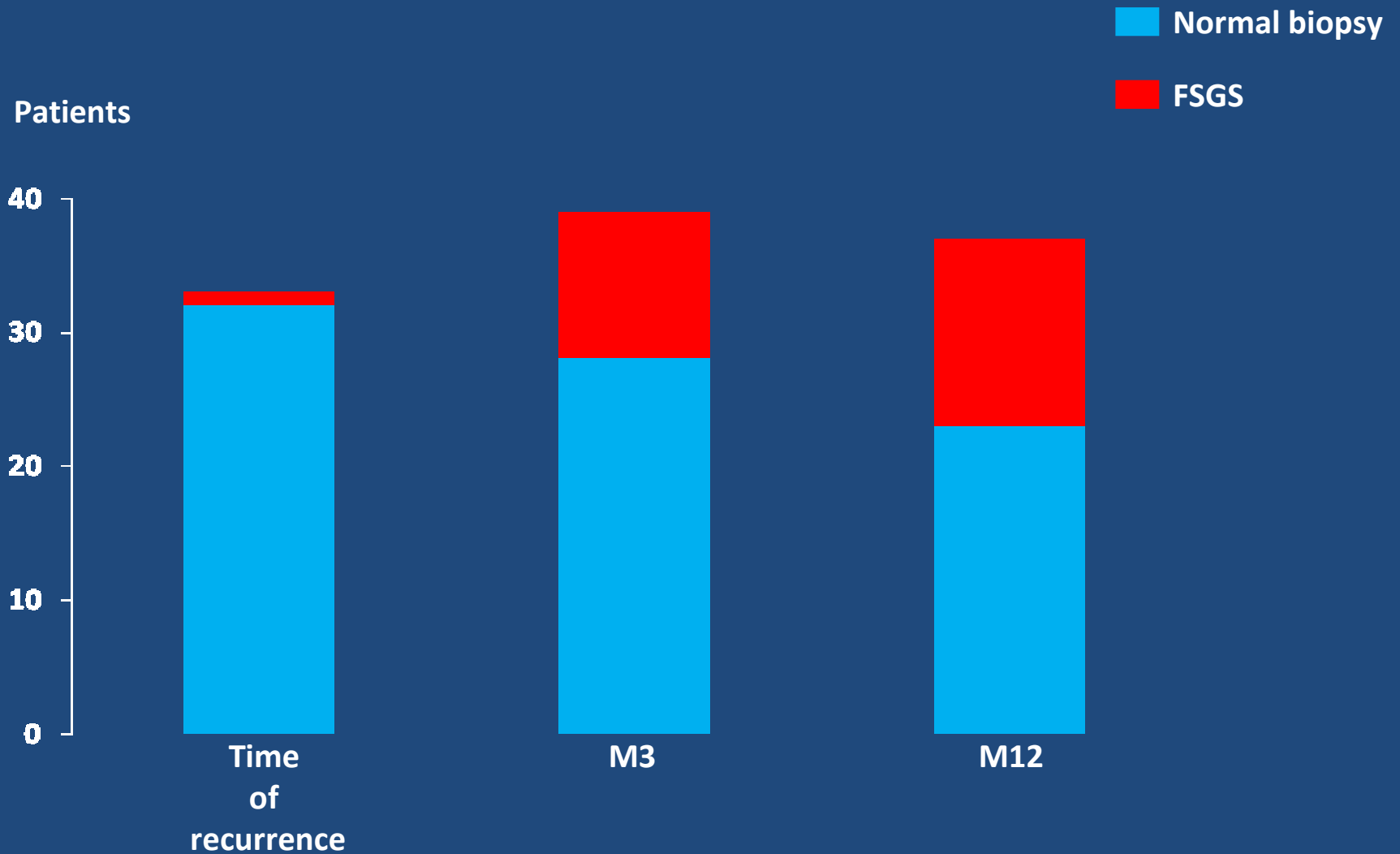
n=77 patients

Patients	Group <b>with</b> recurrence (n=42)	Group <b>without</b> recurrence (n=35)
NOS	21 (50%)	17 (48%)
CELL	8 (20%)	9 (26%)
COL	6 (14%)	4 (12%)
TIP	3 (7%)	3 (8%)
PH	4 (9%)	2 (6%)

