

# Percorsi Pediatrici della Val di Noto

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# Francesco - 12 anni

- **Macroematuria** da due giorni
- Anamnesi patologica remota  
Portatore di trait talassemico
- Anamnesi patologica prossima



Due settimane prima episodio di **faringotonsillite** trattata con amoxicillina + acido clavulanico.



**Beneficio**

# Ricovero c/o la nostra Unità Operativa

## Obiettivamente

- ✓ Pallore cutaneo
- ✓ Non edemi
- ✓ PA 133/73 mmHg

## Esami bioumorali

- ✓ Anemia: Hb 9 g/dl
- ✓ Funzione renale nella norma
- ✓ Normoprotidemia e normoalbuminemia
- ✓ **C3: 9 mg/dl**
- ✓ C4: 16 mg/dl
- ✓ **TAS 843 U/L**

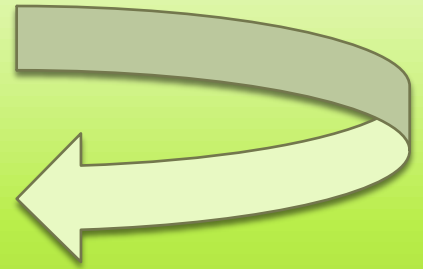
## Dopo tre giorni



- ✓ Urine normocromiche.
- ✓ PA nella norma.
- ✓ Proteinuria delle 24 ore: oscillante tra **1 e 1.7 g/24h**
- ✓ Al sedimento urinario: **ematuria (30-40 emazie)**

**Prima ipotesi diagnostica**

**GN post-streptococcica**



✓ Proseguiva monitoraggio PA ed esame urine

# Dopo 4 settimane...

## Francesco

- ✓ PA nella norma
- ✓ Microematuria importante
- ✓ Proteinuria 1.7 g/24h
- ✓ **C3 12 mg/dl**
- ✓ C4 20 mg/dl

# Ipotesi Diagnostiche



## GLOMERULONEFRITE POST-INFETTIVA

- Edemi, oliguria, ematuria
- Durata 2-3 settimane
- Attivazione del complemento, con C3 che si normalizza in genere entro 4-8 settimane

## NEFRITE LUPICA

- Proteinuria
- Ematuria
- +/- segni sistemici
- Ipocomplementemia ( C↓ C↓)
- Positività ANA, nDNA, ENA

## GLOMERULONEFRITI MEMBRANOPROLIFERATIVE (GNMP)

- Ematuria glomerulare
- Ipertensione
- Proteinuria o sindrome nefrosica
- Progressivo deterioramento della funzione renale
- ↓ C3 (C4 può essere normale)

