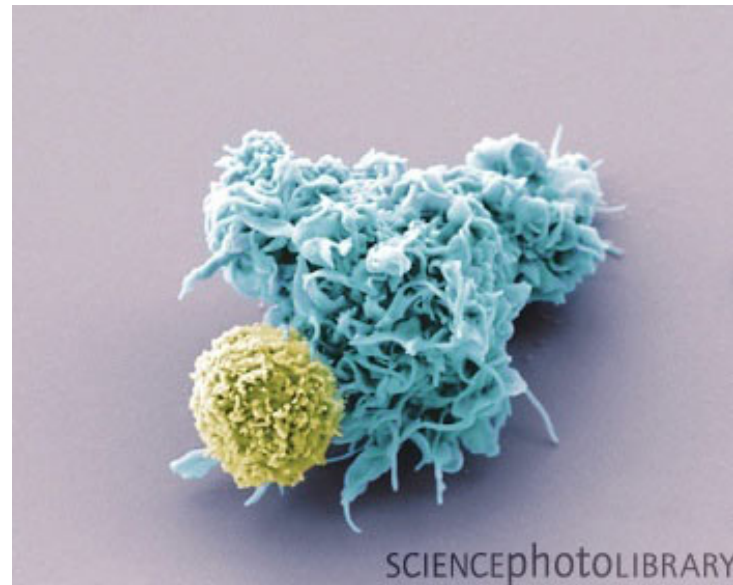
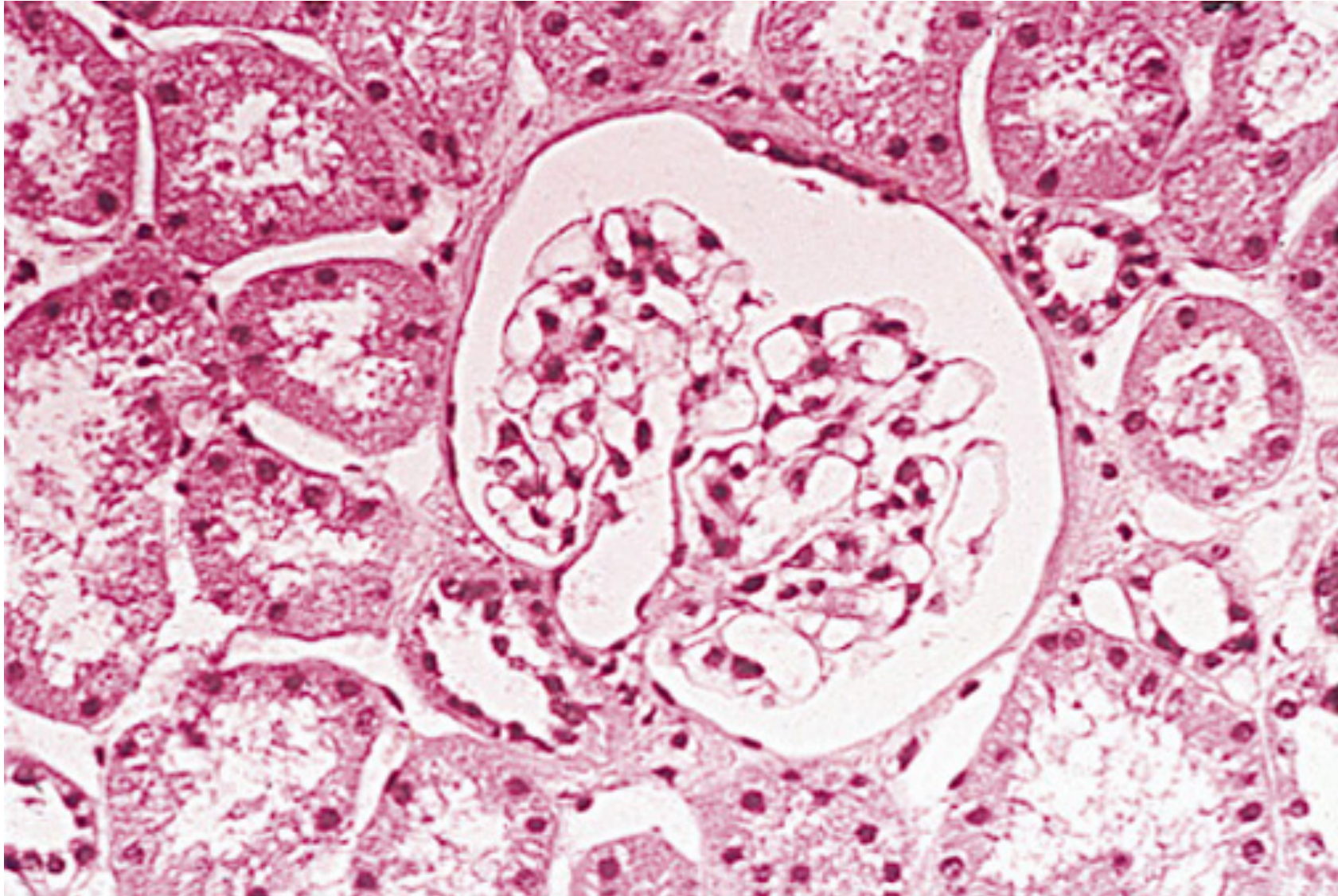


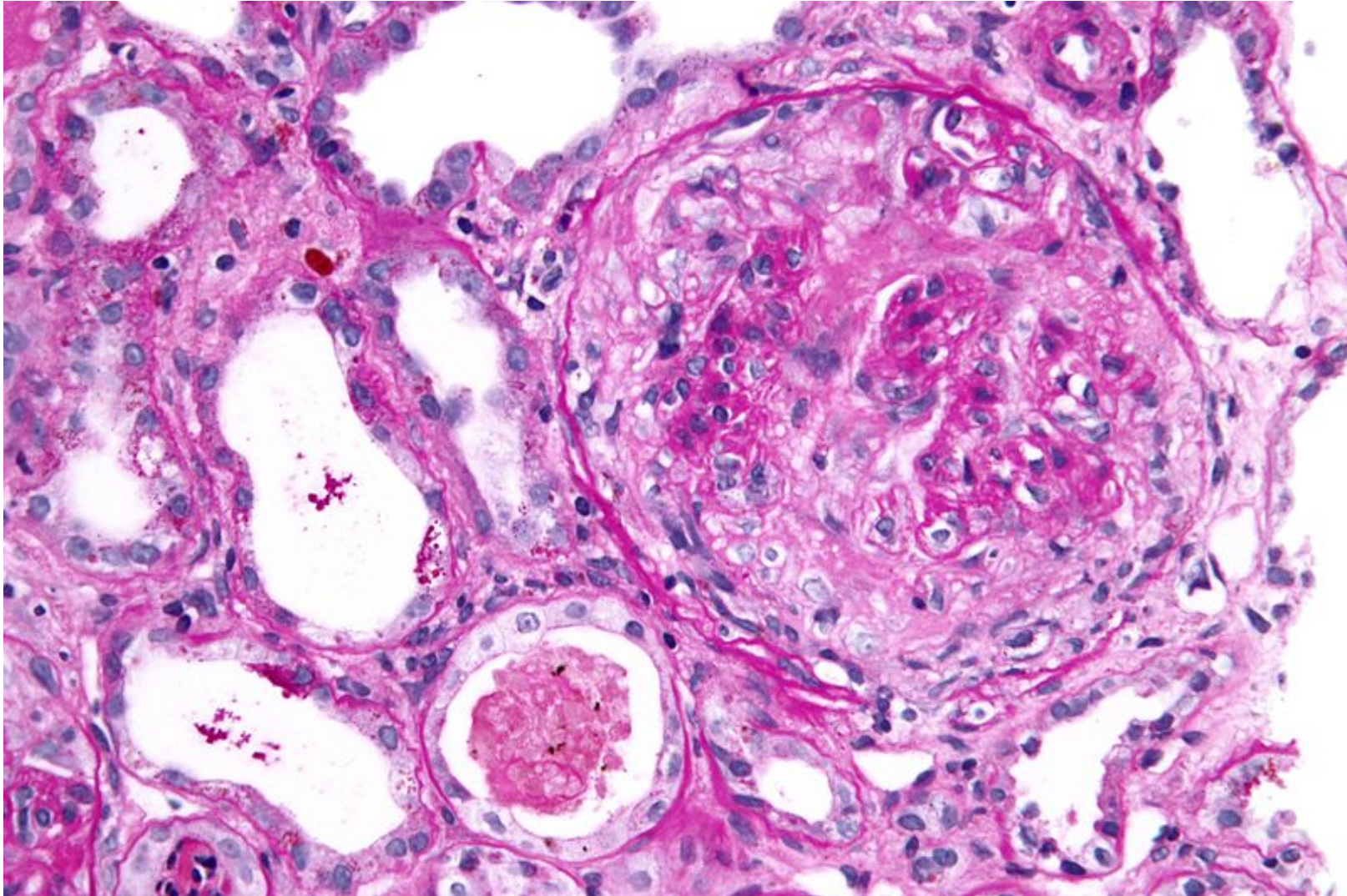
# INMUNOSUPRESIÓN EN LAS GLOMERULOPATÍAS



**Qué es una glomerulopatía?**



**Qué es una glomerulonefritis?**



## ¿QUÉ ES UNA GLOMERULONEFRITIS?

