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## **Trattamento con Rituximab**

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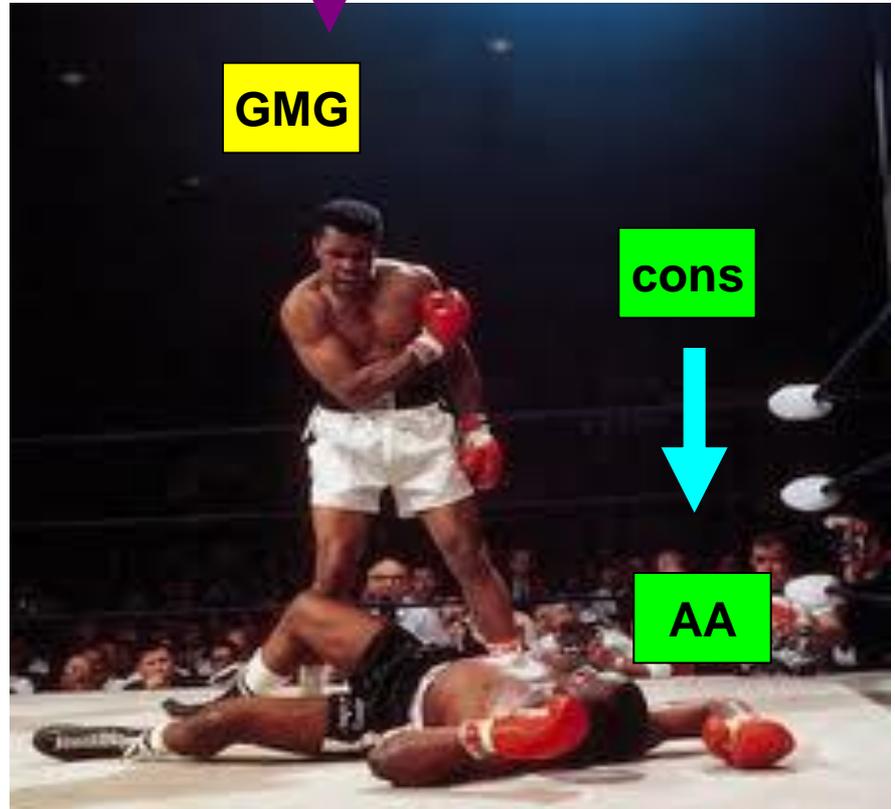


**RITUXIMAB**

**pros**



**GMG**

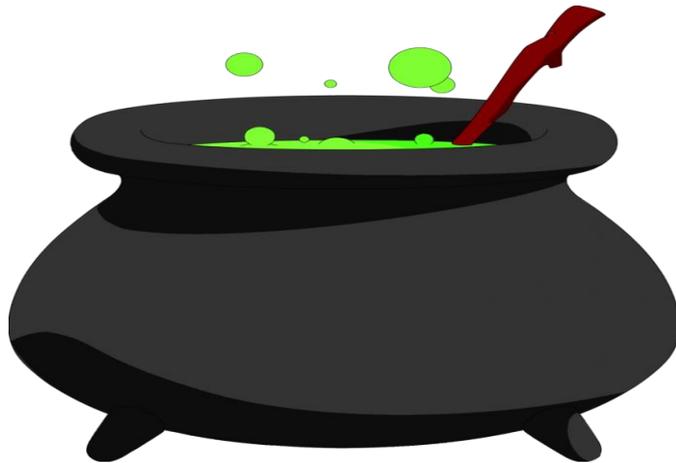


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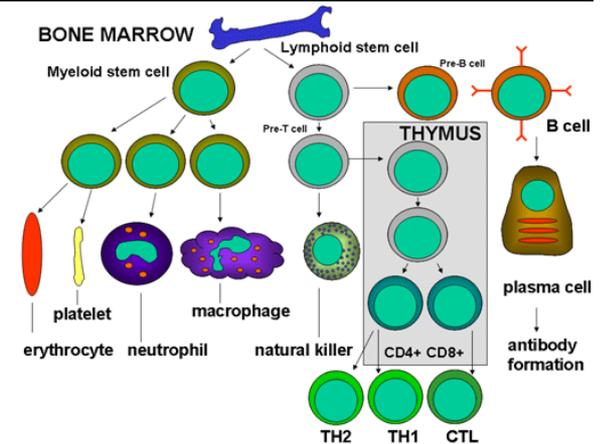


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# Le SN sono un.....



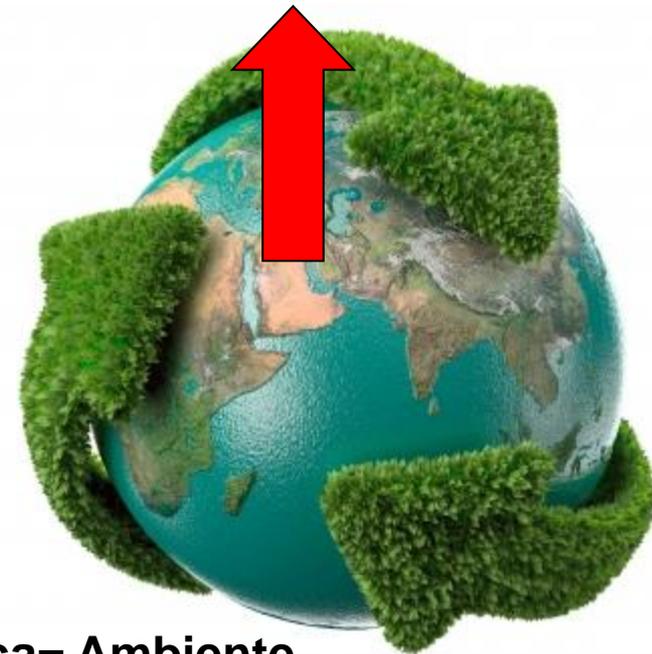
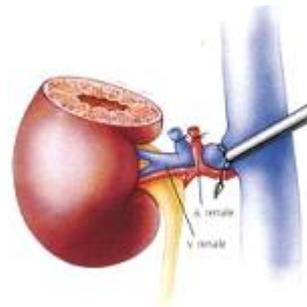
## Suscettibilità genetica slatentizzata dall'ambiente



Genetiche



Sovraccarico



Epigenetica= Ambiente

**Vi racconto una fiaba.....  
che molti di voi avranno letto un milione di volte  
Autori fratelli Grimm (colleghi nefrologi)**

GM Ghiggeri



A Amore





**Tutto inizia così.....**



**Lo tratto...ma.....allo scalaggio.....**





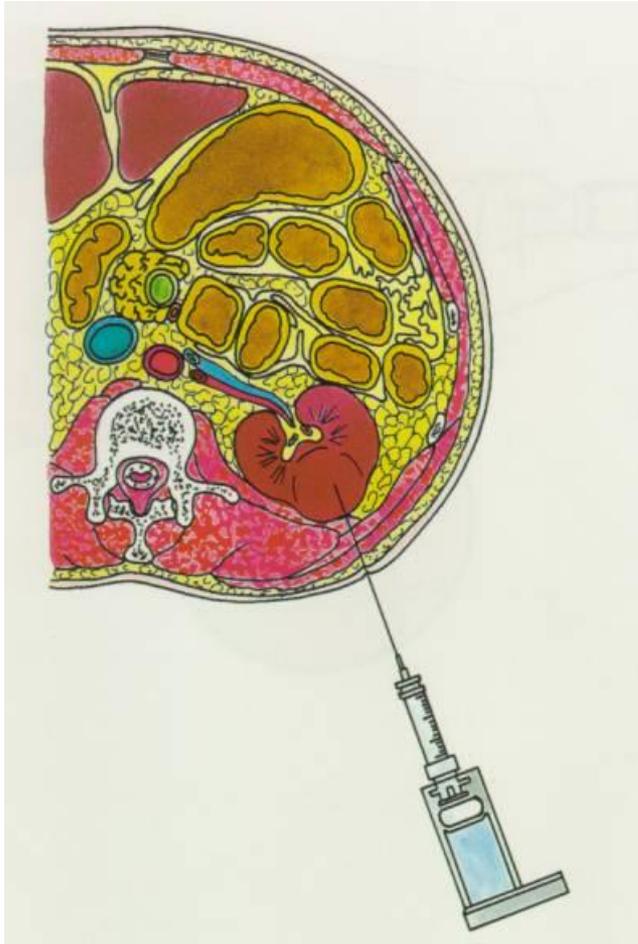
**Che faccio?**



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**Se risponde meno al cortisone spesso si arriva alla....**



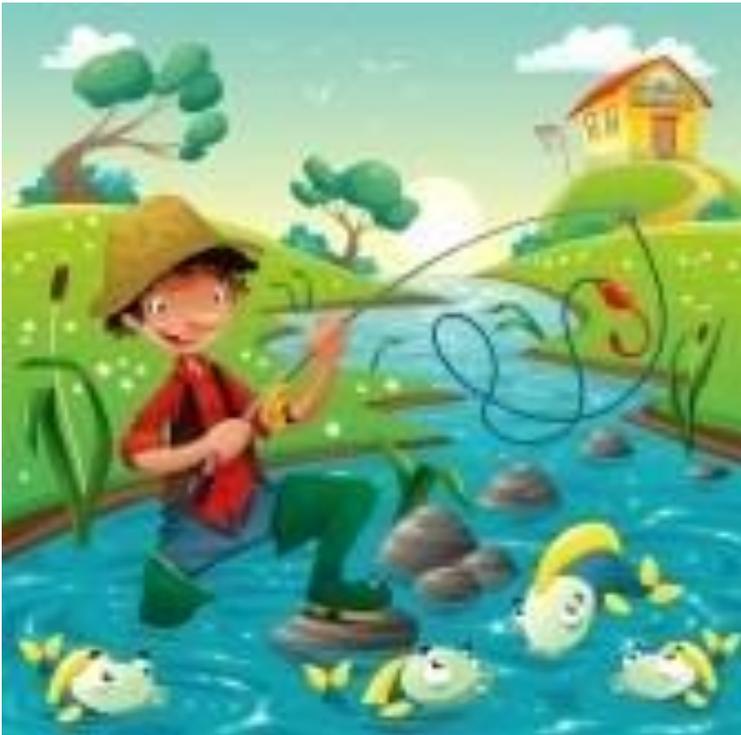
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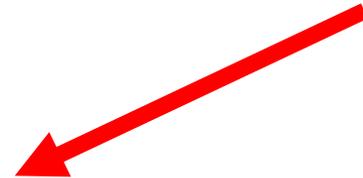
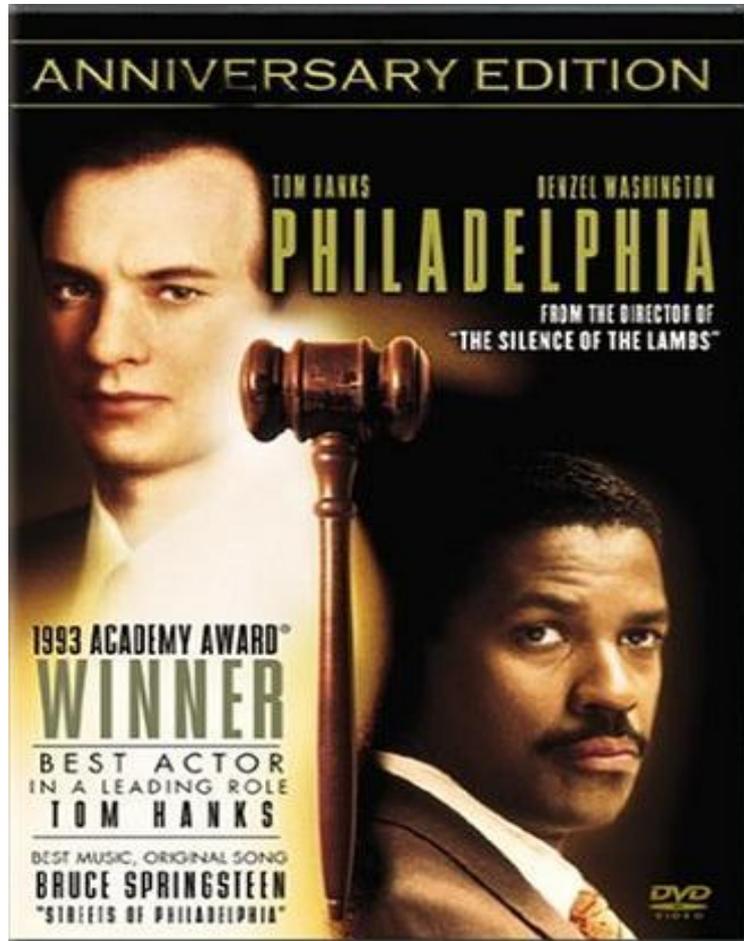
**Purtroppo.....spesso.....  
il risultato è questo.....**



**Con rassegnazione spesso.....**

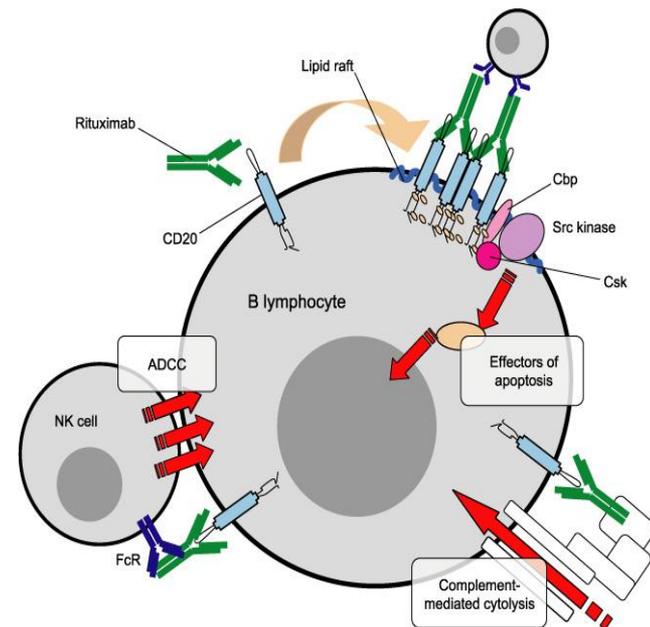
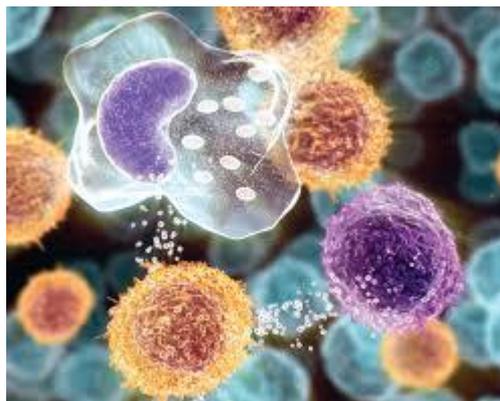