## Dopo 8 settimane

- Microematura (30-50 emazie pcm)
- Proteinuria: 1.5 g/24 h
- **C3 12 mg/dl**

### GLOMERULONEFRITE POST-INFETTIVA

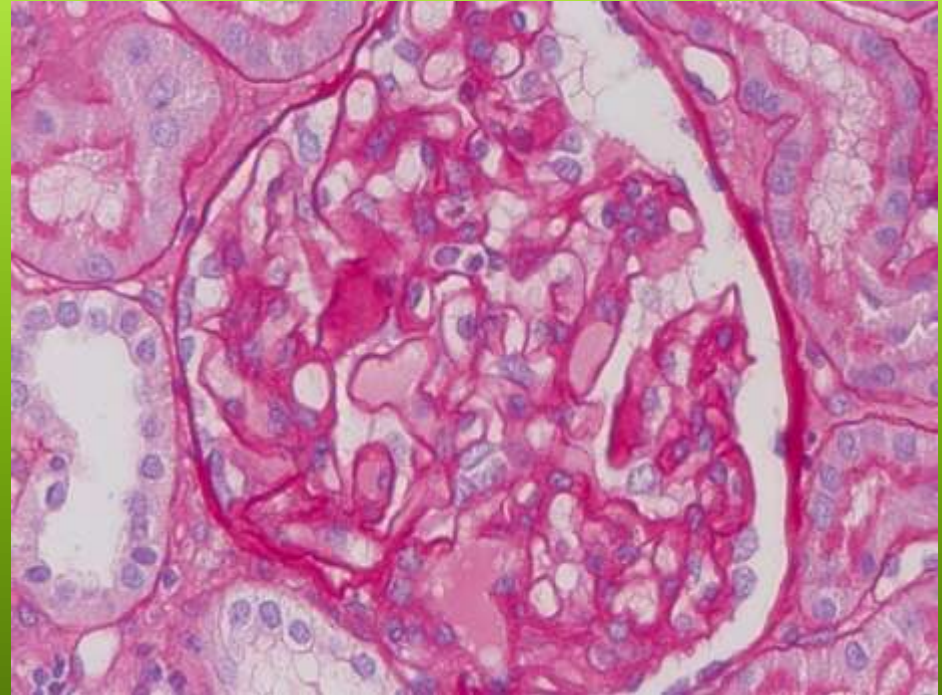