EL término “glomerulonefritis” (GN) se reserva a enfermedades en las cuales los glomérulos contienen células inflamatorias, básicamente polimorfonucleares (PMNs), macrófagos tisulares, o linfocitos, más allá del número hallado en condiciones normales.

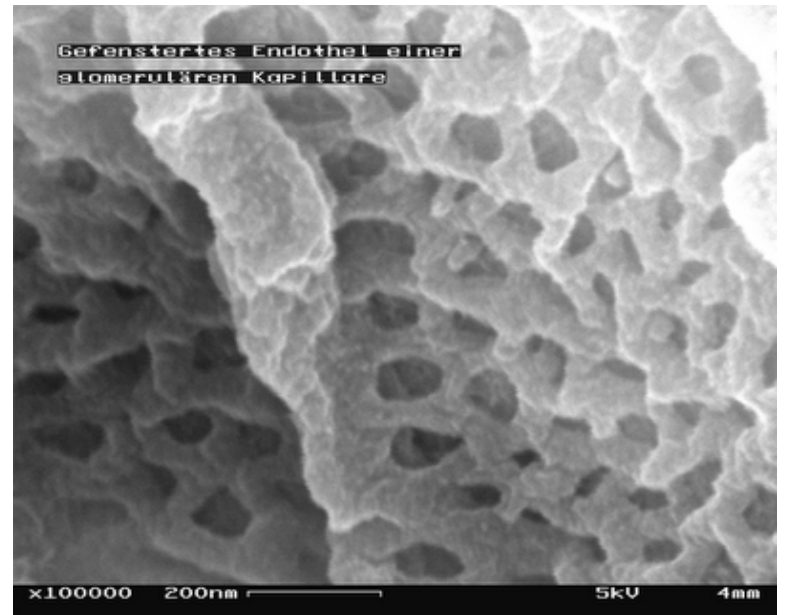