**Un nuovo attore  
E' COMPARSO NEL TRATTAMENTO  
della SN**



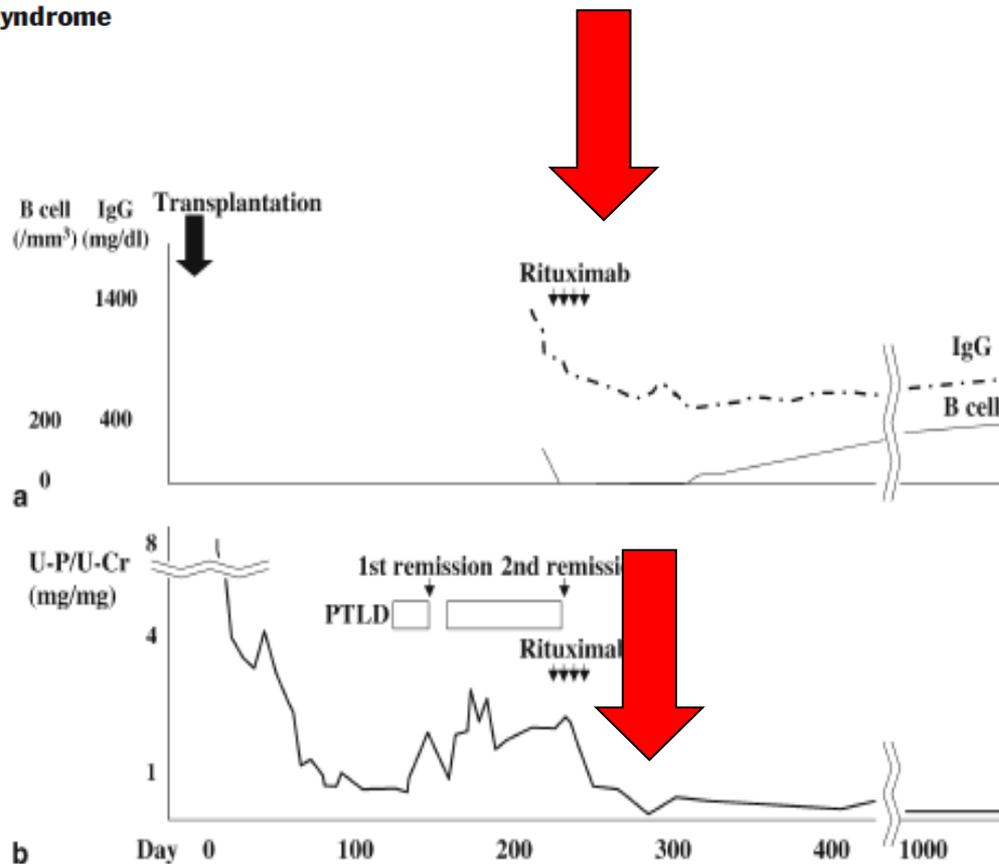
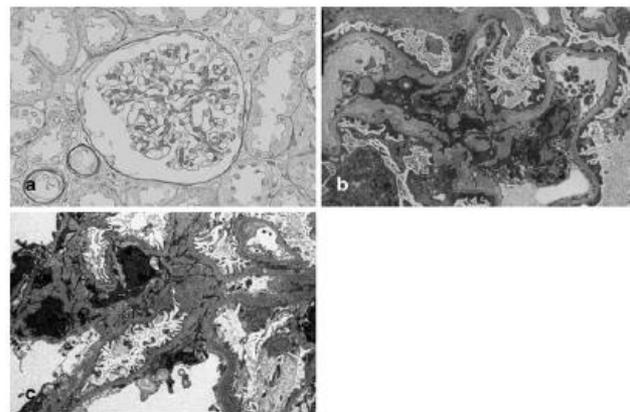
# II RITUXIMAB: *uccide le cellule B che esprimono il recettore CD20*

## Linfocita B



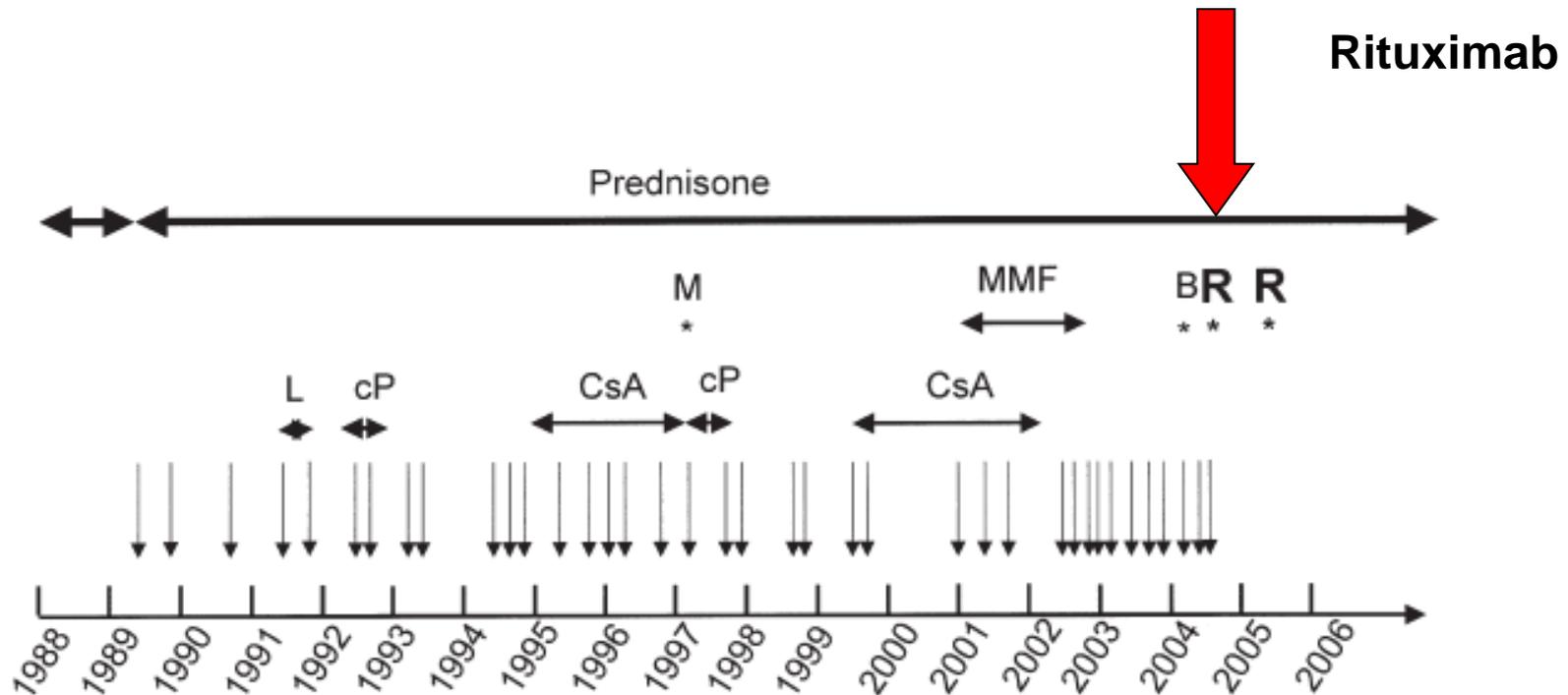
Kandai Nozu · Kazumoto Iijima · Masato Fujisawa ·  
Atsuko Nakagawa · Norishige Yoshikawa ·  
Masafumi Matsuo

## Rituximab treatment for posttransplant lymphoproliferative disorder (PTLD) induces complete remission of recurrent nephrotic syndrome



# Unexpected Efficacy of Rituximab in Multirelapsing Minimal Change Nephrotic Syndrome in the Adult: First Case Report and Pathophysiological Considerations

*Hélène François, MD, PhD, Eric Daugas, MD, PhD, Albert Bensman, MD,  
and Pierre Ronco, MD, PhD*



## Indications for use and safety of rituximab in childhood renal diseases

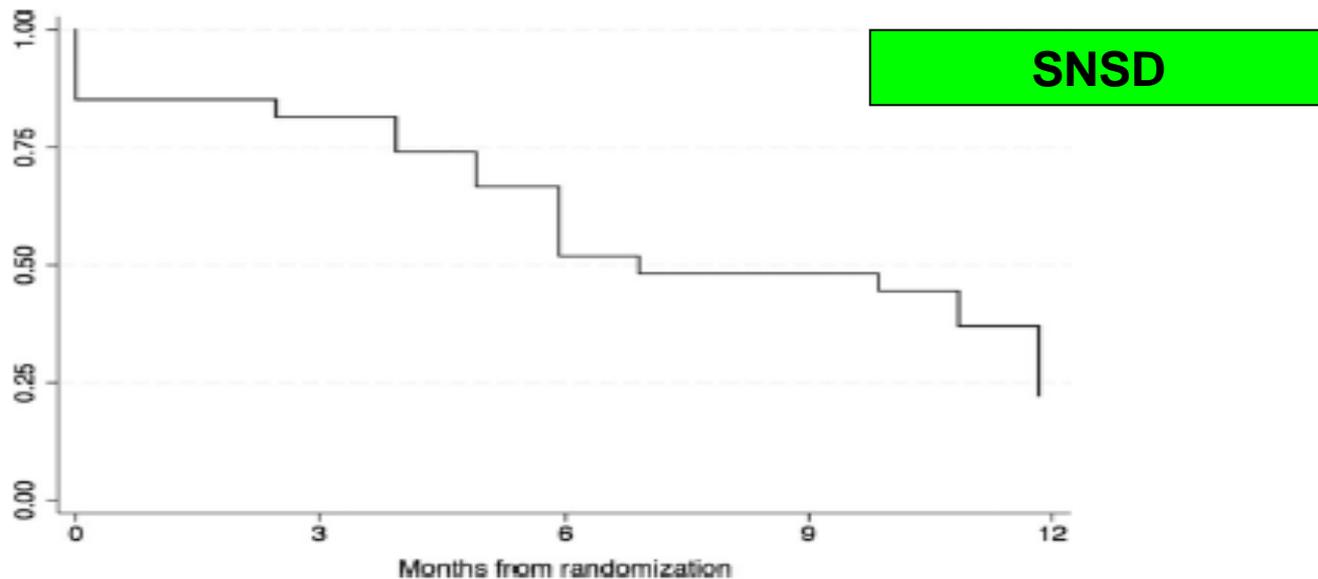
Kjell Tullus · Stephen D. Marks

**Table 2** Outcome in larger case series of rituximab treatment in children with steroid-dependent or frequently relapsing nephrotic syndrome

Author	Number of children	Full or partial response ( <i>n</i> ) (%)	Side-effects
Benz et al. [32]	1	1	None described
Guignonis et al. [33]	22	19 (85 %)	Five mild Four regarded as severe Atrial arrhythmia stopping spontaneously Malaise, transient bronchospasm Severe rotavirus gastroenteritis Transient neutropenia with gingivitis
Prytula et al. [34]	28	23 (82 %)	Data not separated on different diagnosis in the publication 19 (27 %) of 70 showed side-effect Most common acute reaction to infusion one was a severe and life-threatening anaphylactic reaction Three severe infection Agranulocytosis with sepsis Two cases of pneumonia one of which with pseudomonas
Gulati et al. [35]	24	20 (83.3 %)	Three had mild infusion reactions
Kemper et al. [36]	37	26 (70.3 %)	No serious side-effects

# Short-Term Effects of Rituximab in Children with Steroid- and Calcineurin-Dependent Nephrotic Syndrome: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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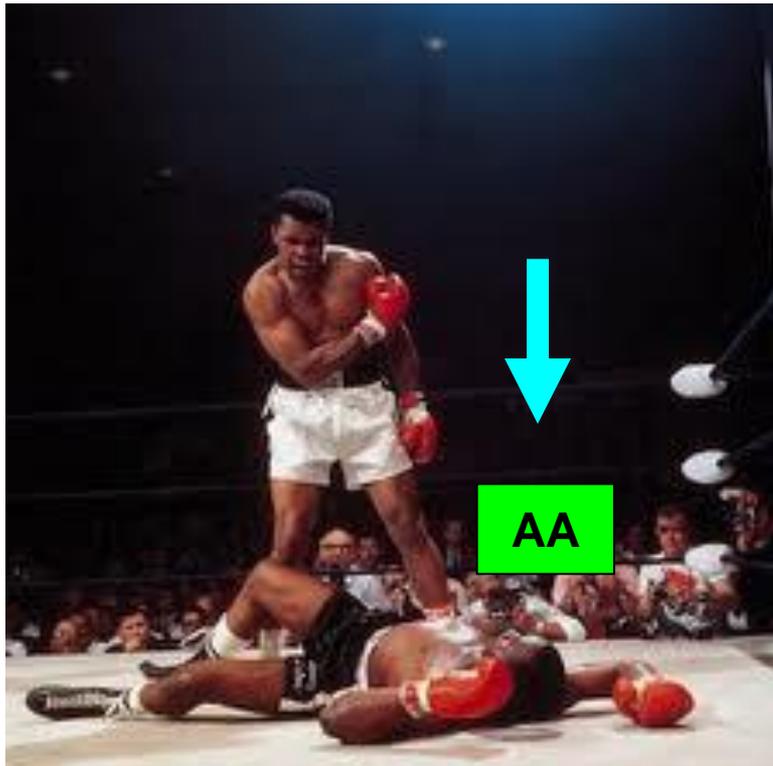
Remissione dopo sospensione steroide e inibitori calcineurine



And the winner is.....



**EBBENE HO PERSO.....**



# Tuttavia



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**NO**

## Dicer Cuts the Kidney

J.J. David Ho and Philip A. Marsden

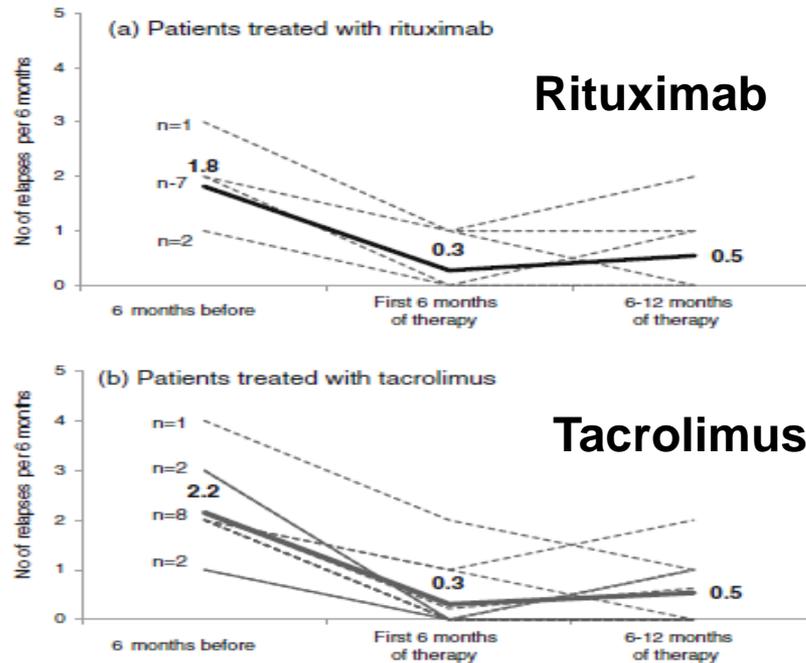
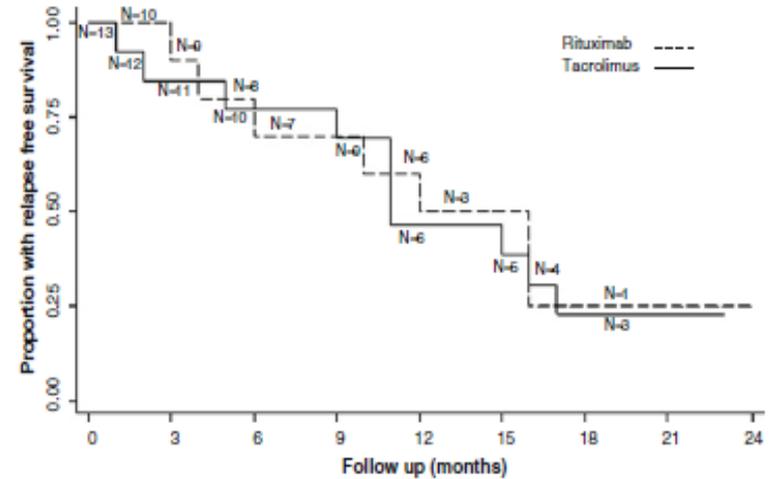
Renal Division and Department of Medicine, St. Michael's Hospital and University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

*J Am Soc Nephrol* 19: 2043–2046, 2008. doi: 10.1681/ASN.2008090986

We should occasionally stop, take a breath, and reflect about what is happening at the interface between medicine and science. Collectively, we are uncovering paradigms that are relevant to understanding disease at a frantic pace. One can only turn to wonder, in this moment of reflection, when trying to imagine what it must feel like as a treating physician trying to filter all of these new concepts. Which advances are relevant? Am I filtering out those that are merely incremental? Is this concept transformative? Does this article have the potential to affect my understanding of the cause, prevention, and treatment of kidney disease? Recognizing an article that reports a landmark discovery is a challenge.