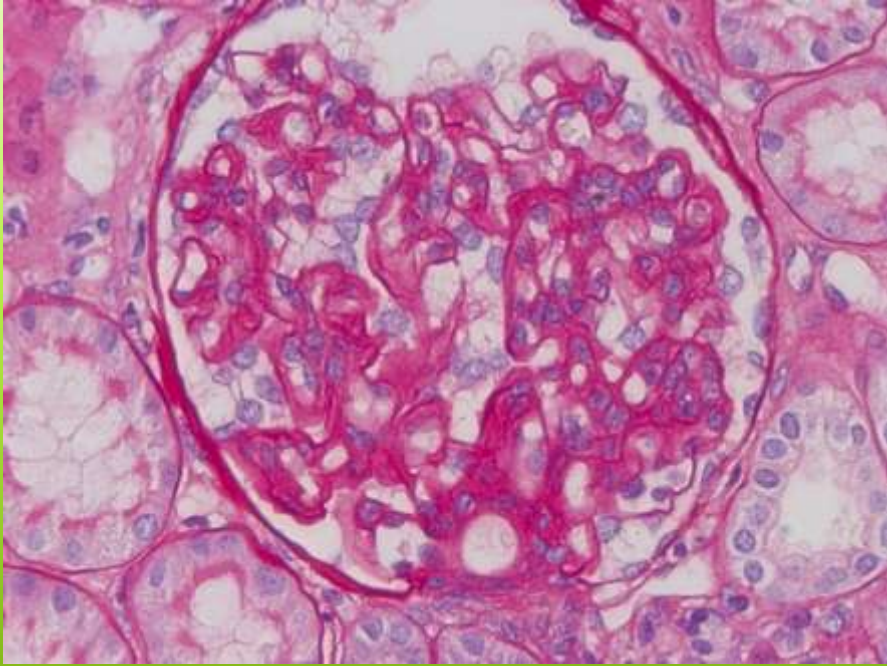
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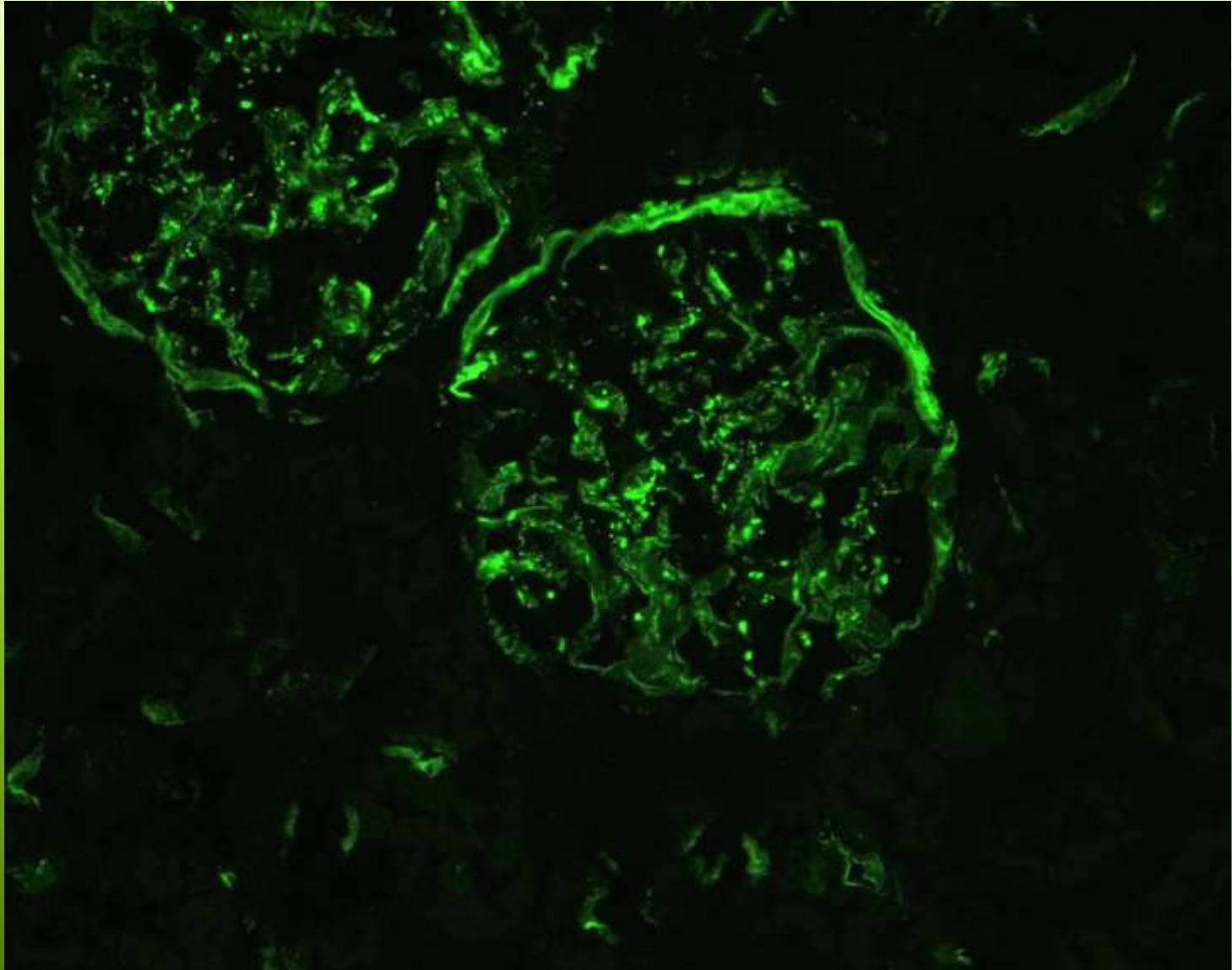
# Biopsia Renale