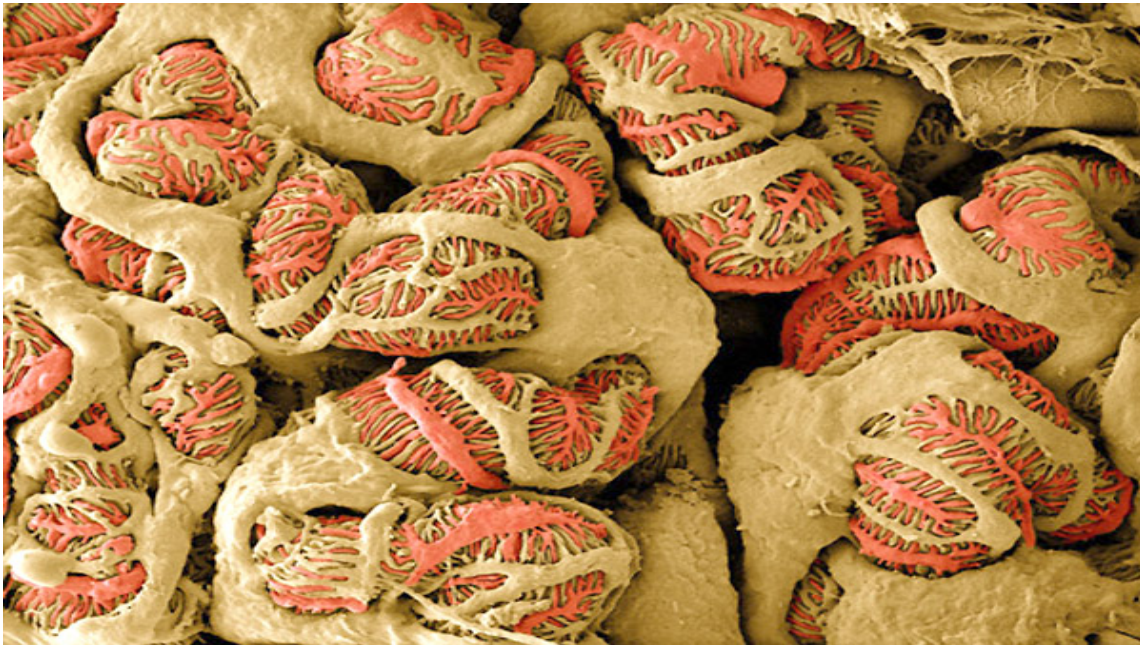
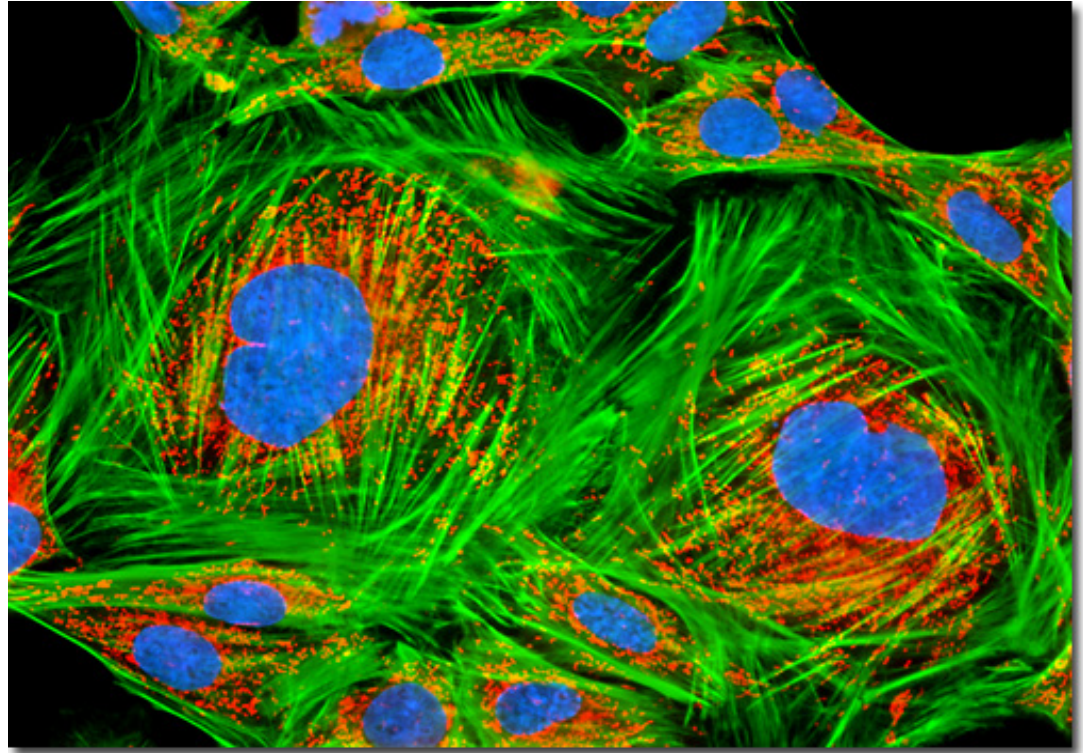
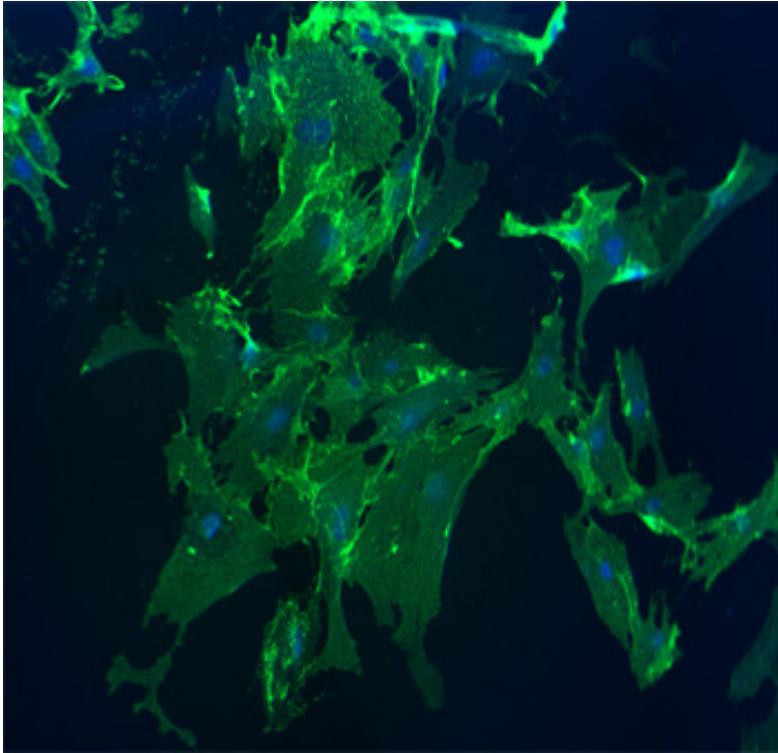
En la gran mayoría de las GN, se hallan depósitos inmunes (ICs antígeno-anticuerpo) en localizaciones mesangiales, subendoteliales, o subepiteliales.