## Short-term efficacy of rituximab versus tacrolimus in steroid-dependent nephrotic syndrome

Aditi Sinha · Arvind Bagga · Ashima Gulati · Pankaj Hari



## Rituximab in Children with Resistant Idiopathic Nephrotic Syndrome

Alberto Magnasco,\* Pietro Ravani,<sup>†</sup> Alberto Edefonti,<sup>‡</sup> Luisa Murer,<sup>§</sup> Luciana Ghio,<sup>‡</sup> Mirco Belingheri,<sup>‡</sup> Elisa Benetti,<sup>§</sup> Corrado Murtas,\* Giovanni Messina,<sup>||</sup> Laura Massella,<sup>||</sup> Maria Gabriella Porcellini,\*\* Michela Montagna,<sup>††</sup> Mario Regazzi,<sup>††</sup> Francesco Scolari,<sup>‡‡</sup> and Gian Marco Ghiggeri\*

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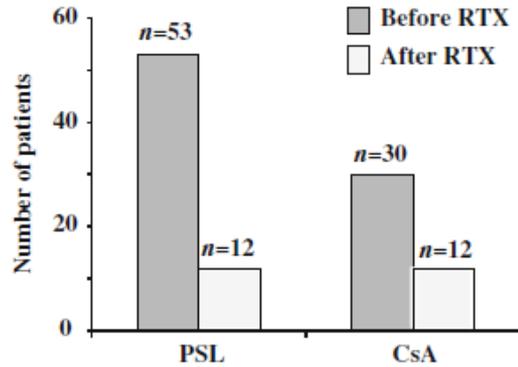
**SNSR**

Variable	Group Mean (95% CI)	Percentage Reduction (95% CI)	P Value
Model 1 ( $R^2 = 0.14$ )			
all controls (n=15)	0.36 (0.05–2.29)	–12 (–73 to 110)	0.77
all rituximab patients (n=16)	0.32 (0.05–1.88)		
Model 2 ( $R^2 = 0.51$ )			
Early resistance			
control group (n=7)	1.49 (0.24–9.39)	–3 (–67 to 179)	0.95
rituximab group (no previous remission) (n=9)	1.44 (0.21–9.99)		
Delayed resistance			
control group (previous remission) (n=8)	0.52 (0.08–3.27)	–48 (–79 to 93)	0.40
rituximab group (previous remission) (n=7)	0.32 (0.07–1.51)		

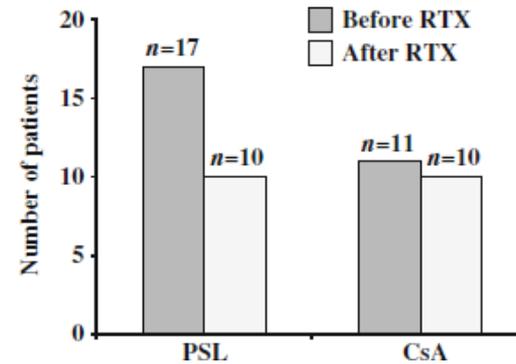
## Survey of rituximab treatment for childhood-onset refractory nephrotic syndrome

Shuichi Ito · Koichi Kamei · Masao Ogura ·  
Tomohiro Udagawa · Shuichiro Fujinaga · Mari Saito ·  
Mayumi Sako · Kazumoto Iijima

**SNSD**



**SNSR**



**Le SN sono un.....**



**SINDROMI NEFROSICHE  
STEROIDO-DIPENDENTI**

**SINDROMI NEFROSICHE  
STEROIDO-RESISTENTI**

**Differenza solo in base alla risposta clinica,  
Non al quadro istologico**



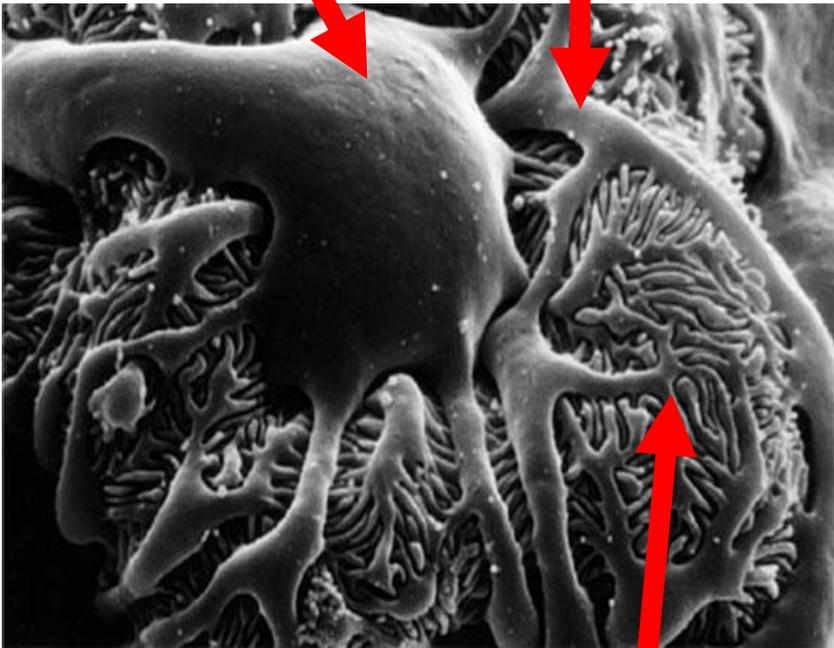
**Quale è il razionale dell'uso  
di Rituximab nelle SN**



**Podocita: un esempio di perfezione....**

**Corpo primario**

**Corpo secondario**



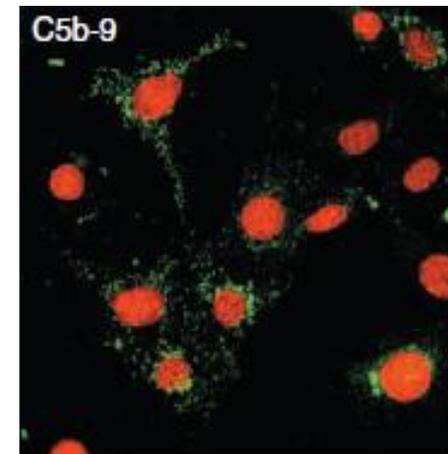
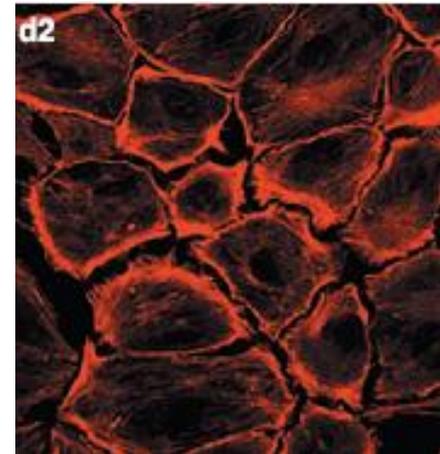
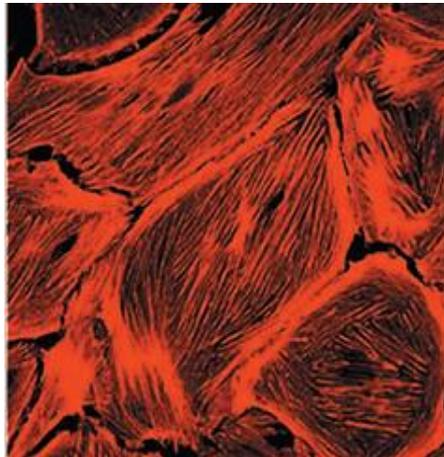
**Corpo terziario o pedicelli**

## Triptolide reduces proteinuria in experimental membranous nephropathy and protects against C5b-9-induced podocyte injury *in vitro*

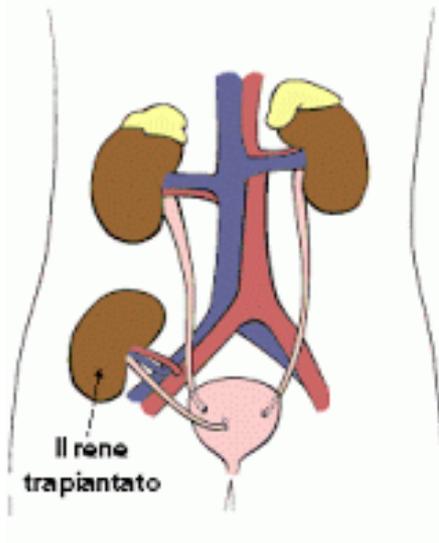
Zhao-Hong Chen<sup>1,2</sup>, Wei-Song Qin<sup>1,2</sup>, Cai-Hong Zeng<sup>1</sup>, Chun-Xia Zheng<sup>1</sup>, Yi-Mei Hong<sup>1</sup>, Yi-Zhou Lu<sup>1</sup>, Lei-Shi Li<sup>1</sup> and Zhi-Hong Liu<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Research Institute of Nephrology, Jinling Hospital, Nanjing University School of Medicine, Nanjing, China

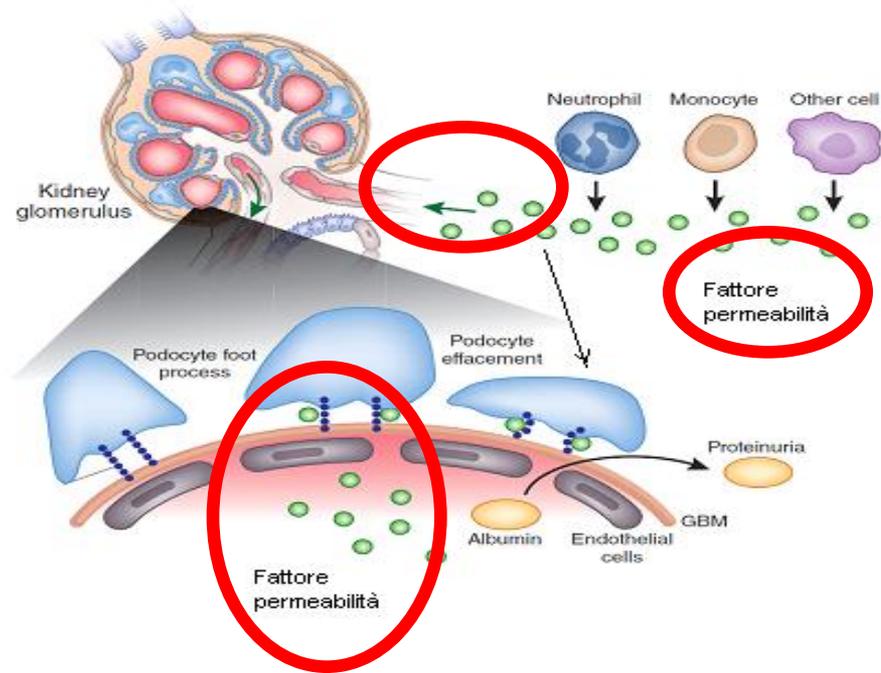
**Importanza di una precisa orchestrazione  
di filamenti di actina per il  
mantenimento di espressione fenotipica e funzionale dei podociti**



# FATTORE DI PERMEABILITA'



**Trapianto  
di rene**

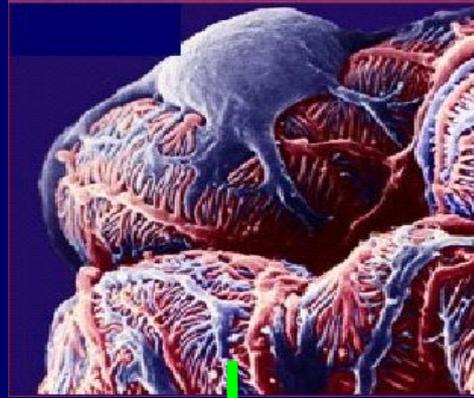


**suPAR**

# Fattore di permeabilità e test di permeabilità all'albumina

**Siero di FSGS**

**Albumina**

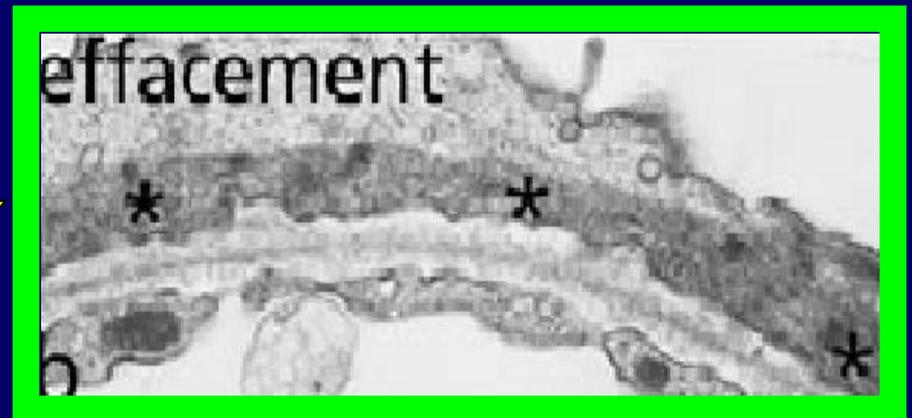
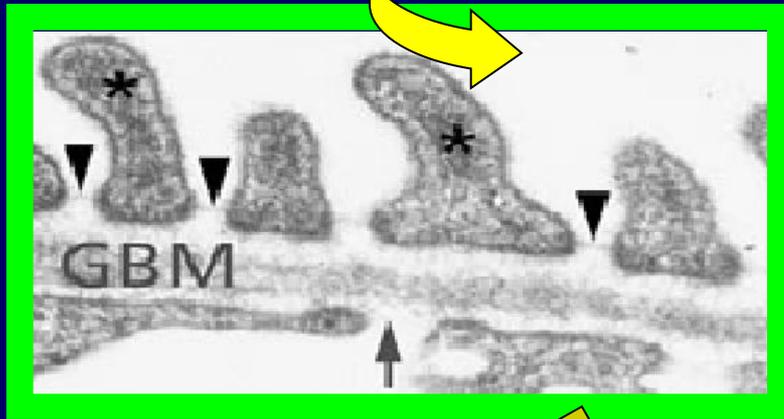


**Albumina**

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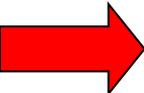
**V Savin N Engl J Med. 1996 4;334:878-83.  
M Artero e M Carraro**

# Fattore di permeabilità e alterazioni podocitarie



## Disease recurrence in paediatric renal transplantation

Pierre Cochat · Sonia Fargue · Guillaume Mestrallet ·  
Therese Jungraithmayr · Paulo Koch-Nogueira ·  
Bruno Ranchin · Lothar Bernd Zimmerhackl

Primary disease	Recurrence rate	Graft loss to recurrence
 FSGS	14–50%	40–60%
Atypical HUS	20–80%	10–83%
Typical HUS	0–1%	0–1%
MPGN type 1	30–77%	17–50%
MPGN type 2	66–100%	25–61%
SLE nephritis	0–30%	0–5%
IgA nephritis (Berger disease)	35–60%	7–10%
Henoch–Schönlein nephritis	31–100%	8–22%
Primary hyperoxaluria type 1	90–100%	80–100%

## Recurrence of focal segmental glomerular sclerosis (FSGS) after renal transplantation

Claudio Ponticelli

### Fattori che condizionano la recidiva di FSGS da Cause genetiche (eterozigosi in forme sporadiche)

Factors associated with increased risk of recurrence

Second transplant after loss from recurrence  
Childhood

Rapid progression to uraemia  
Mesangial proliferation in native kidneys  
Living donation  
White race  
Elderly donor

Factors associated with low risk of recurrence

Familial FSGS

Sporadic form with podocin

Slow progression to uraemia  
Non-nephronic proteinuria in the original disease

Forme genetiche  
circa 8%  
recidive

Forme  
NON GENETICHE

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### Proven increased risk

Recurrence in a first graft  
Onset of NS during childhood  
White and Asian recipients  
Rapid course to ESRD (< 3 years)

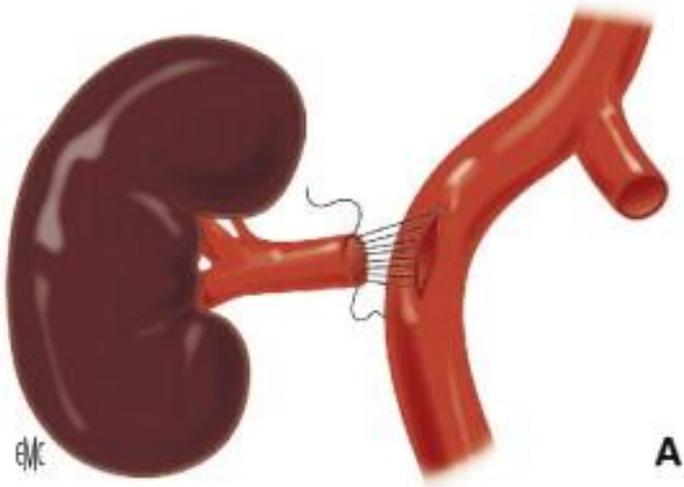
### Independent/controversial risk factors