# FSGS on natives kidney



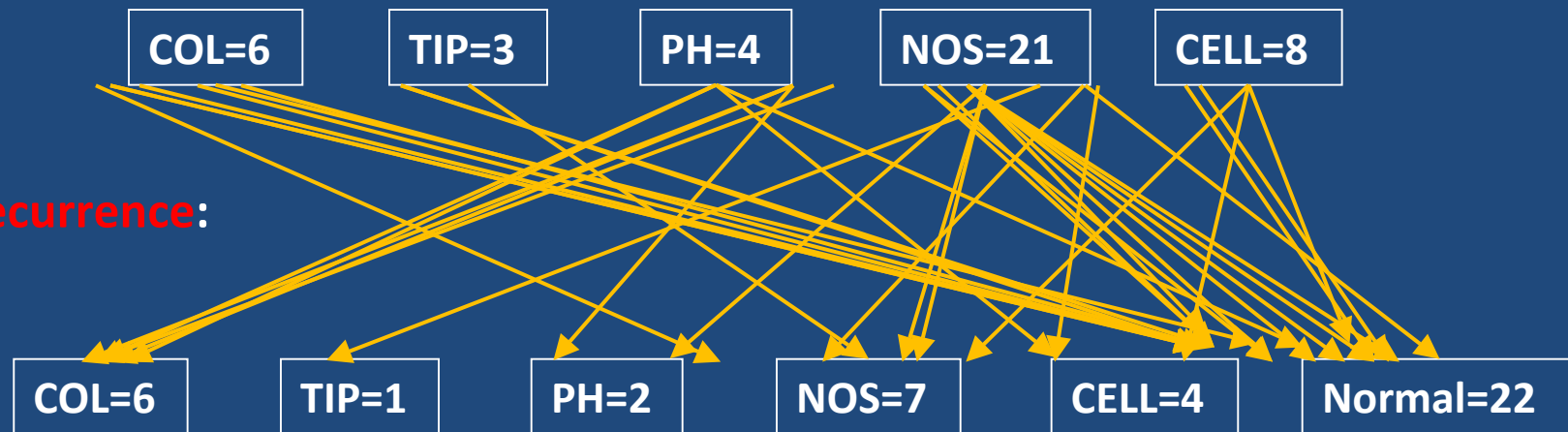
# Serial Transplant biopsies after proteinuria recurrence