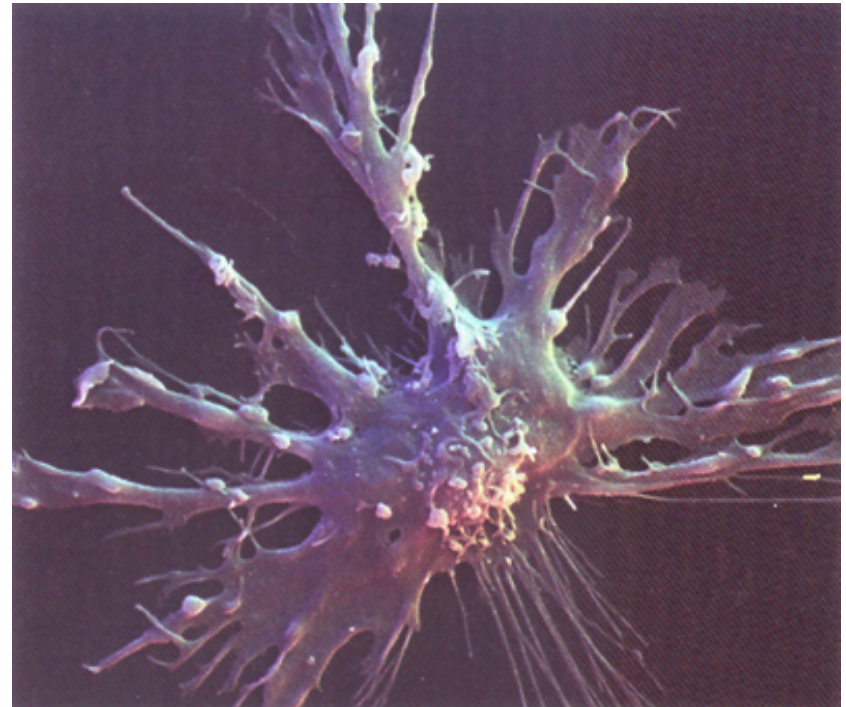
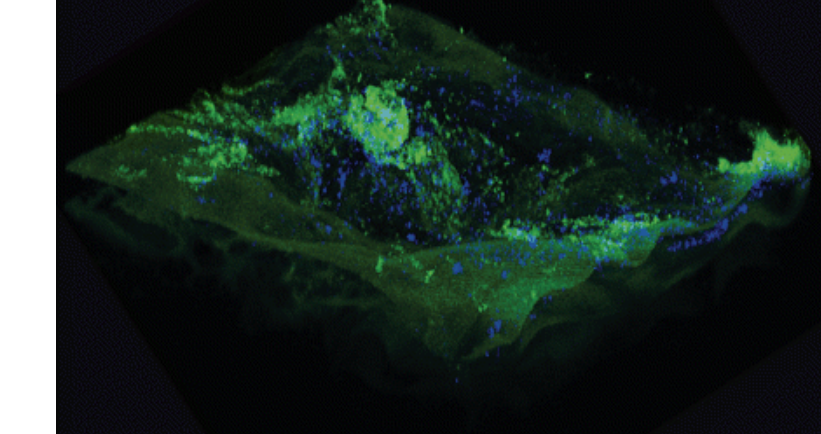
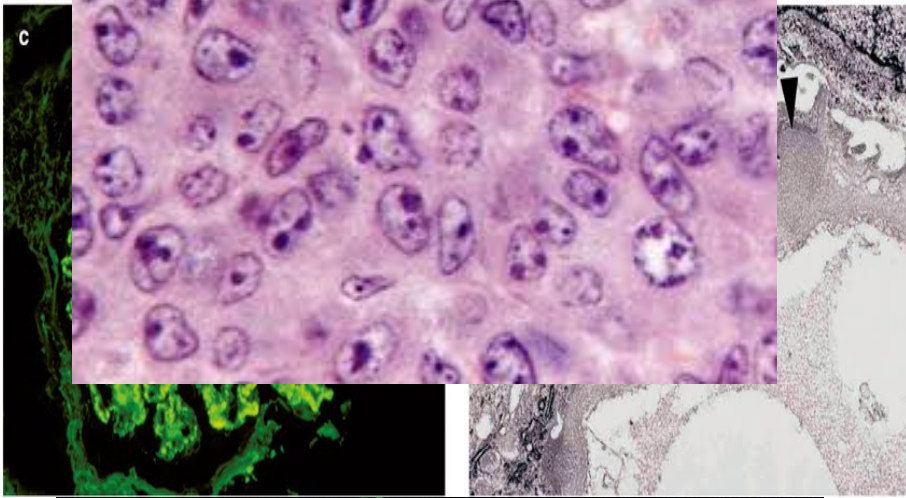
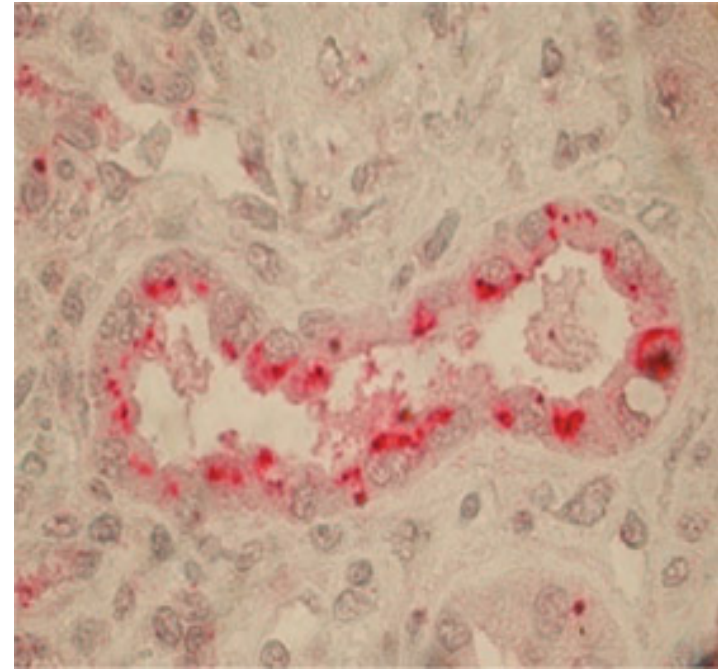
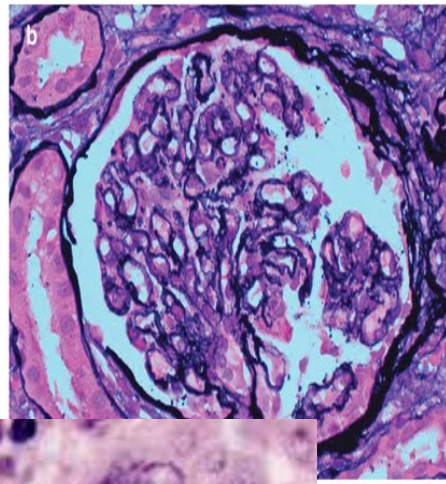
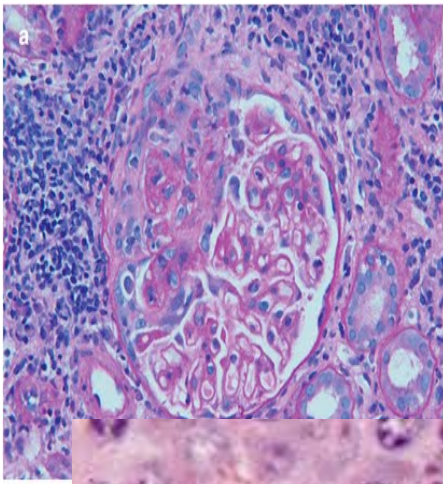
En algunos casos, como en la nefropatía membranosa, los cambios inflamatorios no siempre se ven en las técnicas de rutina de microscopía de luz. Sin embargo, un análisis exhaustivo y molecular de estos glomérulos, revela un número elevado de macrófagos activados.