Gender  
Mesangial hypercellularity  
Age at transplantation  
Presence of FSGS circulating factor  
Donor source  
HLA typing/matching  
Time interval on dialysis prior to Tx  
Type of immunosuppressive therapy  
Use of induction therapy  
Bilateral nephrectomy of native kidneys

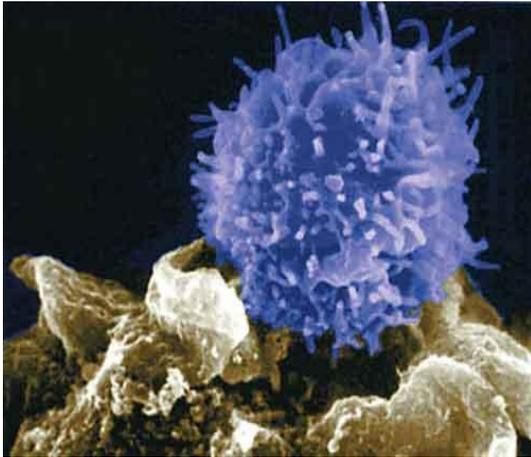
### Proven decreased risk

African–American recipients  
Genetic and syndromic NS

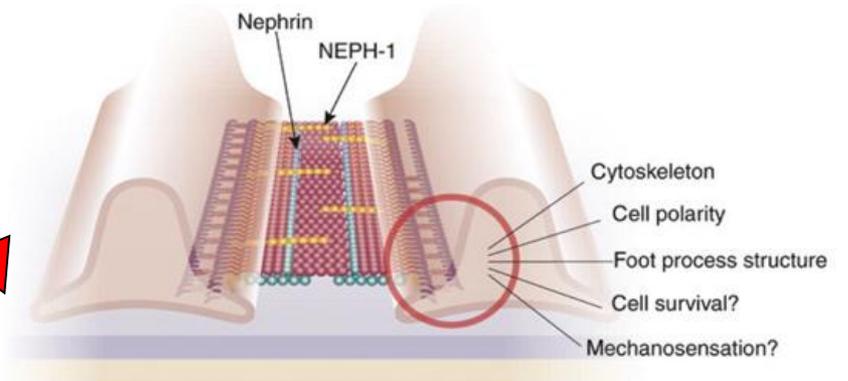
# Recidiva FSGS da fattore di permeabilità



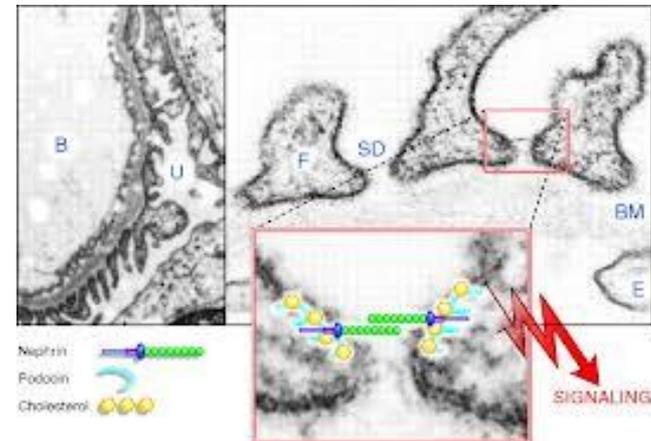
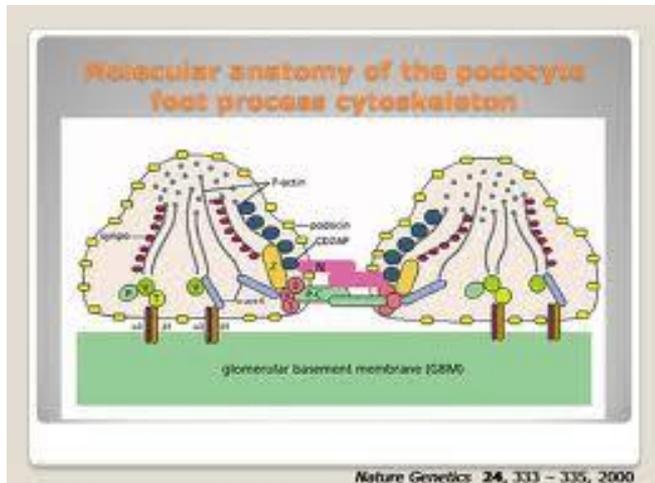
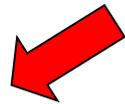
# Anni 70: Ipotesi di Shaloub



Linfocita T



Citochina?



# Identificazione e caratterizzazione Fattore di permeabilità

**V Savin N Engl J Med. 1996 Apr 4;334(14):878-83.  
Immunoglobulina, frammento di Ig**

**Sharma et I, JASN 1999, 10: 552-561  
FP: Non Ig 30-50 kDa**

**Garin EH et I, Nephron Exp Nephrol 2006; 102:105-112  
B-amilasi+ 100 kDa glicoproteina fusione pedicelli**

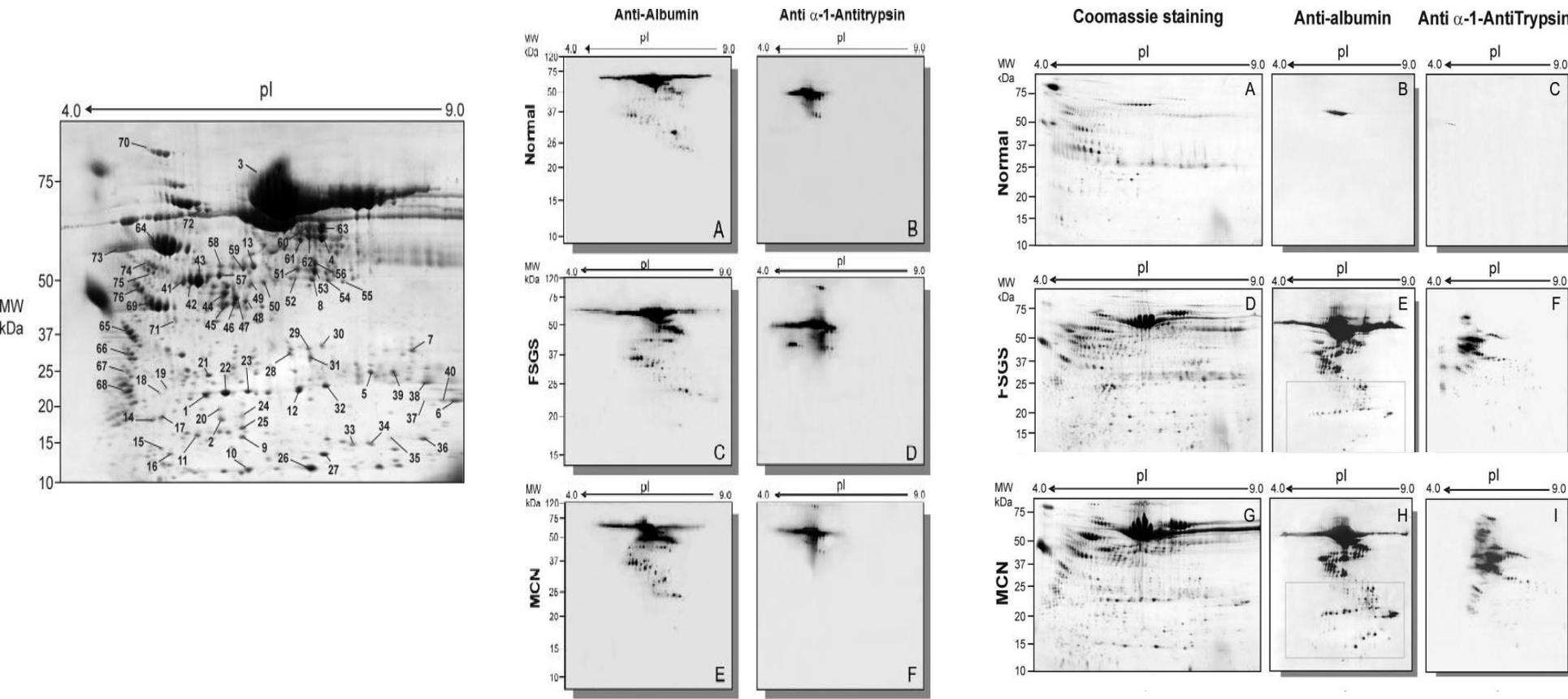
**V Savin cJASN 2010; 5: 2115-2121.  
emopexina**



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CLC-2 (cardiotrophine-like citokine 1- IL6 family)**

# Ruolo dell'albumina ossidata e dell' $\alpha$ 1-antitripsina quali fattori di permeabilità (analisi proteomica)

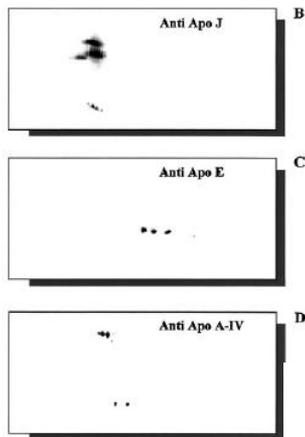
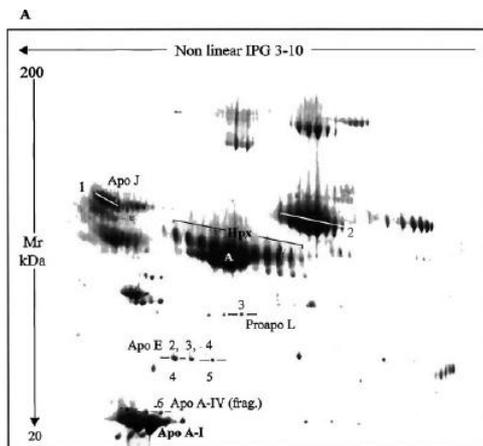
GM Ghiggeri, G Candiano, L Musante et al  
JASN 2006 17:3139-3148  
JASN 200718: 799-810



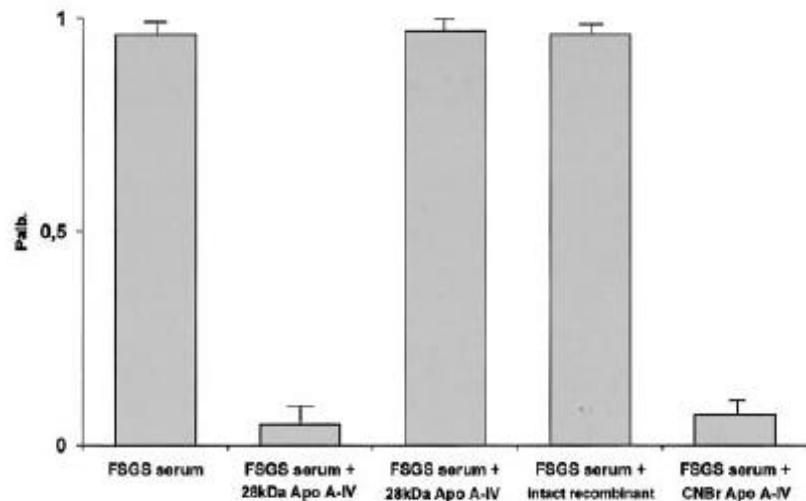
# Apolipoproteins Prevent Glomerular Albumin Permeability Induced *In Vitro* by Serum from Patients with Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis

GIOVANNI CANDIANO,\* LUCA MUSANTE,\* MICHELE CARRARO,†  
 LUIGI FACCINI,† LUCIANO CAMPANACCI,† CRISTINA ZENNARO,†  
 MARY ARTERO,† FABRIZIO GINEVRI,\* FRANCESCO PERFUMO,\*  
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**Inibitore  
 Fattore fisiologico  
 di permeabilità**



**Ruolo dei fattori circolanti  
che influenzano la permeabilità  
della barriera di filtrazione glomerulare**

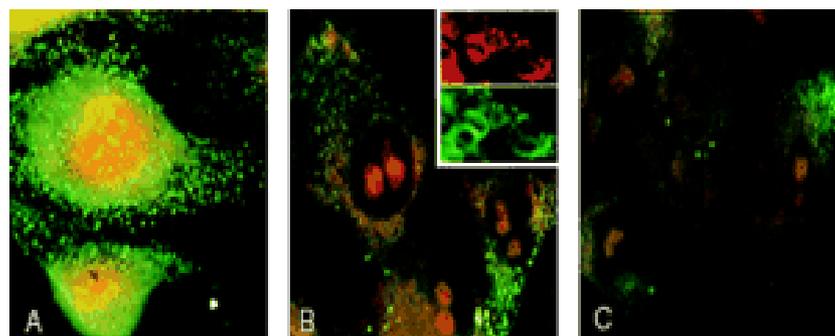
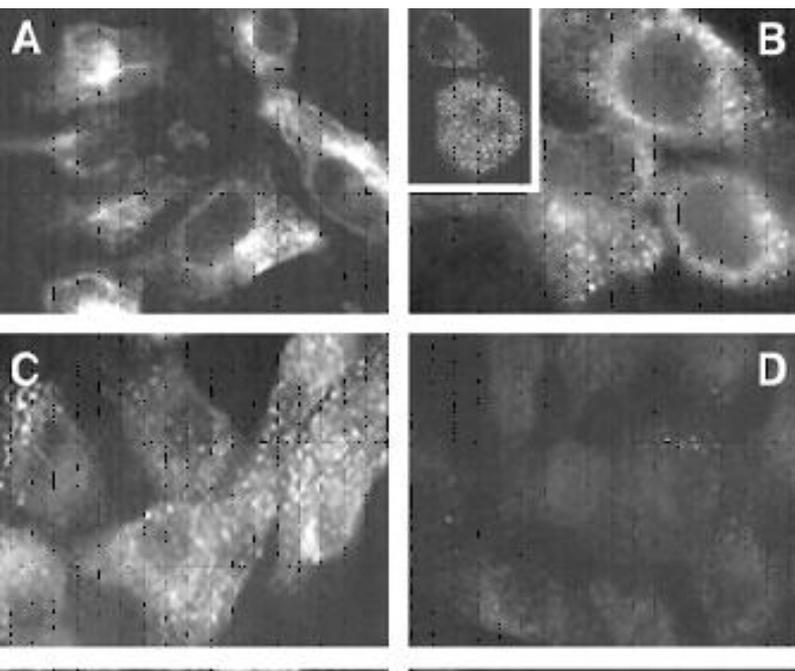


**Fattori  
Permeabilizzanti  
(Ig?, proteasi? )  
 $\beta$ -amilasi-100 kDa Glic,)**

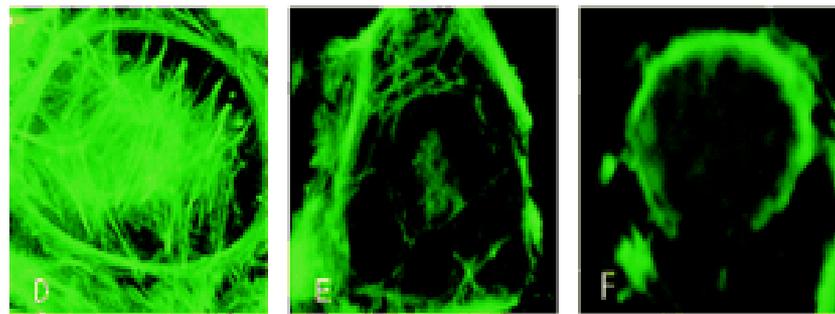
**Inibitori Fattori  
Permeabilizzanti  
(HDL-lipoproteine  
L, E2, E4, J)**

**Albumina  
ossidata**

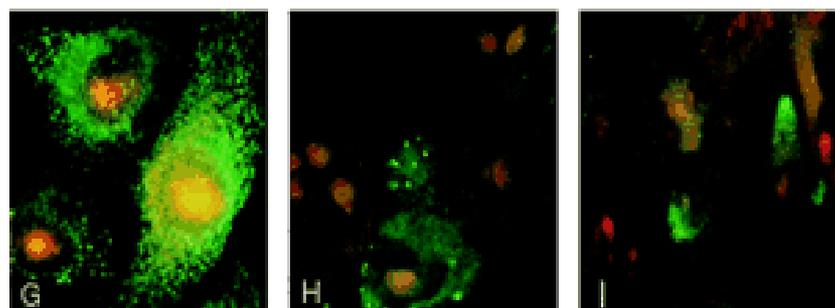
**Direct effect of plasma permeability factors from patients with Idiopathic FSGS on nephrin and podocin expression in human podocytes**  
Camussi et al Int J Mol Med, 2005; 16: 49-58