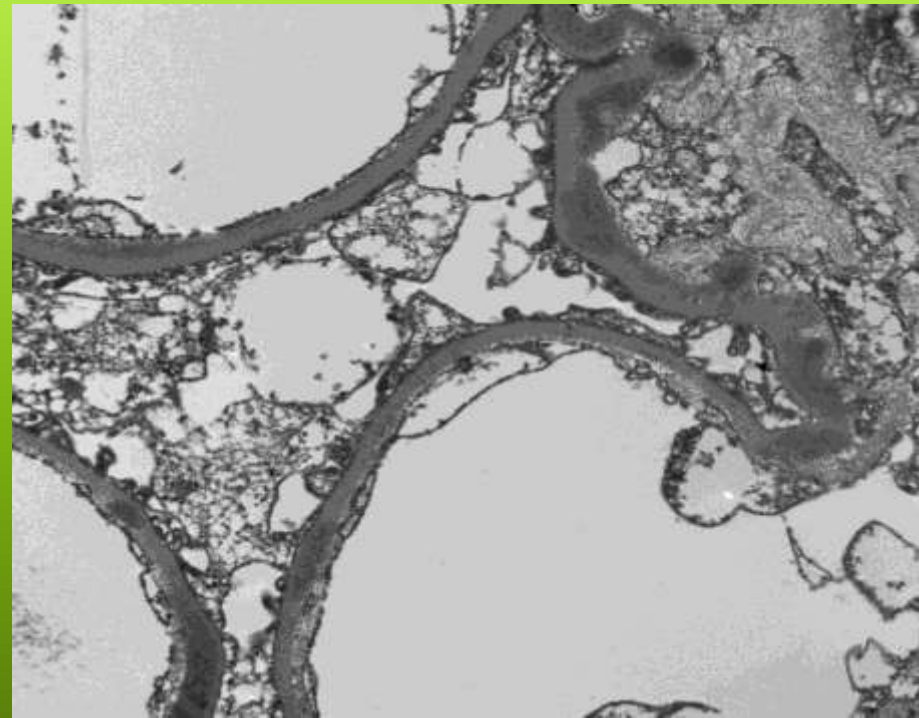
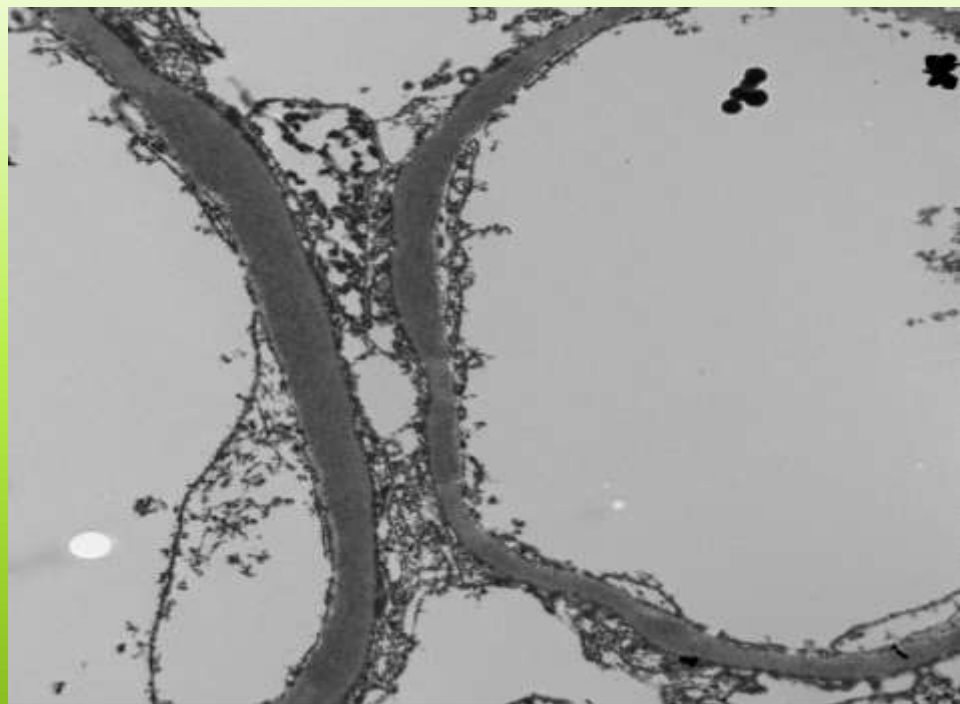
# Microscopia ottica