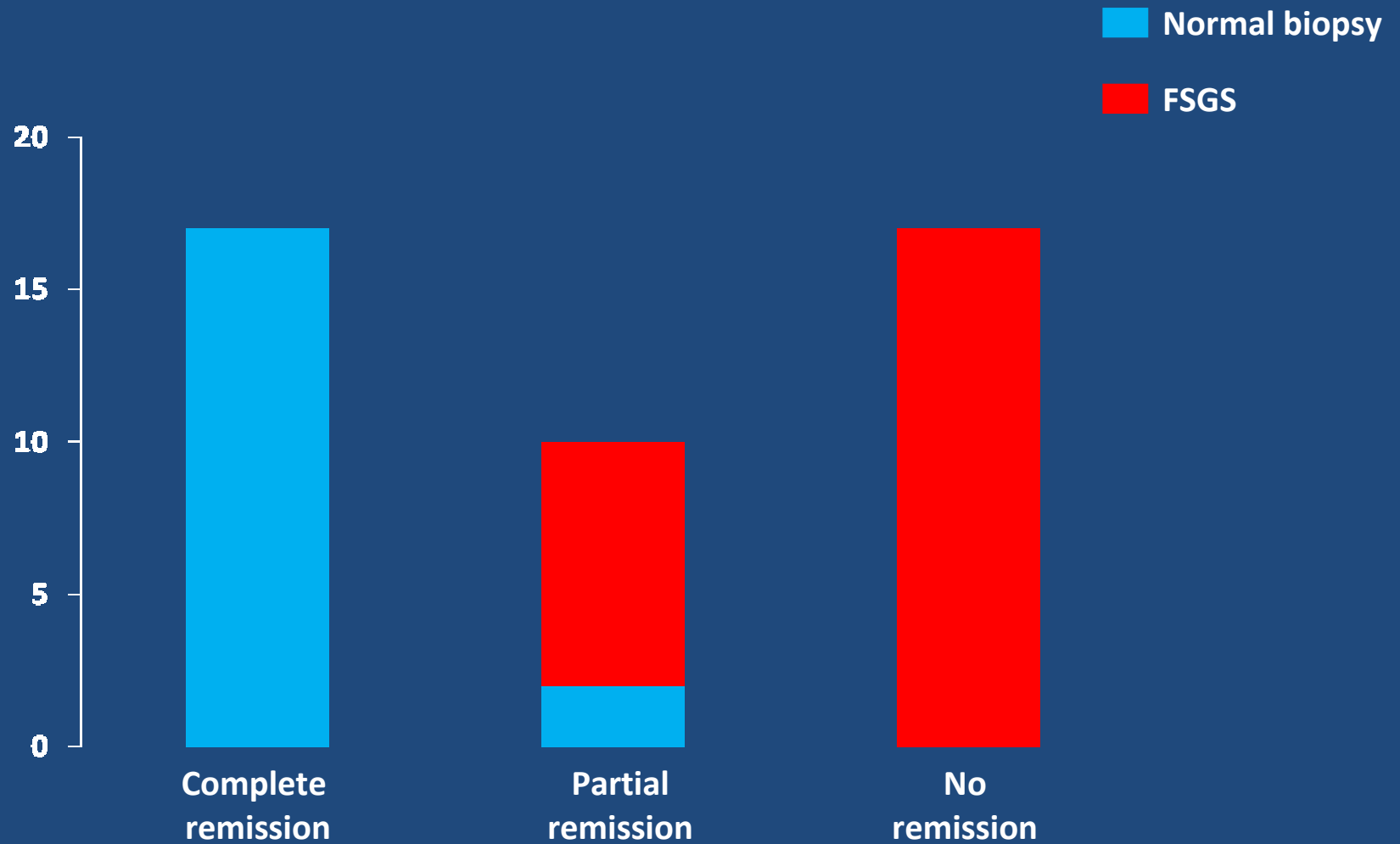
# Transplant biopsies and Columbia classification

FSGS variants on **native kidneys** of patients affected with recurrence:

FSGS variants of **recurrence**:



# Proteinuria remission and histological finding



# FSGS variants and recurrence

## Fidelity and Evolution of Recurrent FSGS in Renal Allografts

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**Table 3.** Recurrence classification

Types of Recurrence	<i>n</i>	Patient
I. Fidelity to native disease type X FSGS → type X FSGS	11	1, 2, 3, 4, 4 <sup>a</sup> , 5, 6, 10, 13, 14 <sup>d</sup> , 16
II. Fidelity to native disease after MC intermediate <sup>b</sup> type X FSGS → MC → type X FSGS	4	11, 12, 17, 18
III. Lack of fidelity to native disease <sup>c</sup> type X FSGS → type Y FSGS		
early (<1 yr)	2	15, 19
late (>1 yr)	2	7, 8
IV. Less than 1 mo of follow-up	2	1 <sup>a</sup> , 9