**Nephrin**



**Actina**



# Marguerite Yourcenar Il Tempo, grande scultore

Dieci saggi magistrali  
sull'incredibile scorrere  
del tempo

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Einaudi

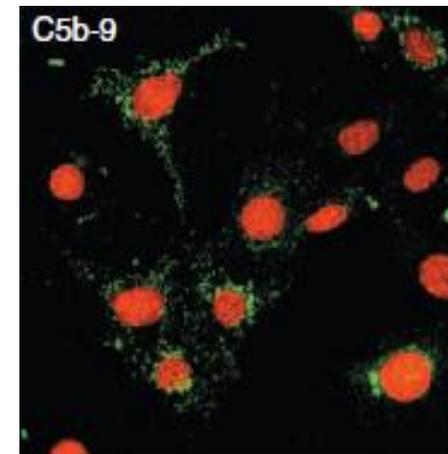
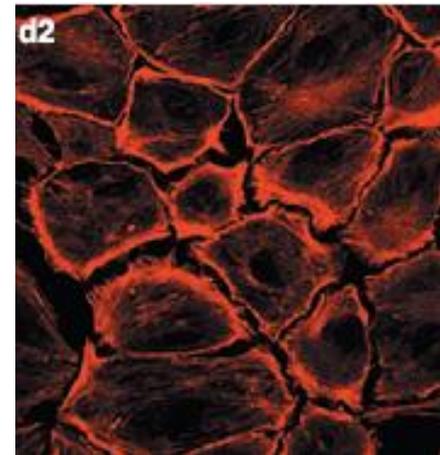
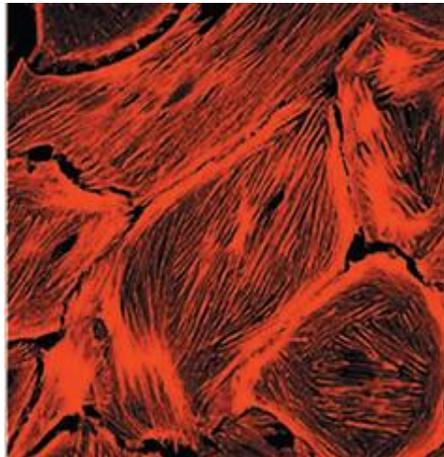


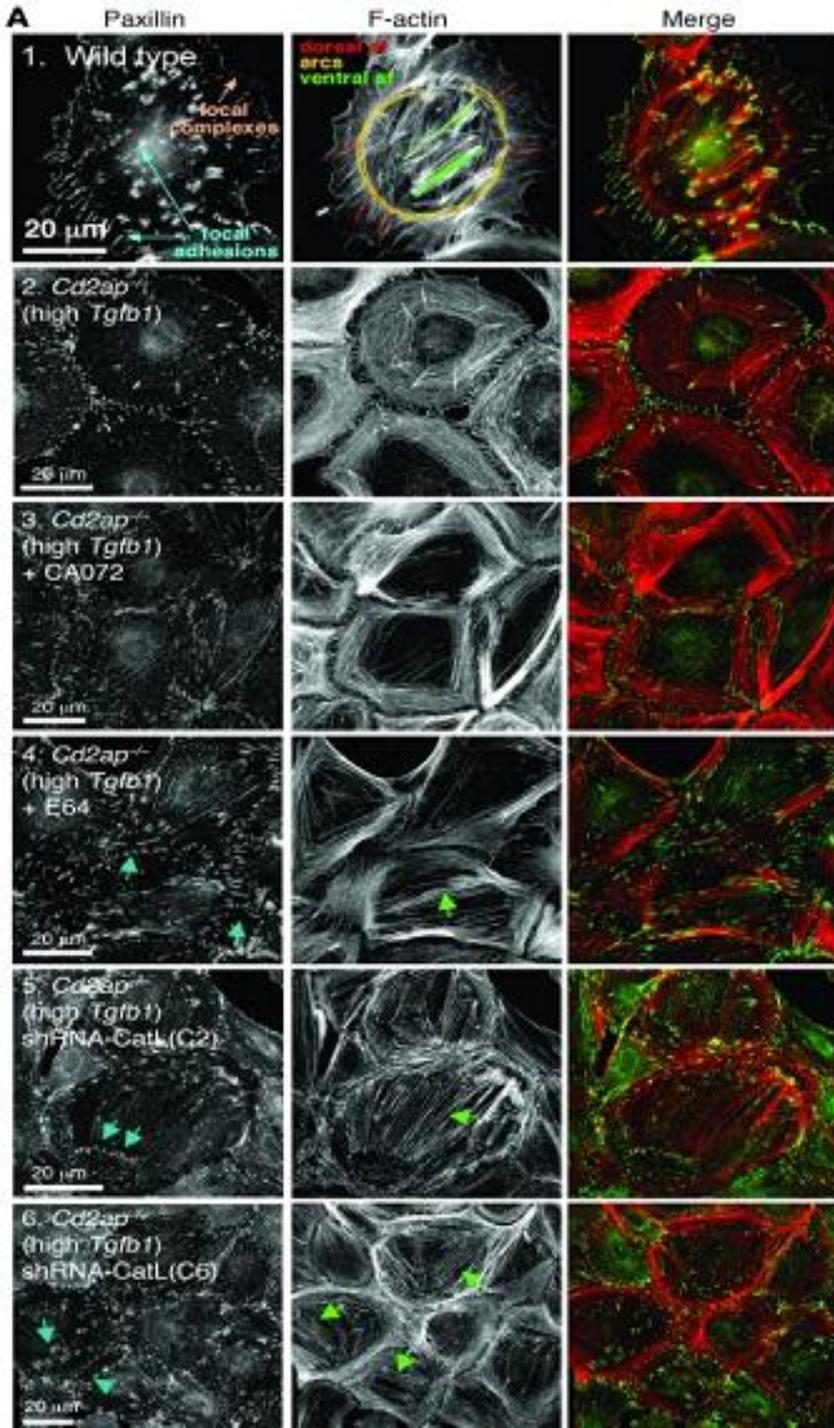
## Triptolide reduces proteinuria in experimental membranous nephropathy and protects against C5b-9-induced podocyte injury *in vitro*

Zhao-Hong Chen<sup>1,2</sup>, Wei-Song Qin<sup>1,2</sup>, Cai-Hong Zeng<sup>1</sup>, Chun-Xia Zheng<sup>1</sup>, Yi-Mei Hong<sup>1</sup>, Yi-Zhou Lu<sup>1</sup>, Lei-Shi Li<sup>1</sup> and Zhi-Hong Liu<sup>1</sup>

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**Importanza di una precisa orchestrazione  
di filamenti di actina per il  
mantenimento di espressione fenotipica e funzionale dei podociti**





L'organizzazione del citoscheletro dipende dall'azione concertata di una lunga serie di molecole  
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**ALLA REALIZZAZIONE**  
**E FUNZIONE**  
**DELLO SLIT DIAPHRAGM**

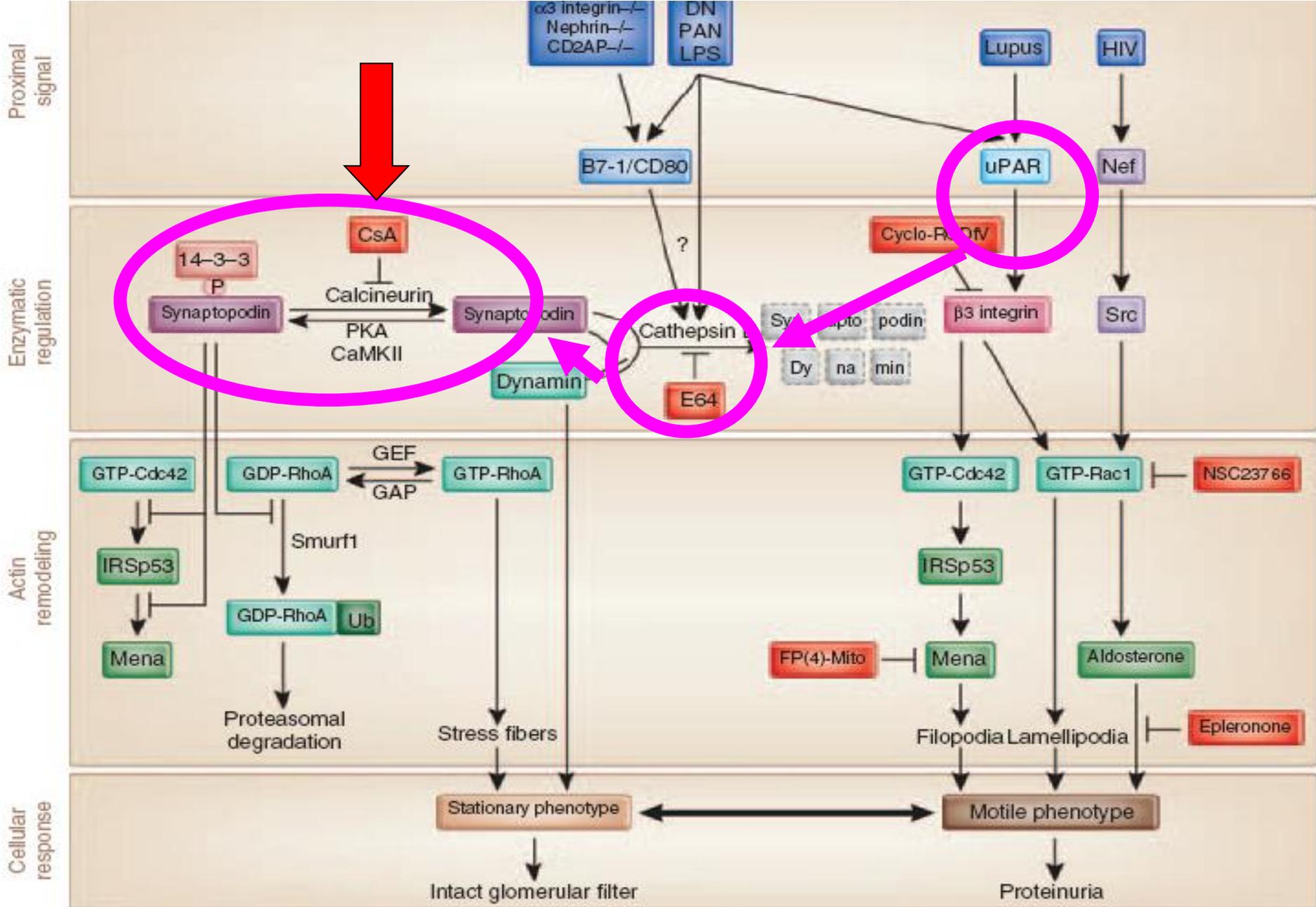
# The actin cytoskeleton of kidney podocytes is a direct target of the antiproteinuric effect of cyclosporine A

Christian Faul<sup>1,2</sup>, Mary Donnelly<sup>1,2</sup>, Sandra Merscher-Gomez<sup>1,2</sup>, Yoon Hee Chang<sup>2,5</sup>, Stefan Franz<sup>2,5</sup>,  
Jacqueline Delfgaauw<sup>2,5</sup>, Jer-Ming Chang<sup>3</sup>, Hoon Young Choi<sup>2</sup>, Kirk N Campbell<sup>1,2</sup>, Kwanghee Kim<sup>2</sup>,  
Jochen Reiser<sup>1,4</sup> & Peter Mundel<sup>1,2</sup>

# Proteinuria: an enzymatic disease of the podocyte?

Peter Mundel<sup>1</sup> and Jochen Reiser<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Department of Medicine, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida, USA

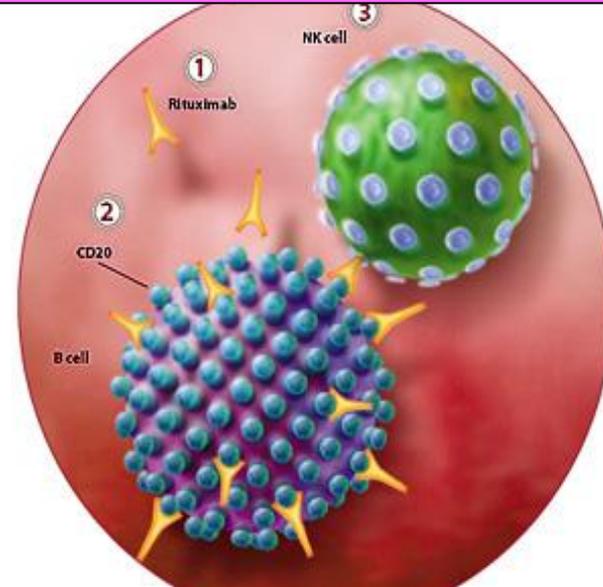


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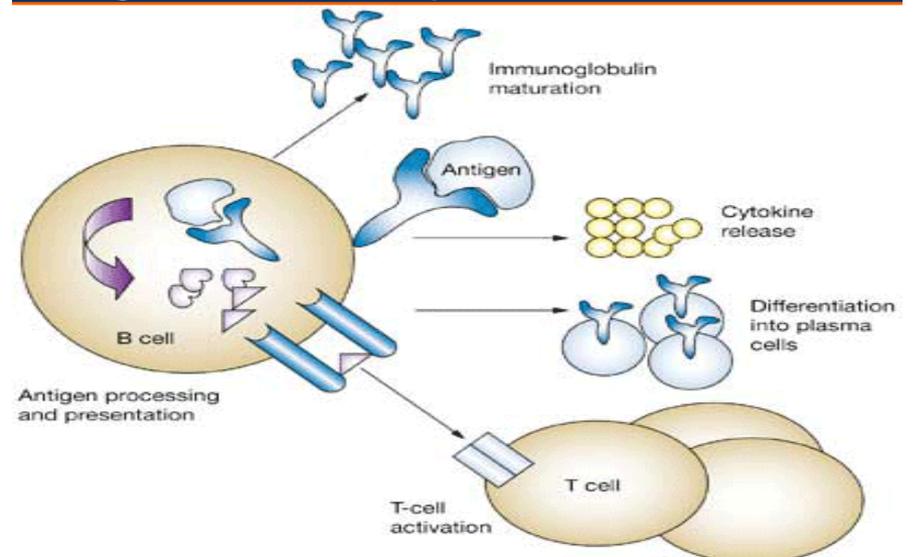
**Non sarebbe utile un farmaco  
Ciclosporino simile con gli effetti su  
Sinaptopodina ma **SENZA GLI  
EFFETTI SULLA IL2?****

# E l'oggetto della controversia, l'anti-CD20 (Rituximab) Il più "on fashion"



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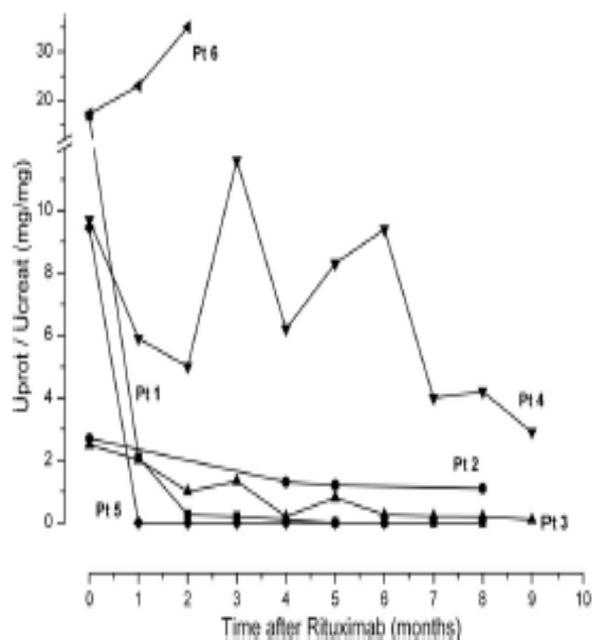
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## Use of Rituximab in Focal Glomerulosclerosis Relapses After Renal Transplantation