# Immunofluorescenza



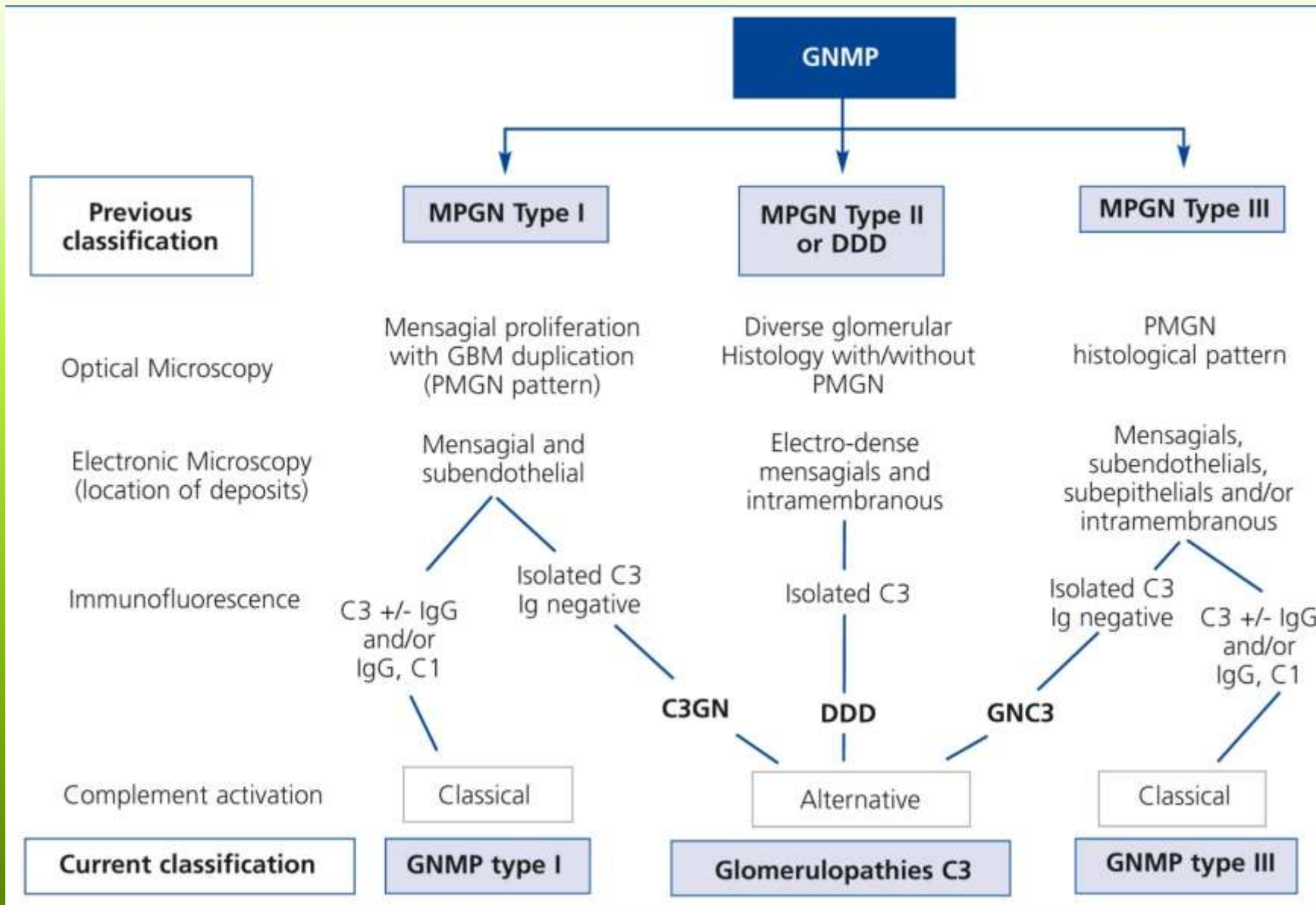
# Microscopia elettronica



# Confermata diagnosi di GNMP II

## o DDD

# Classification of GNMP



# Diagnosi differenziale C3 Glomerulopatie

## DDD

- Via alternativa
- ↓ C3 sierico ma normale C4
- Attivazione via alternativa mediante C3 convertasi
- Depositi più addensati localizzati nella lamina media della membrana basale
- Forma più aggressiva