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# Therapeutics options: **Review**

	n	Treatment	Remission
<i>Laufer J, 1988</i>	2	9 PE	Complete then relapse
<i>Ingulli E, 1990</i>	3	CsA	-1 complete then relapse -1 partial
<i>Cochat P, 1993</i>	3	Steroids +10 PE 2months + Cyclophosphamide	-Complete then relapse in 1 case
<i>Dantal J, 1994</i>	8	ATG+CsA+steroids+IA	-7 complete then relapse in all cases
<i>Dall'Amico R, 1999</i>	11	15 PE + Cyclophosphamide	-7 Complete
<i>Cheong HI,2000</i>	6	10 PE + Cyclophosphamide+ CsA IV	-3 complete -3 partial
<i>Salomon R, 2003</i>	16	CsA IV+PE in 4 cases	-14 complete -2 partial
<i>Raafat RH, 2004</i>	16	Oral CsA + PE in 7 cases	-11 complete -2partial
<i>Deegens JK, 2004</i>	13	PE at time recurrence	-7 complete -4 partial
<i>Valdivia P, 2005.</i>	10	17 PE+ Losartan	-6 complete -3 partial

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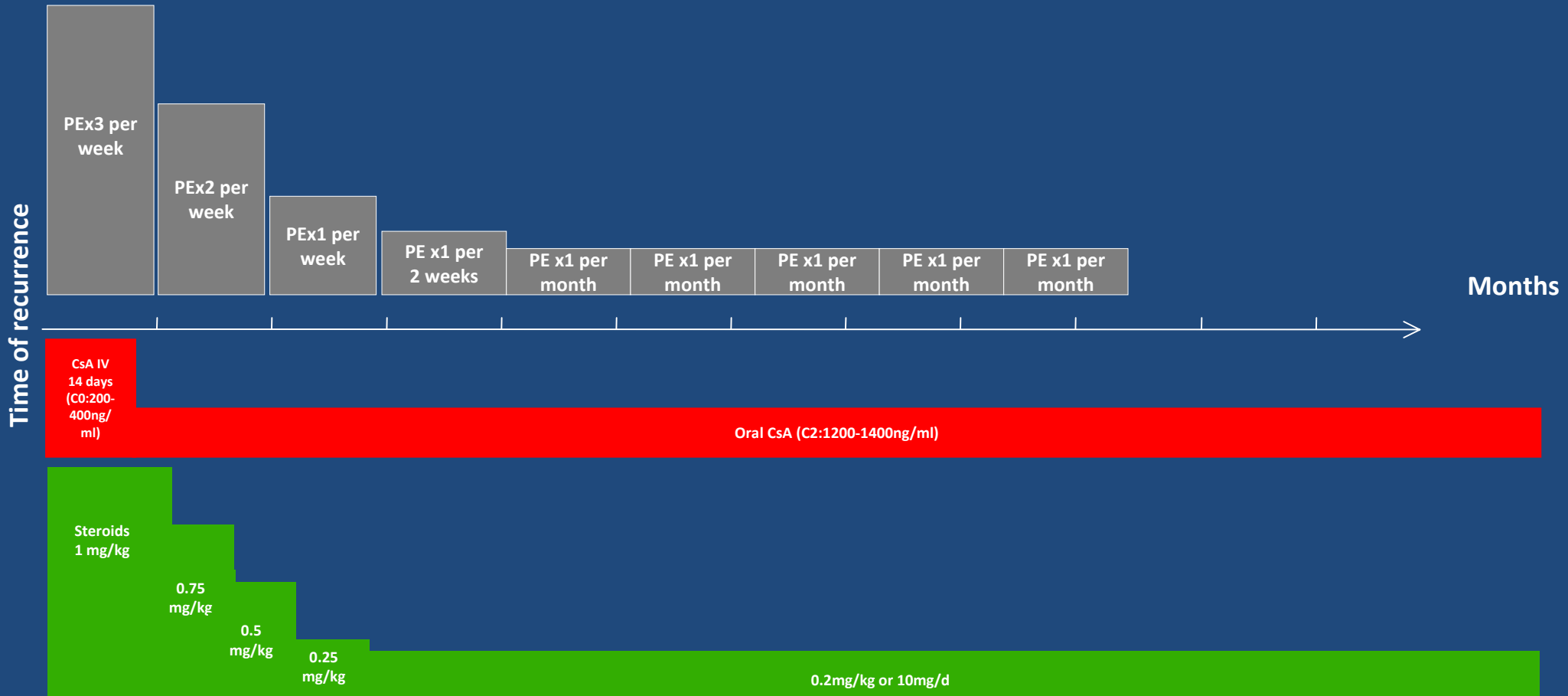
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# Therapeutic Strategy