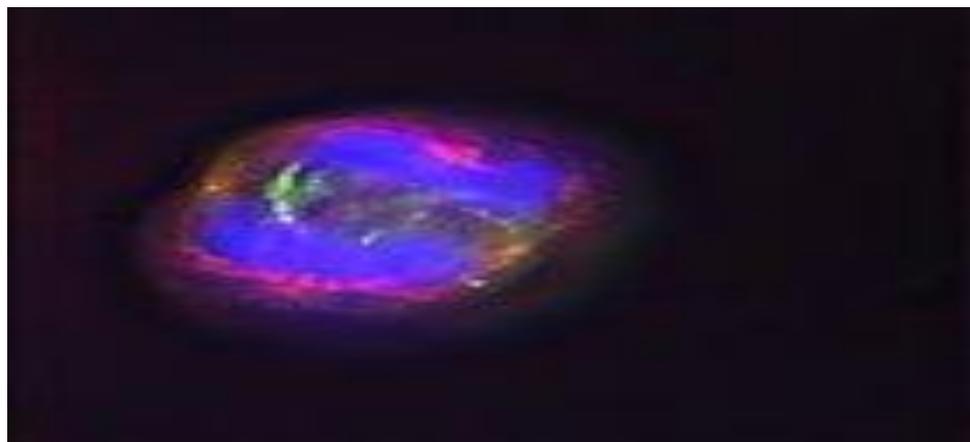
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(*Transplantation* 2009;88: 417–420)

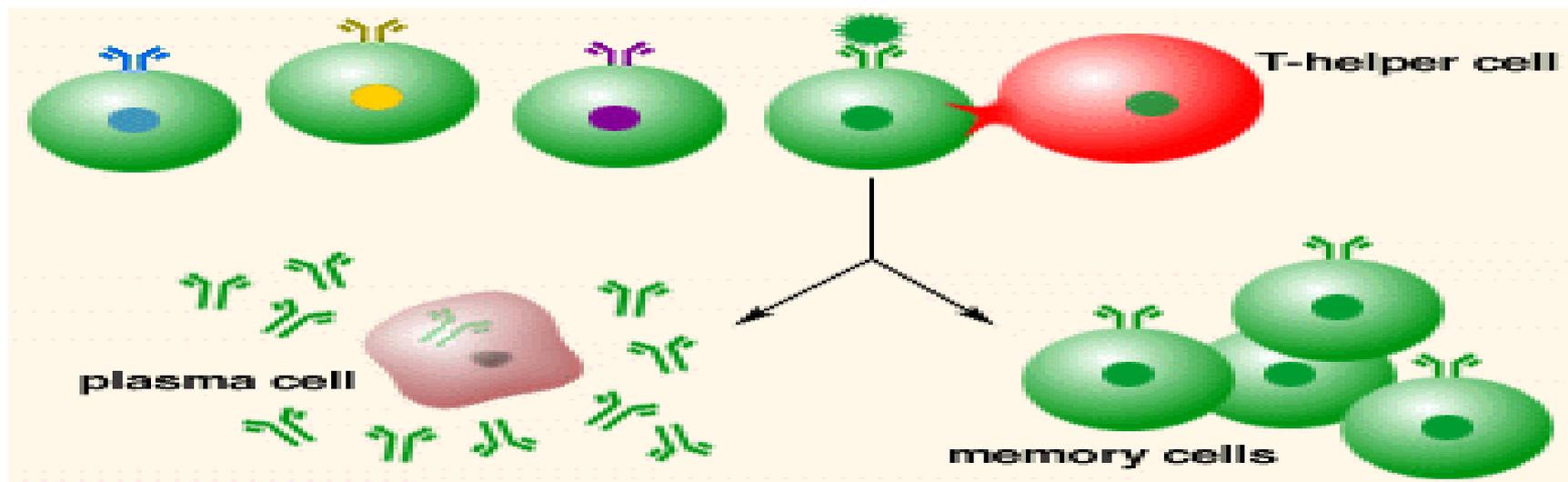


	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4	Case 5	Case 6
Age at onset of FSGS (yr)	2.1	3.6	14	2	4.2	5
Age at transplant (yr)	9.4	24.1	26.9	13.4	7.3	12.4
Posttransplant follow-up before relapse (mo)	117.1	0.3	12.6	2.8	0.03	0.03
Glomeruli with global sclerosis pretreatment (%)	NA	5	0	0	0	0
Glomeruli with focal sclerosis pretreatment (%)	NA	32.5	0	15	0	15
Numbers of glomeruli in the specimen	—	40	14	13	14	18
Pretransplant HLA donor antibodies	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative
Delay between relapse and PE (d)	2	867	30	4	1	42
Number of PE sessions	16	17	29	66	10	10
Delay between relapse and rituximab (d)	32	1086	167	242	11	64
Number of rituximab infusions (initial)	2	1	2	2	2	4
GFR before treatment with PE (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	65	116	37	105	10	60
GFR post-rituximab (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	107	110	120	172	105	27
Serum albumin before PE (g/dL)	1.4	3	3.7	3.2	2.4	2.6
Serum albumin post-rituximab (g/dL)	4.1	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.9	2.1
Urine protein over creatinine ratio before PE	17	2	3	7.1	9.5	17
Urine protein over creatinine ratio at start of rituximab	7.2	2.7	2.5	9.7	6.2	17
Urine protein over creatinine ratio post-rituximab	0.1	1.3	0.2	2.3	0	35
Response	Complete	Partial	Complete	Partial	Complete	Failure
Time to response (mo)	2	5	4	7	<1	—
Follow-up post-rituximab (mo)	4	8	9	9	5	2.5

# RAZIONALE SOLO NELLE MALATTIE B-MEDIATE (Linfomi, LES, Crio, GN membranosa, etc...)



Linfociti B





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Review

## Rituximab-based novel strategies for the treatment of immune-mediated glomerular diseases

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**LUPUS**

**CRIOGLOBULINEMIA**

**VASCULITI  
ANCA-MEDIATE**

**GN  
MEMBRANOSA**

# Identificazione e caratterizzazione Fattore di permeabilità

Immunoglobulina, frammento di Ig

Non Ig 30-50 kDa

B-amilasi+ 100 kDa glicoproteina      fusione pedicelli

emopexina

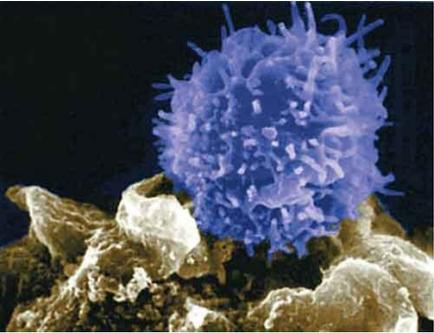
CLC-2 (cardiotrophine-like citokine 1- IL6 family)

Frammenti di albumina ossidata/apolipoproteine

→                      →  
**suPAR**

# FATTORE DI PERMEABILITA'

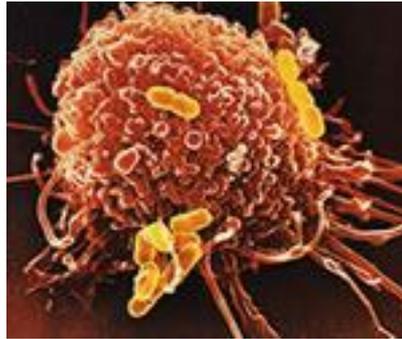
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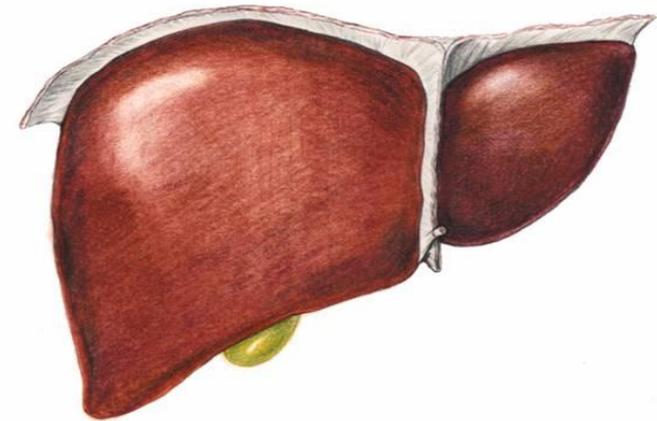
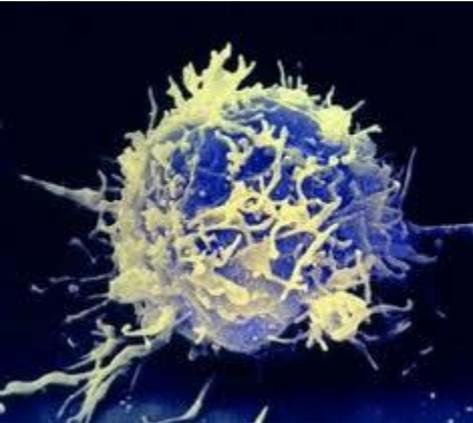
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Più  
frequentemente da...

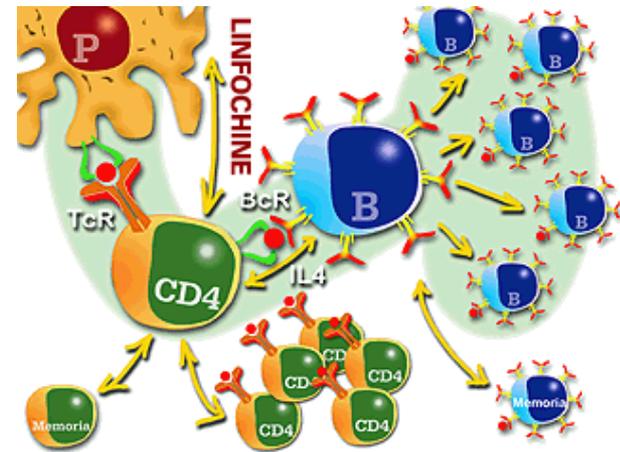
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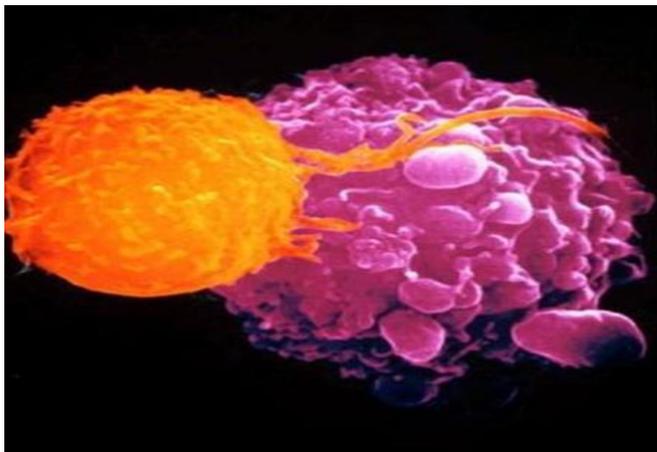
Linfocita B



# Collaborazione linfociti T e B



# Solo talora frutto del matrimonio linfocita T e B è un fattore tossico per lo slit diaphragm

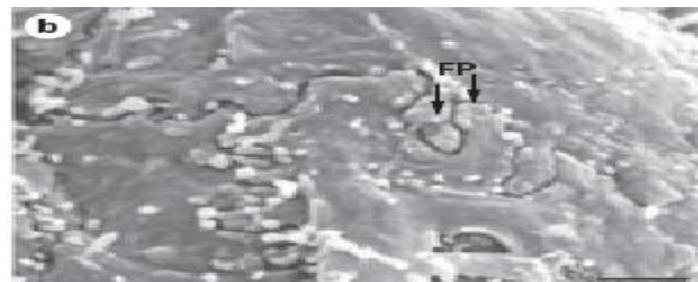
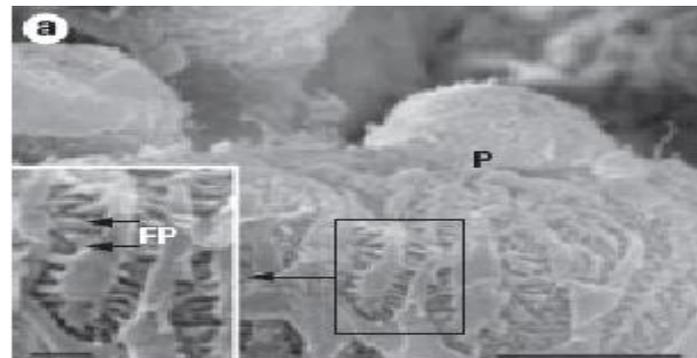
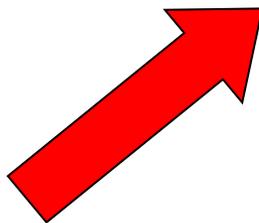


**Stimolo**

**Fattore permeabilità**

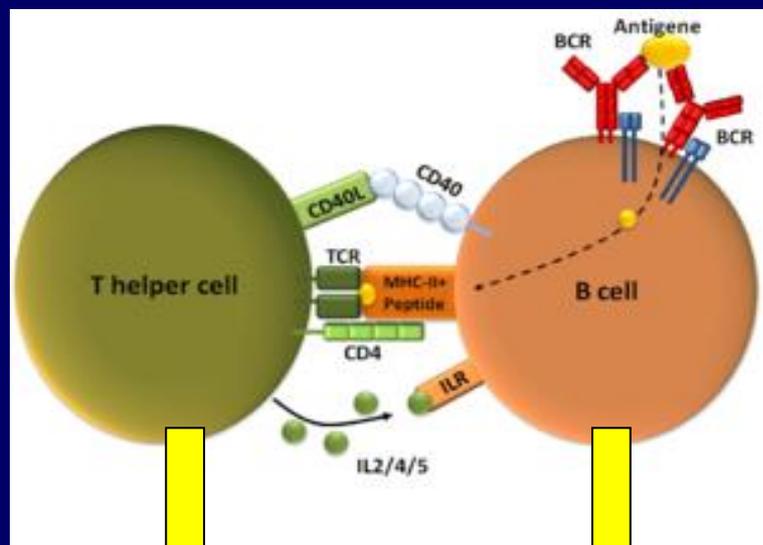
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**Inibitore fattore permeabilità**

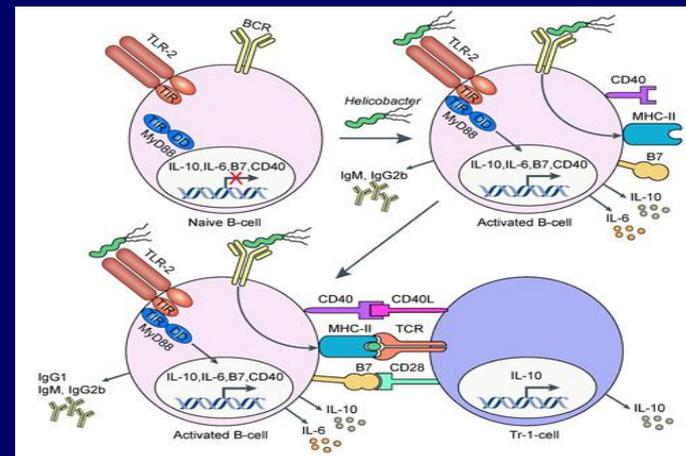


**Fusione pedicellare  
e alterato slit-diaphragm**

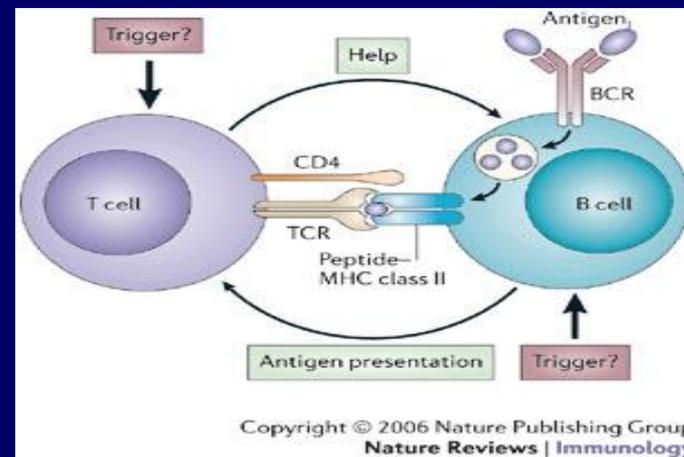
# Razionale Rituximab: solo nelle forme in cui il Fattore di Permeabilità è prodotto dai Linfociti B o T