## C3GN

- Via alternativa
- ↓ C3 sierico ma normale C4
- Attivazione via alternativa mediante C5 convertasi
- Depositi paramesangiali e subepiteliali
- Forma meno aggressiva

# Glomerulonefrite a depositi densi (DDD)

- Glomerulopatia rara
- Incidenza 2-3% su 1 milione di persone
- Esordio tra i 5 ed i 15 anni (descritti rari episodi in età adulta)
- Evoluzione verso l'insufficienza renale terminale
- **Presenza di C3 Nef** nell' 80 % dei casi



# Analisi molecolare dei geni del complemento

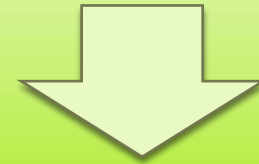
- CFH → **DDD-GNC3-GNMP tipo1**
- CFI → **GNMP1-GNC3** (*Servais A. Kidney Int 2012*)
- MCP →
- C3 → **DDD** (*Martinez-Berricarte J Clin Invest 2010*)
- CFB → **Proteina del sistema del complemento potenzialmente associata a GNMP**

# Trattamento sintomatico



- **ACE-inibitori**
- **Sartanici**

*Ruggenti 1999*  
*Brenner 2001*



- **Statine**

*Nickolas 2003*

## Pathology after and C3 GN

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### ABSTRACT

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pathway. Here, we report rer  
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consistent with effective C5 t  
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*J Am Soc Nephrol* 23: 1229–1237, 2012

## Eculizumab for the Treatment of Dense-Deposit Disease

**TO THE EDITOR:** Dense-deposit disease (also known as dense deposit disease) is a form of glomerulonephritis characterized by normal, as were levels of factor H and factor B.

## Eculizumab for Dense Deposit Disease and C3 Glomerulonephritis

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Gerald B. Appel\*

### Summary

**Background and objectives** The principle defect in dense deposit disease and C3 glomerulonephritis is hyperactivity of the alternative complement pathway. Eculizumab, a monoclonal antibody that binds to C5 to prevent formation of the membrane attack complex, may prove beneficial.

**Design, setting, participants, & measurements** In this open-label, proof of concept efficacy and safety study, six subjects with dense deposit disease or C3 glomerulonephritis were treated with eculizumab every other week for 1 year. All had proteinuria >1 g/d and/or AKI at enrollment. Subjects underwent biopsy before enrollment and repeat biopsy at the 1-year mark.

**Results** The subjects included three patients with dense deposit disease (including one patient with recurrent dense deposit disease in allograft) and three patients with C3 glomerulonephritis (including two patients with recurrent C3 glomerulonephritis in allograft). Genetic and complement function testing revealed a mutation in *CFH* and *MCP* in one subject each, C3 nephritic factor in three subjects, and elevated levels of serum membrane attack complex in three subjects. After 12 months, two subjects showed significantly reduced serum creatinine, one subject achieved marked reduction in proteinuria, and one subject had stable laboratory parameters but histopathologic improvements. Elevated serum membrane attack complex levels normalized on therapy and paralleled improvements in creatinine and proteinuria.

**Conclusions** Clinical and histopathologic data suggest a response to eculizumab in some but not all subjects with dense deposit disease and C3 glomerulonephritis. Elevation of serum membrane attack complex before treatment may predict response. Additional research is needed to define the subgroup of dense deposit disease/C3 glomerulonephritis patients in whom eculizumab therapy can be considered.

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Francesco ha praticato  
terapia con:

**Deltacortene**

(1mg/kg/die) con

successivo décalage + **ACE- Inibitori**

per un periodo

complessivo di 6 mesi

Attualmente è in terapia con:

- **ACE- Inibitori**
- **Sartanici**

# FOLLOW-UP FRANCESCO

- ❖ PA 114/70 mmHg
- ❖ Funzione renale nella norma
- ❖ Proteinuria 135 mg/24h
- ❖ Microematuria (7-10 emazie)

# Grazie per l'attenzione