# Patients characteristics

**Table 1:** Patient characteristics according to proteinuria recurrence (p = ns)

Patients	Patients with recurrence						Patients without recurrence					
	Gender	Ethnicity	Age at onset of proteinuria	Delay to ESRD (years)	Duration of HD (years)	Donor	Gender	Ethnicity	Age at onset of proteinuria	Delay to ESRD (years)	Duration of HD (years)	Donor
1	M	African	26	7	1	LRD	M	Caucasian	16	3	0.8	DD
2	M	Caucasian	19	5	3.3	DD	M	Caucasian	18	4.5	2.1	DD
3	F	Caucasian	32	2	0	LRD	M	African	19	2.6	4	LRD
4	M	African	15	2.6	3	DD	F	African	15	4	2.8	DD
5	F	African	3	19	1	DD	M	African	32	8	1.6	DD
6	M	Caucasian	54	7	2	DD	F	Caucasian	7	7	4	DD
7	M	African	6	28	2	DD	M	Caucasian	6	12	2	LRD
8	M	Caucasian	12	3	5.8	DD	F	African	12	9	3.2	DD
9	M	African	11	5	8	DD						
10	M	African	18	2	2	DD						
<i>Mean</i>			19.6	8.1	2.8				15.6	6.2	2.5	
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3	0	55	7.1	28	0.3	0.3	75	16	25
4	0	1	7.9	29	0.15	0.07	84	18	25
5	0	2	5.6	18	0.20	0.05	94	17	25
6	0	4	7.7	20	0.22	0.1	41	14	25
7	0	4	22	10	0.3	0.05	61	16	25
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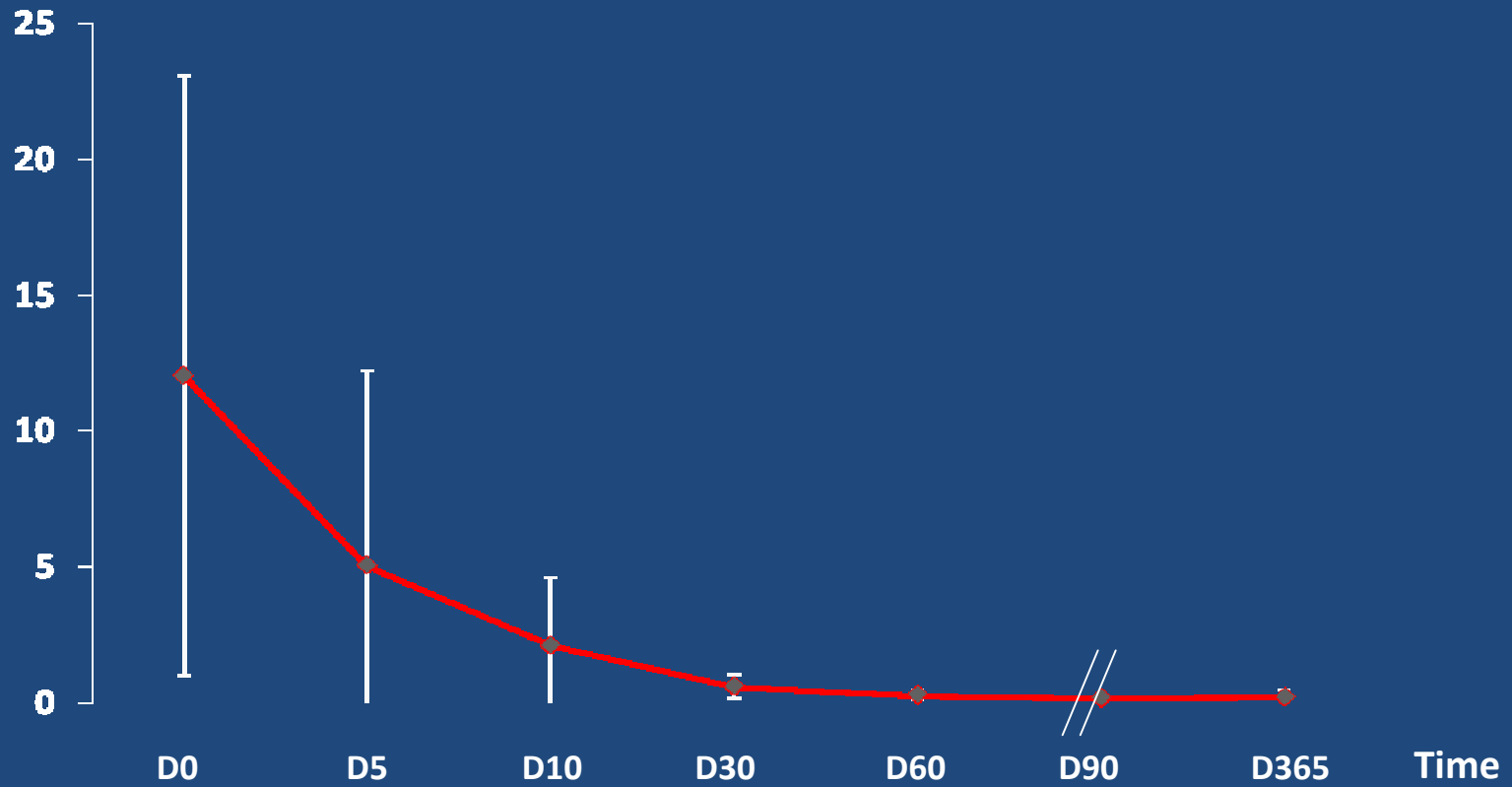
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# Proteinuria evolution after treatment