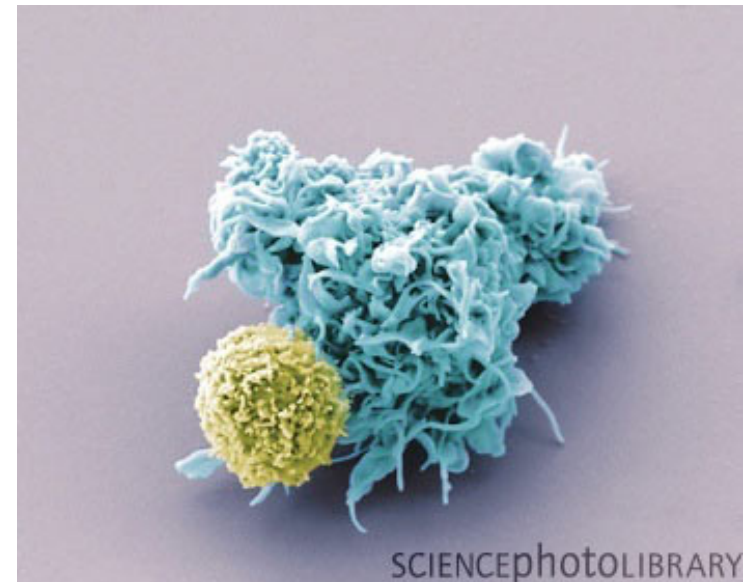
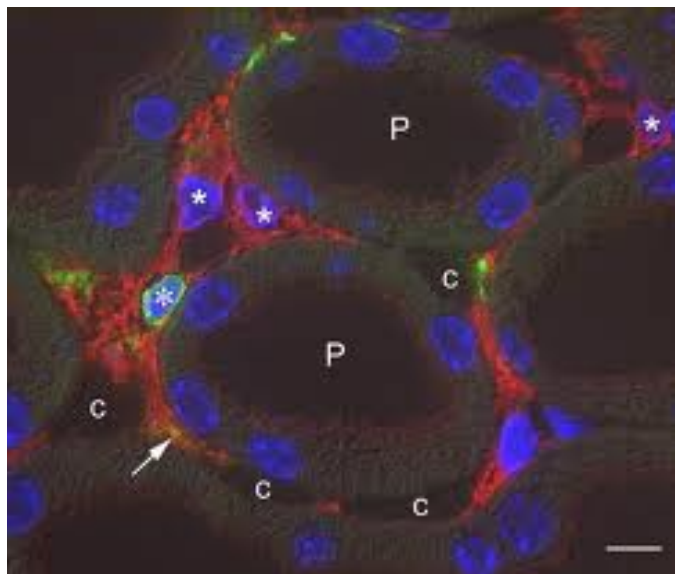
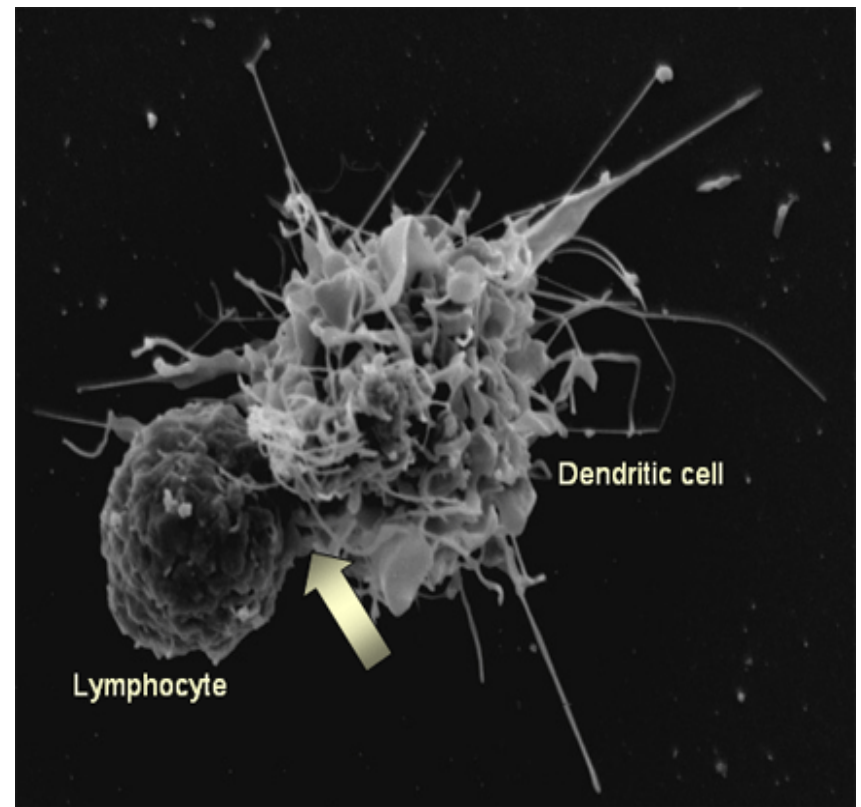
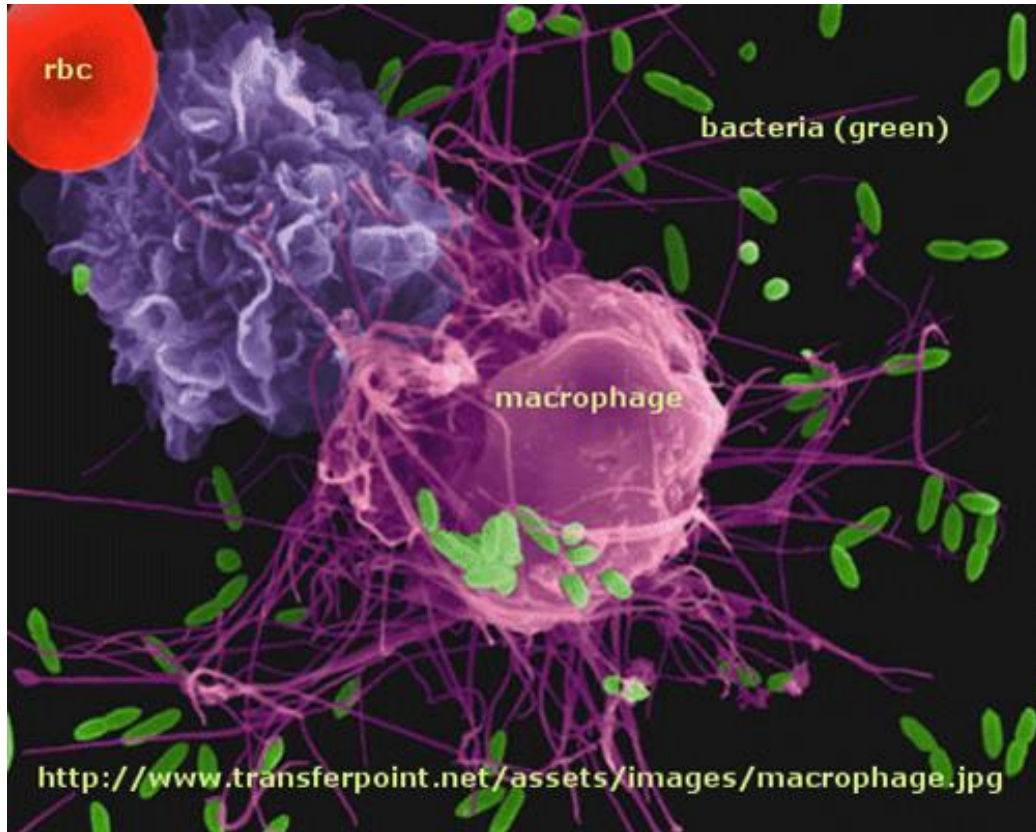
La presencia de leucocitos infiltrantes es el resultado de estímulos quimioattractantes, como los que producen el componente C5a del complemento y el leukotrieno B4 los cuales, a