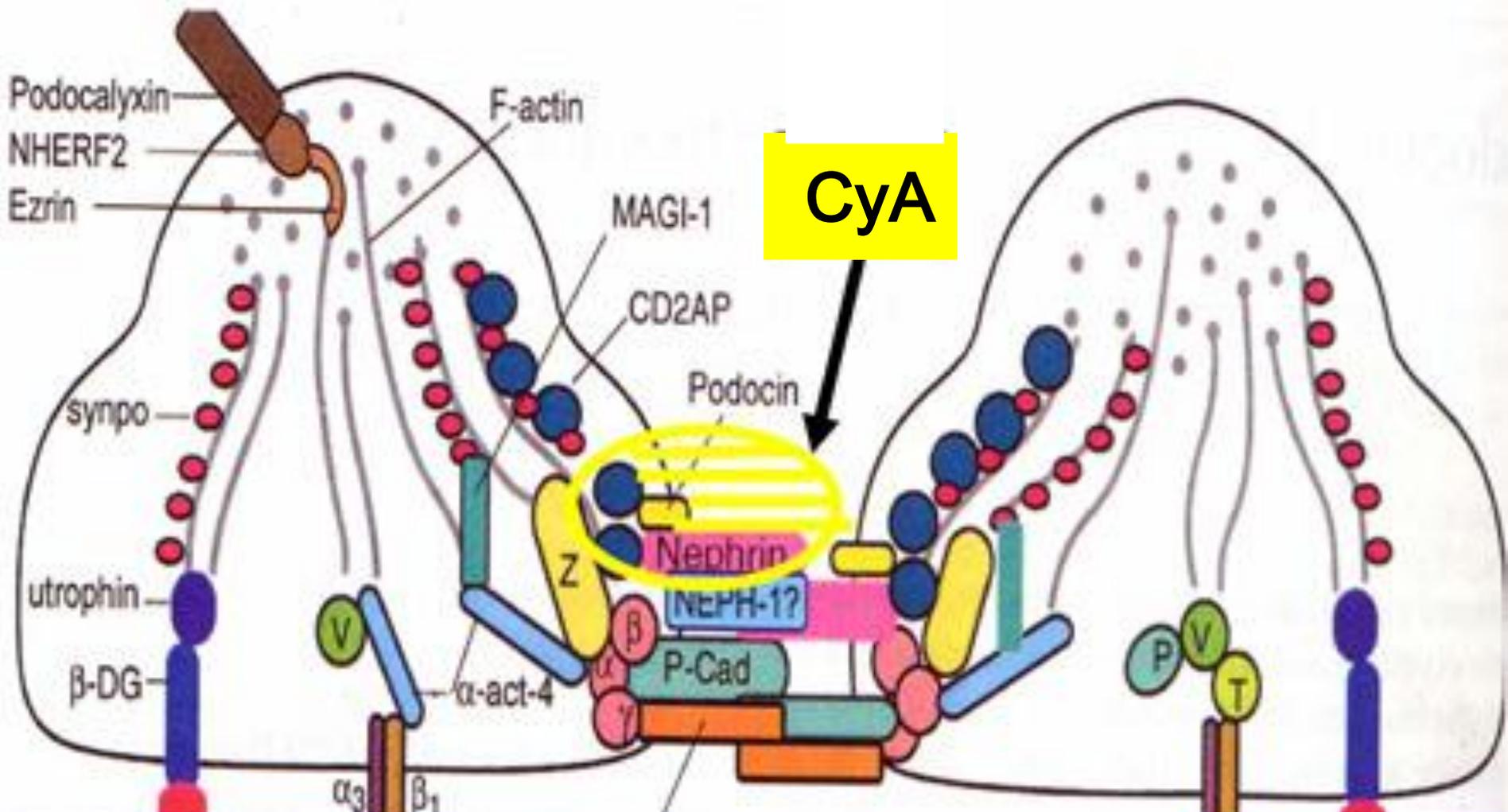
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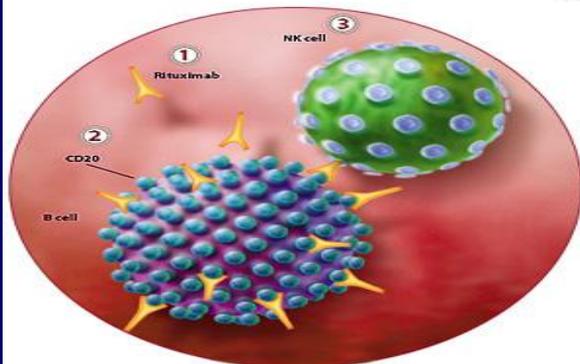
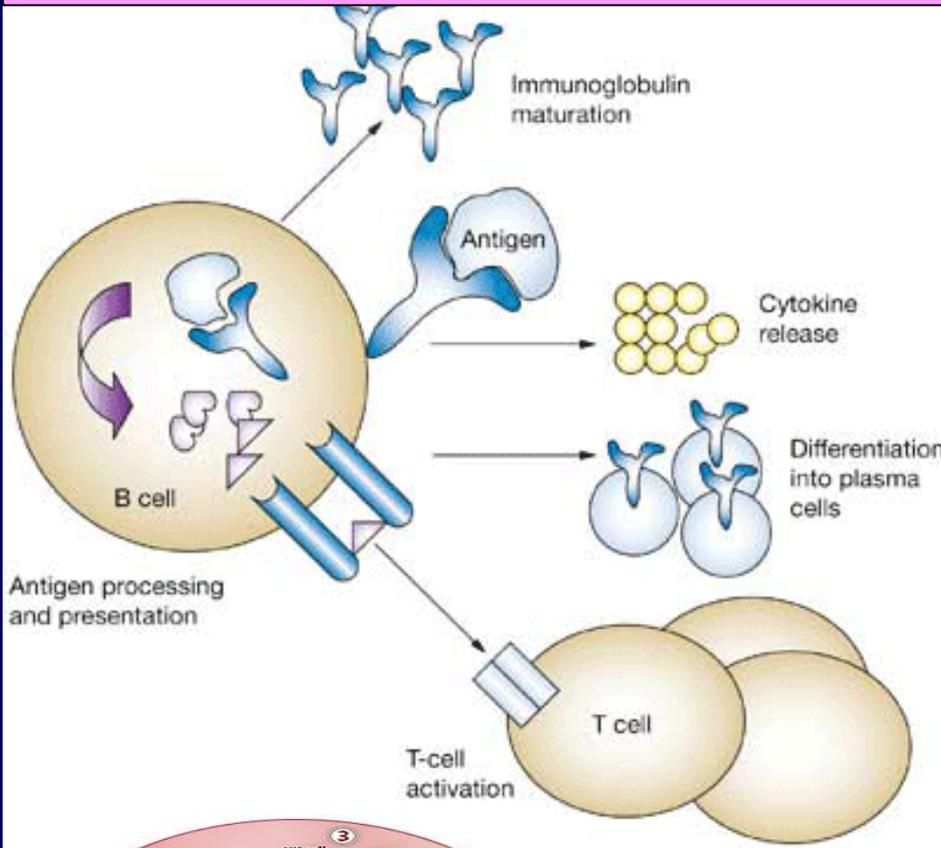
**Negli altri casi il Rituximab è come  
la CyA nella sindrome di Alport**



Meyrier's hypothesis:

Cyclosporine is lipophilic and binds to a lipidic complex associated to the slit diaphragm, **stopping the protein leak**

# Anche l'anti CD20 in questi casi fa il.....



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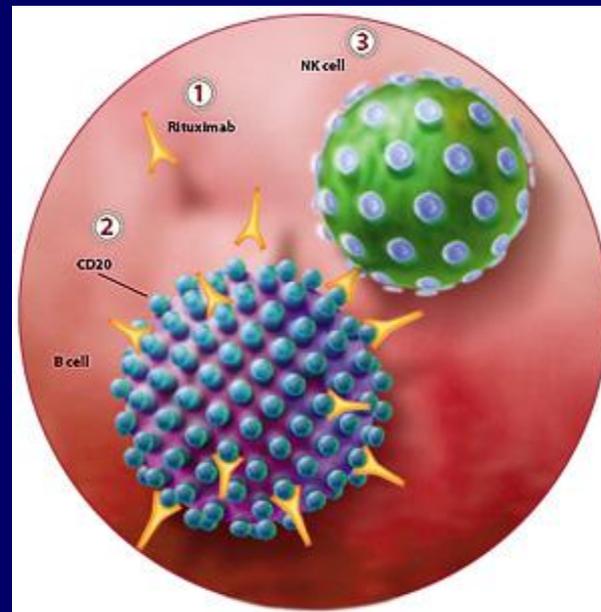
HAI VOGLIA DI  
FARE BUCHI INTELLIGENTI,  
POI ARRIVA QUESTO E  
TAPPA...TAPPA...TAPPA..



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**Tappabuchi**

**Ma è il solo modo con cui agisce il rituximab?**



**Rituximab targets podocytes in recurrent focal segmental glomerulosclerosis**

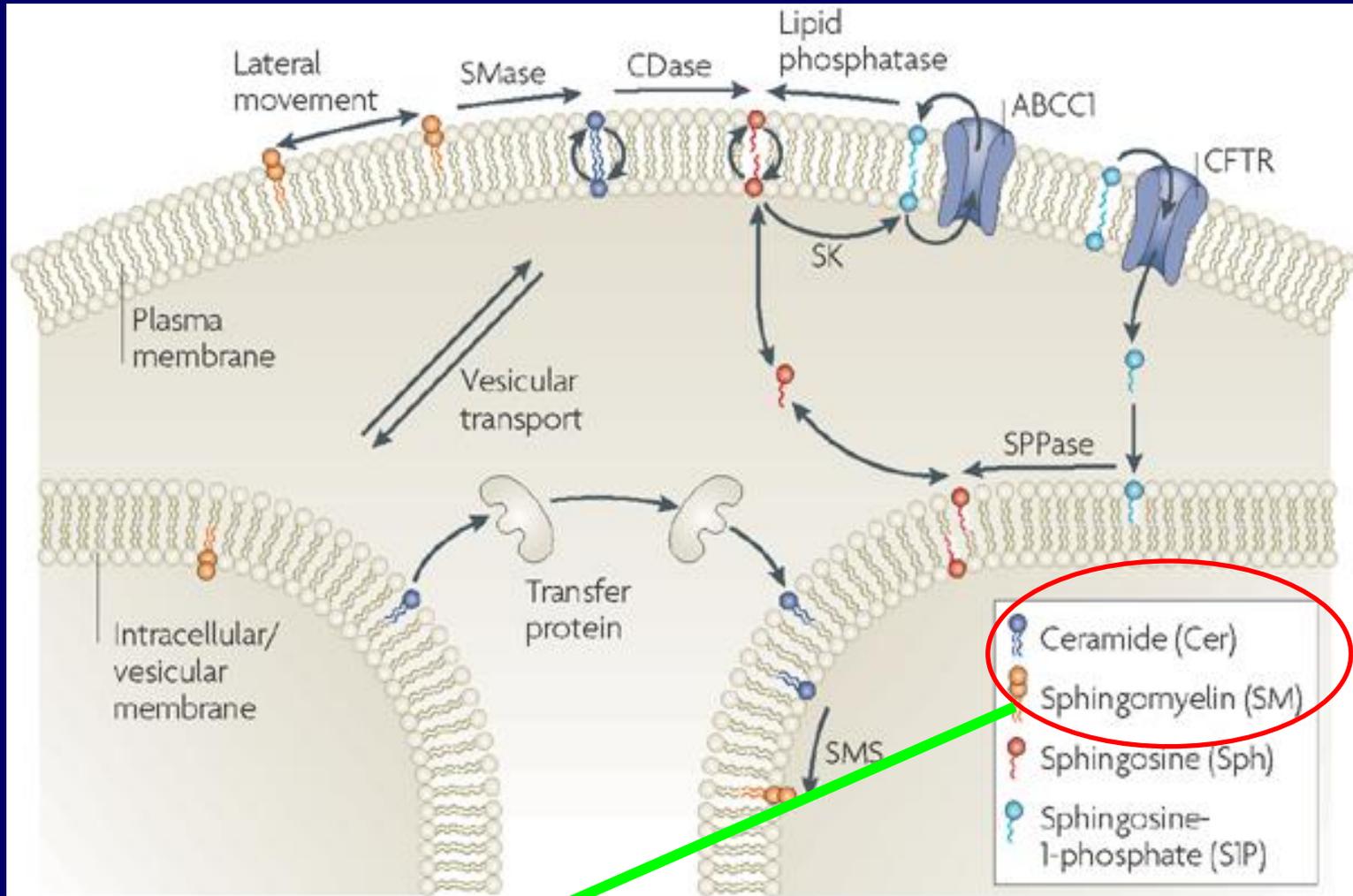
**Fornoni A et al:.....**

**Ajp 2011**

**Azione sulla  
Sfingomielinafosfodiesterasi acida-3b**

**Azione sulla  
Sfingomielinasi ASMase**

# Rituximab regola Sopravvivenza/apoptosi cellulare

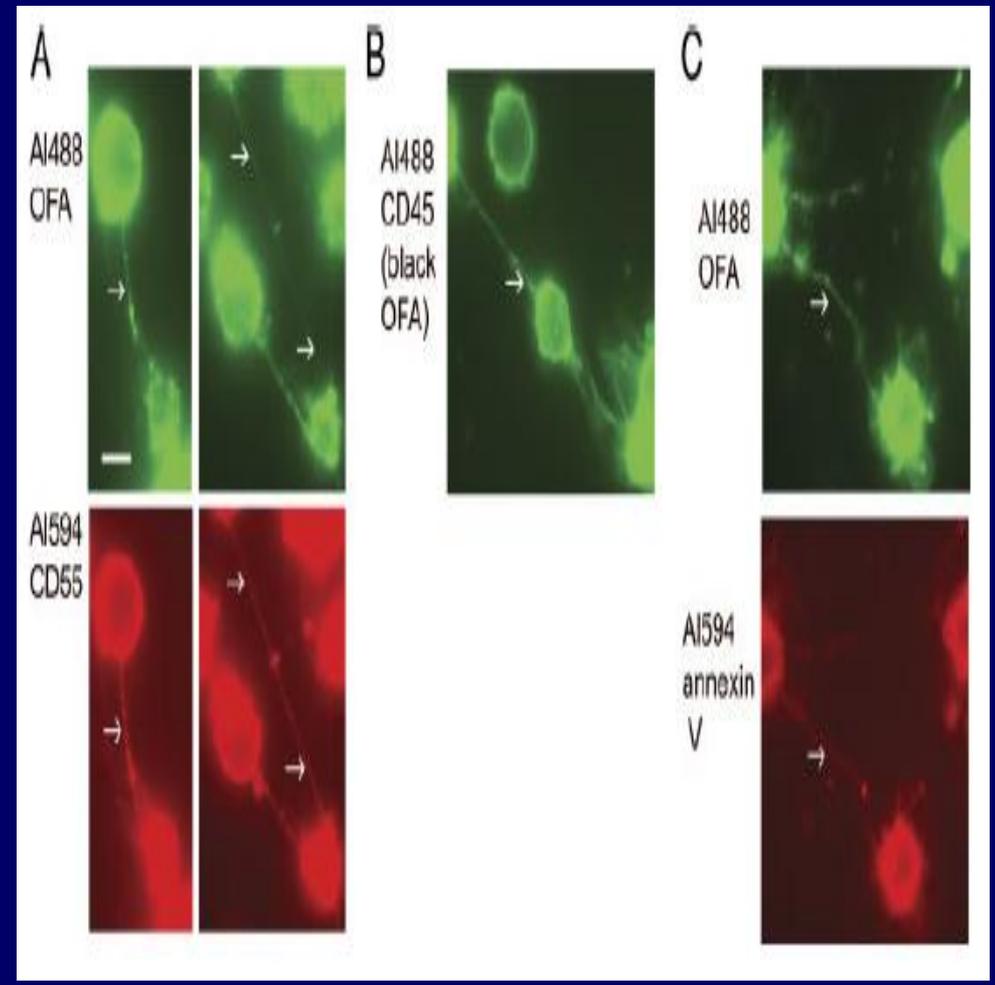
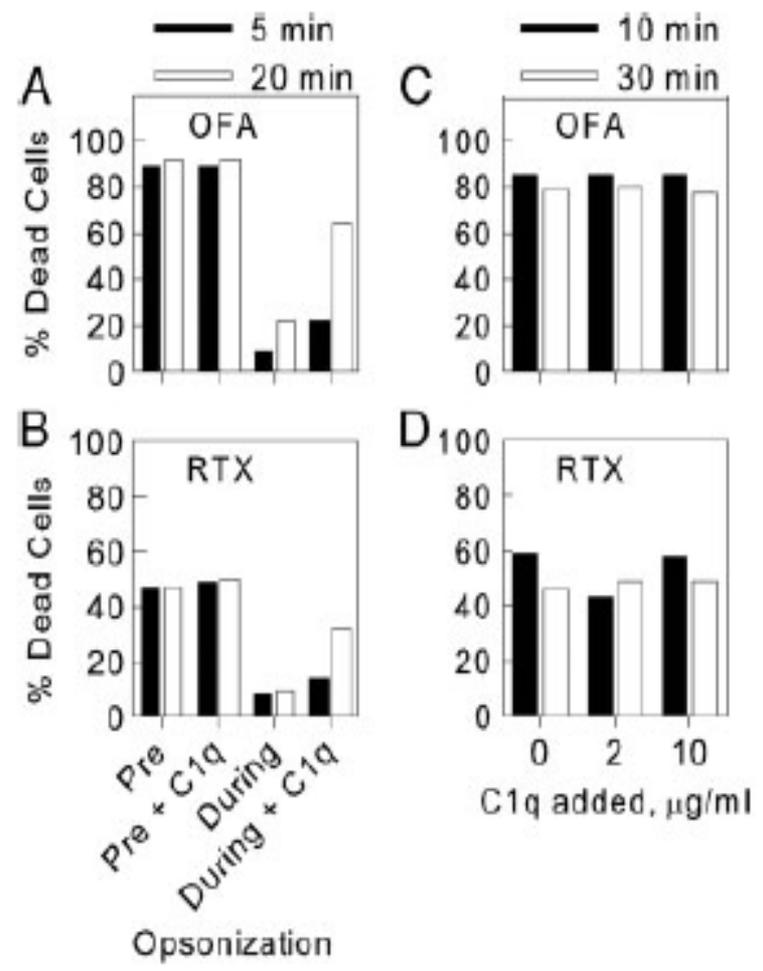