Proteinuria g/d



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Patients	Treatment	Histological finding	Outcome	Proteinuria remission
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2	Cyc + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M80	Complete and sustained
3	FK + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M47	Complete and sustained
4	Steroids + FK	FSGS on M12	Last follow-up M52	No
5	CsA IV + PE	FSGS on M18	Return on dialysis on M36	No
6	Steroids + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M61	Partial
7	CsA oral + PE	FSGS on M6	Return on dialysis M24	No
8	Steroids + PE	FSGS M12	Return on dialysis on M34	No
9	CsA oral + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M92	Partial
10	CsA IV + PE	FSGS on M6	Return on dialysis on M6	No
11	CsA IV + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M55	Complete and sustained
12	PE + Cyc + Rituximab	FSGS on M12	Return on dialysis M18	No
13	CsA IV	FSGS on M9	Return on dialysis on M48	No
14	CsA oral + PE	FSGS M18	Return on dialysis on M40	No
15	PE + Steroids + FK	FSGS M24	Return on dialysis on M24	No
16	FK + PE	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M60	Complete and sustained
17	PE + Steroids + Rituximab	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M38	Partial
18	PE + Steroids	Normal kidney on light microscopy	Last follow-up M85	Complete and sustained
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## Conclusion

- Still mysterious, frequent and associated with a poor allograft survival
- Risks factors: recurrence on a previous graft, rapidity of evolution toward ESRD, duration of HD
- The Columbia classification is of no help in predicting the risk of recurrence
- We might talk about proteinuria recurrence instead of FSGS recurrence
- An intensive and prolonged treatment induce complete and sustained proteinuria remission

**Thanks!**

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