su vez, son liberados por el depósito de ICs y la ola inicial de infiltración de PMNs dentro del glomérulo.

Por ello, la glomerulonefritis es esencialmente una enfermedad inflamatoria autodestructiva.

En muchos casos, también depende del aflujo de células inflamatorias que en un principio no son residentes del parénquima renal, sino que son reclutadas en los inicios de una GN



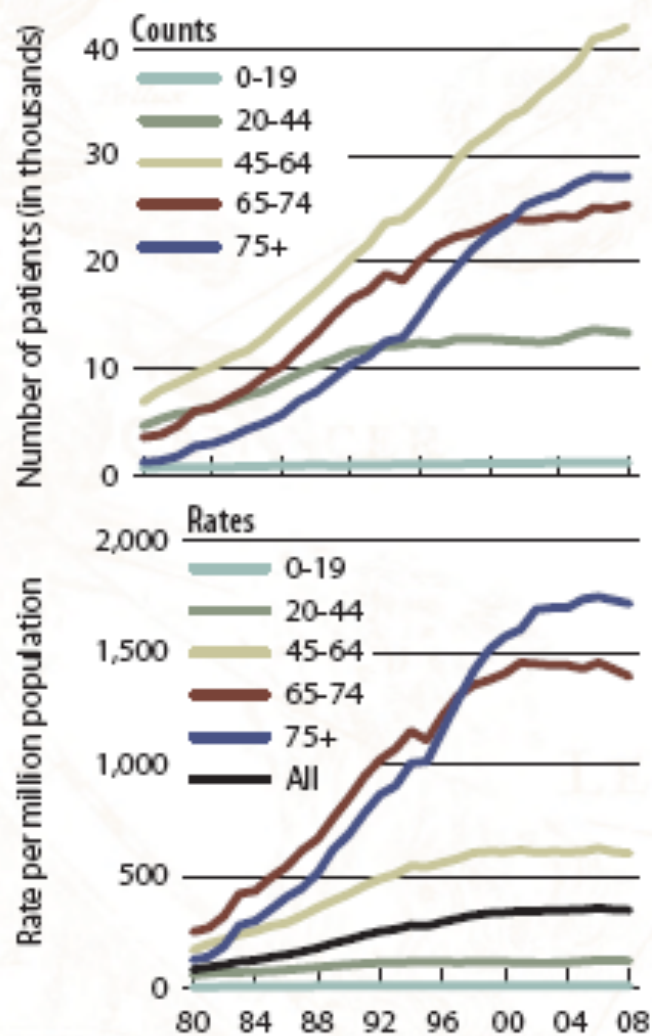






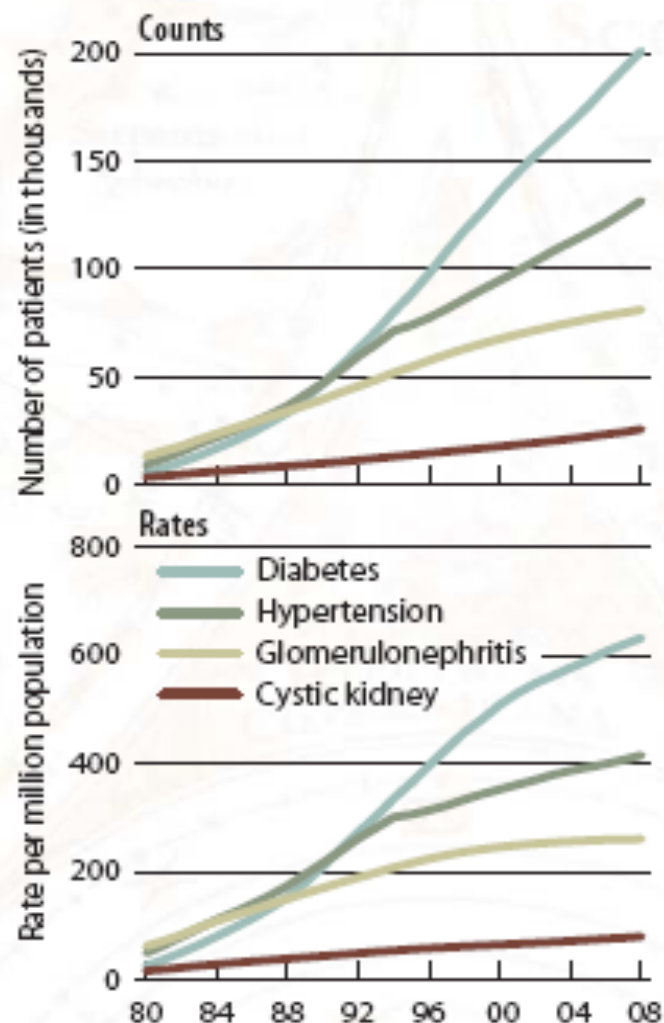
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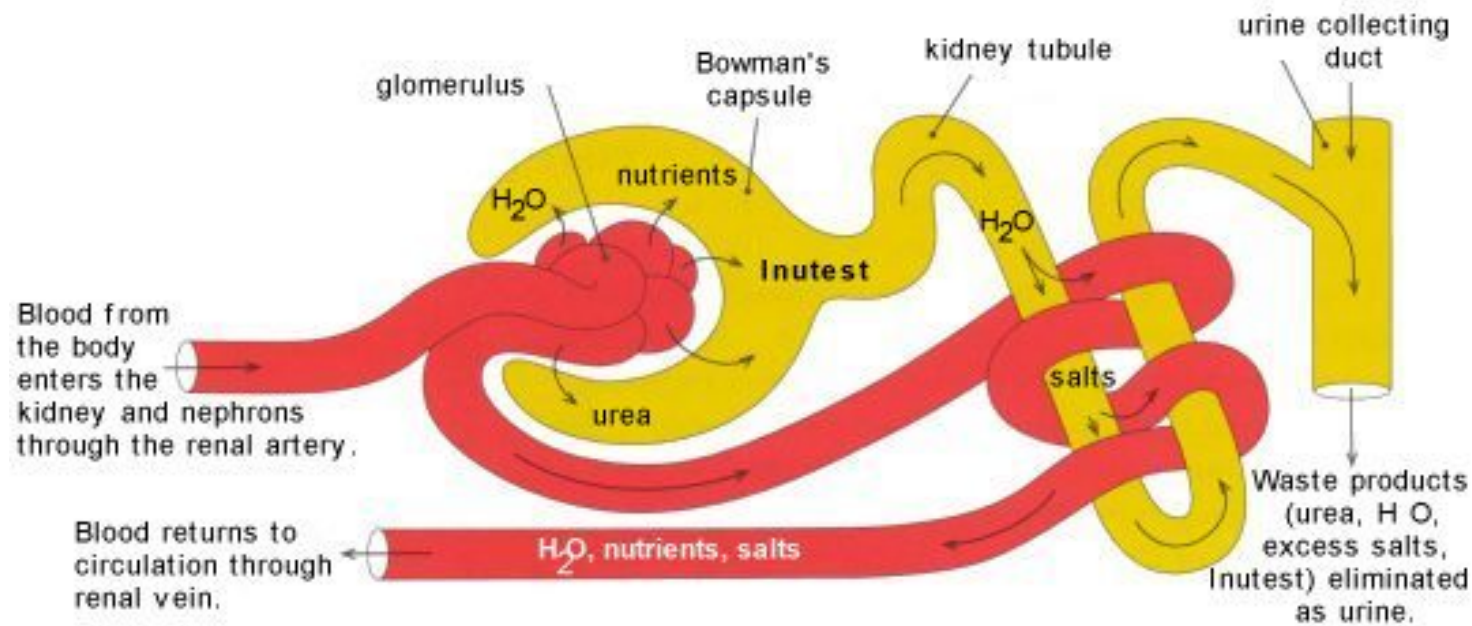
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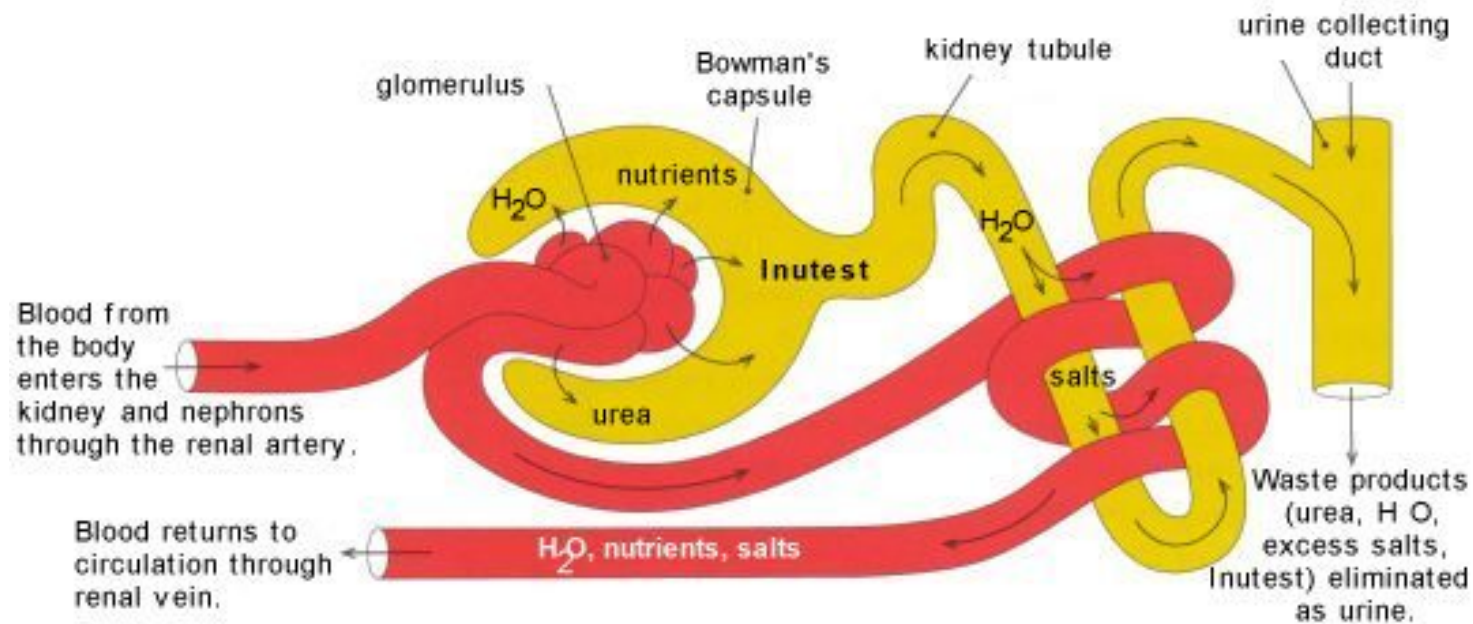