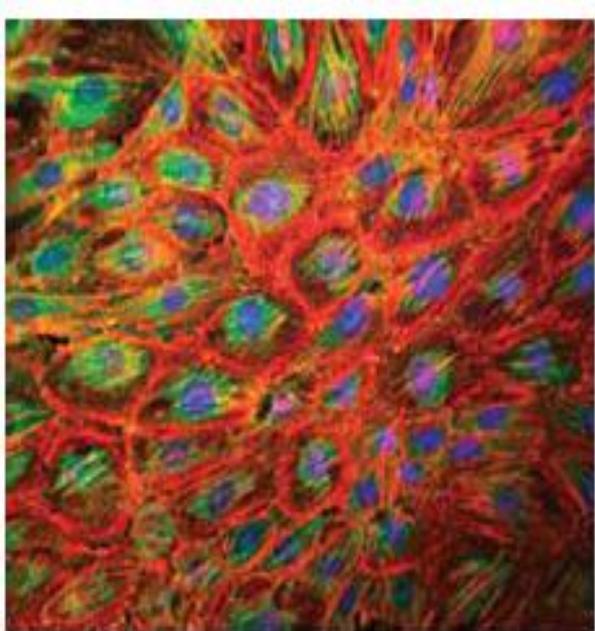
**Ca++**

# Penetration of antibody-opsonized cells by the membrane attack complex of complement promotes $Ca^{2+}$ influx and induces streamers

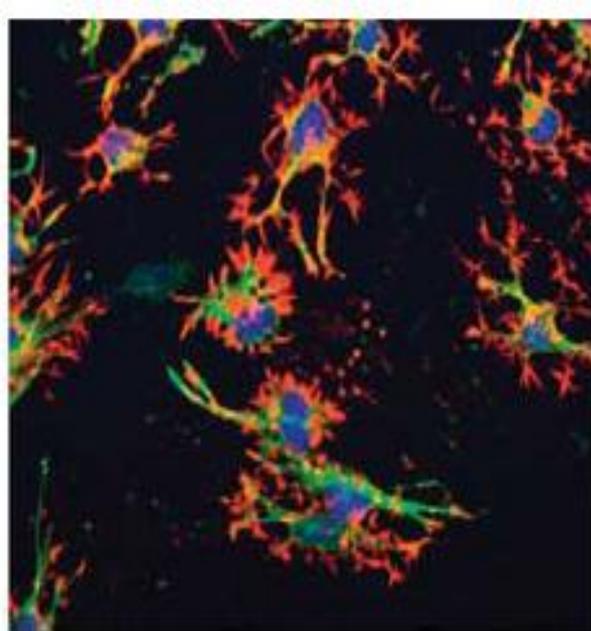
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# Rituximab e calcio intracellulare Effetto sulla stabilizzazione del citoscheletro

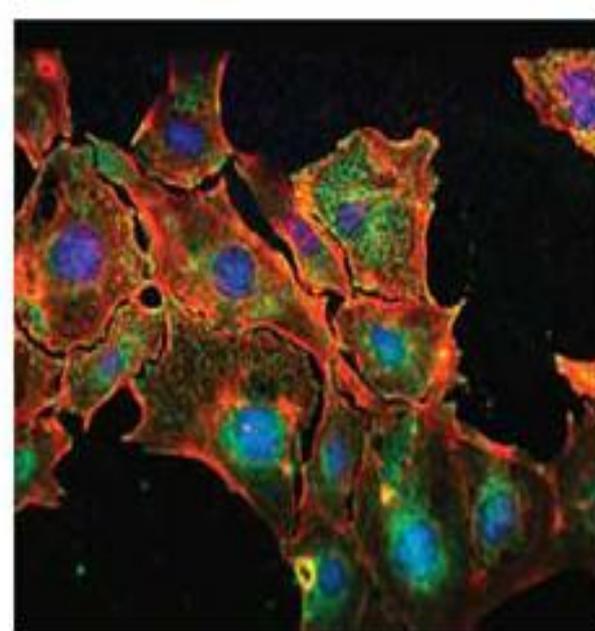




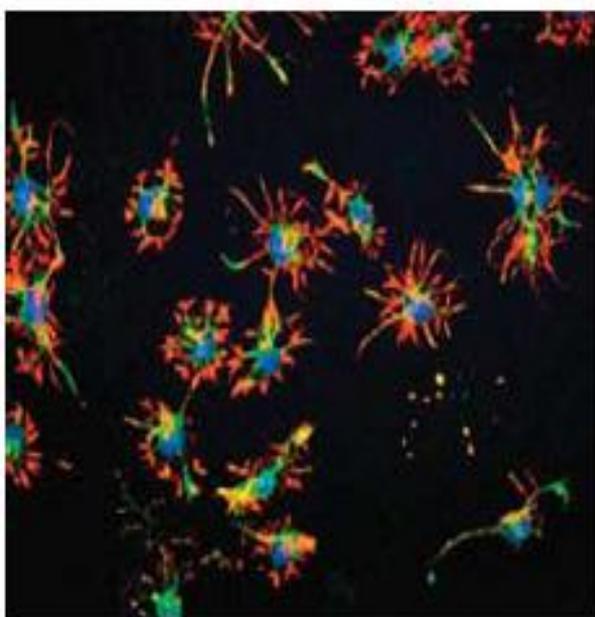
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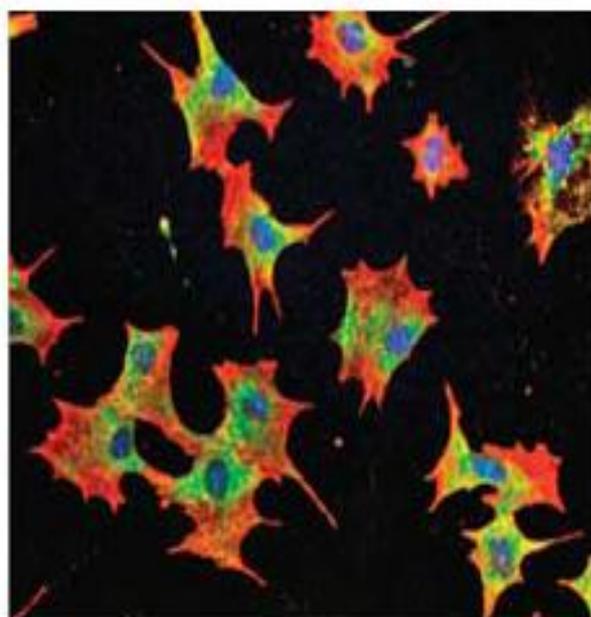
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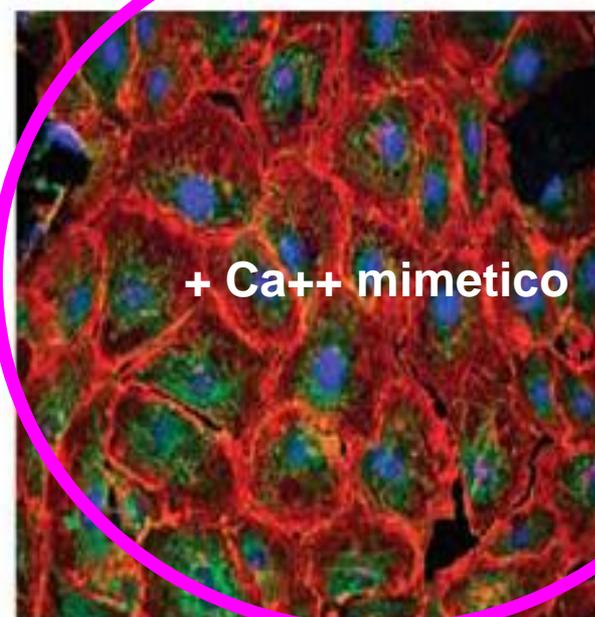
48 h post CD



CD



24 h post CD



48 h post CD

+ Ca++ mimetico



# Riflessione FINALE



**Il trattamento con Rituximab è solo empirico.....non ha cambiato il decorso delle SN “poco responsive alla terapia” o “resistenti”**

**Senza effetto nelle forme “disperate”**



# Rituximab ha ridotto la necessità di trattamento con Cya e Steroidi e effetti collaterali, e frequenza di ricadute SOLO NELLE SNSD



A

B

Figura 3. (A) Imagen frontal, donde se observa una gruesa capa de tejido gingival que impide la erupción de los incisivos permanentes. (B) Paciente en tratamiento de ortodoncia, 6 meses después de la gingivectomía. Cortesía Dra. A. Pérez.



**Al momento la terapia con Rituximab  
deve essere considerata.....**



**Il Rituximab ha solo sostituito la Ciclosporina?**

**Il Rituximab permette veramente di sospendere del tutto STEROIDI E/O CICLOSPORINA?**

**Per quanti tempo posso continuare a utilizzarlo?**

**Per quanti tempo posso continuare a utilizzarlo? 1 anno? 2 anni? 10 anni? E poi?**

**E gli effetti collaterali a distanza di 10-20 anni Quali sono?**

**Gli Ematologi fanno al massimo 2-3 cicli....e NOI?**



**Esiste un marker , se non la sola Steroido-dipendenza, che mi suggerisce di utilizzare RITUXIMAB**

**Riduce la frequenza di recidive nel trapianto renale ?**



# Rituximab in Steroid-Resistant Nephrotic Syndrome in Children: A (False) Glimmer of Hope?

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From this study and in the context of prior reports, rituximab may have a role in SDNS and CNI-dependent nephrotic syndrome in reducing exposure to and hence toxicity of these drugs. It may be more effective in reducing proteinuria in children who had prior response to standard therapy and later developed steroid resistance. Although the current trial was powered to only see a large effect in reduction of proteinuria, this trial suggests that, for early treatment-resistant nephrotic syndrome, rituximab therapy is unlikely to be successful. Although rituximab is generally well tolerated, it has serious side effects—mainly infusion-related hypotension, fever and rigors, serious infections, fatal lung fibrosis,<sup>20</sup> and progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety>). Additionally, it is an expensive treatment, with the cost of 500 mg of rituximab being approximately US\$8000. Therefore, clinicians caring for children with treatment resistant nephrotic syndrome should carefully weigh the potential benefits of this treatment until further evidence is available for its efficacy.

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subjects. The question that remains to be answered is whether rituximab has a role in treatment of SDNS and late-resistant nephrotic syndrome to minimize toxicity of current therapy and improve outcome. Clearly further multicenter randomized controlled trials are necessary to further define the role of rituximab in nephrotic syndrome in children and to adequately test new therapies in the treatment of this frustrating disease, whose treatment continues to elude pediatric nephrologists and their affected patients.

## Letter to the Editor

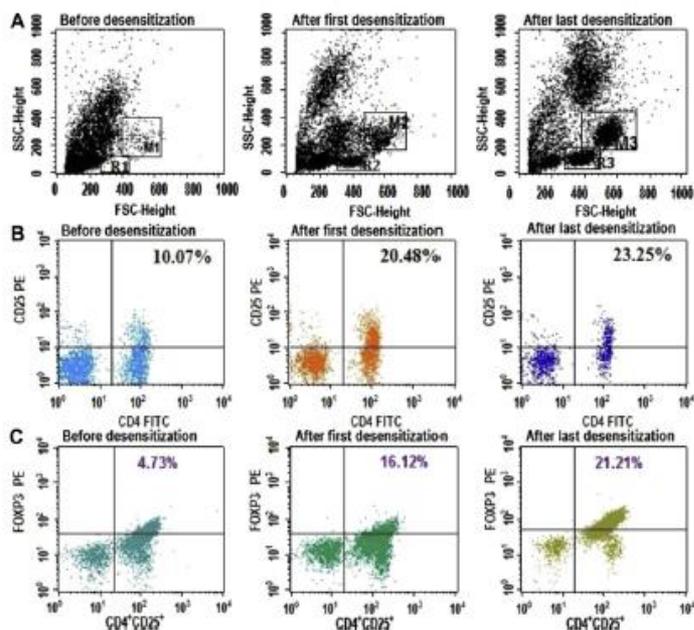
**Successful rapid rituximab desensitization in an adolescent patient with nephrotic syndrome: Increase in number of Treg cells after desensitization**

syndrome (NS) for 4 years. The patient developed pruritic papular urticarial eruptions, angioedema, throat tightness, cough, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and tachycardia at 90th minute of infusion of rituximab (MabThera 500 mg/50 mL; F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, Basel, Switzerland) when 180 mg of the drug had been

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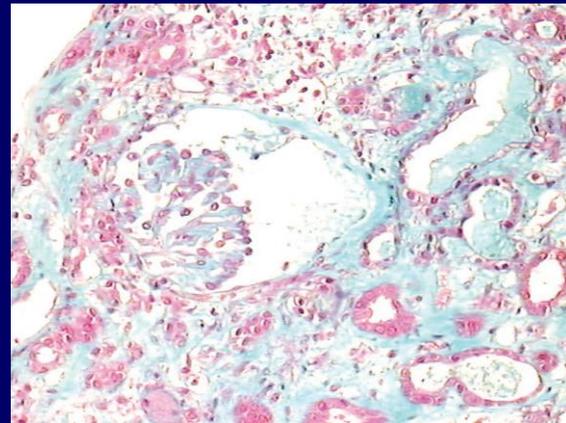
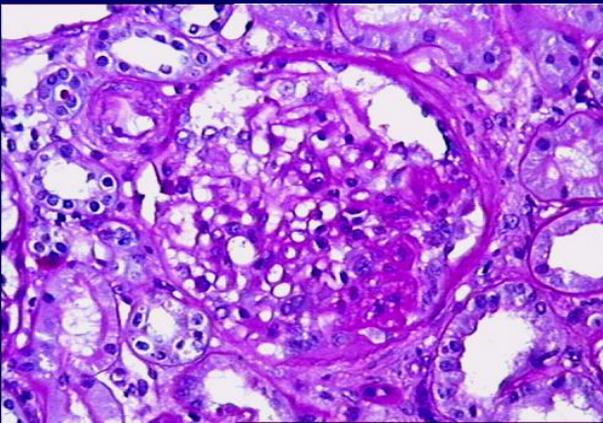


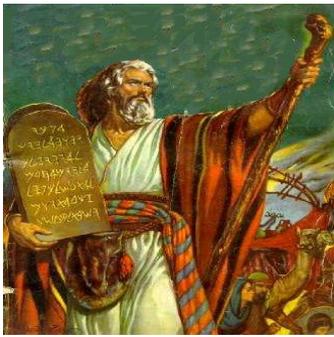
# RIFLESSIONE CONCLUSIVA

Innamorati del tuo lavoro...studia...ricerca...  
Fallo seriamente.....e fanne quasi una  
ragione di vita.....



E solo così potremmo sconvincere malattie come





Ma soprattutto datti delle regole