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**Prevalent counts & adjusted rates of ESRD, by primary diagnosis**





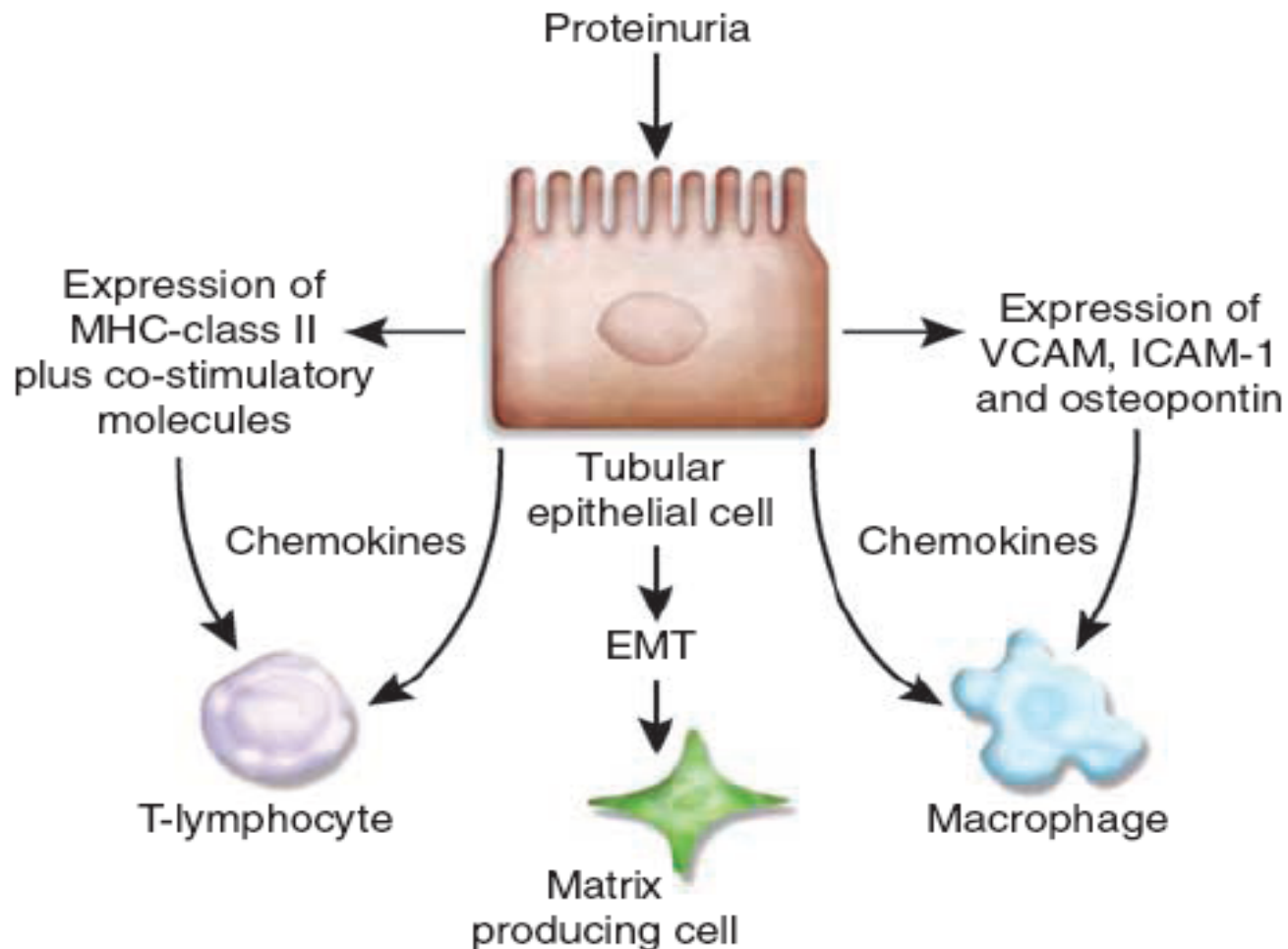
La elevación aguda de la presión capilar glomerular (QA) en el glomérulo normal no produce proteinuria significativa pero lo hará si se perpetúa por períodos prolongados (nefropatía por hiperfiltración).



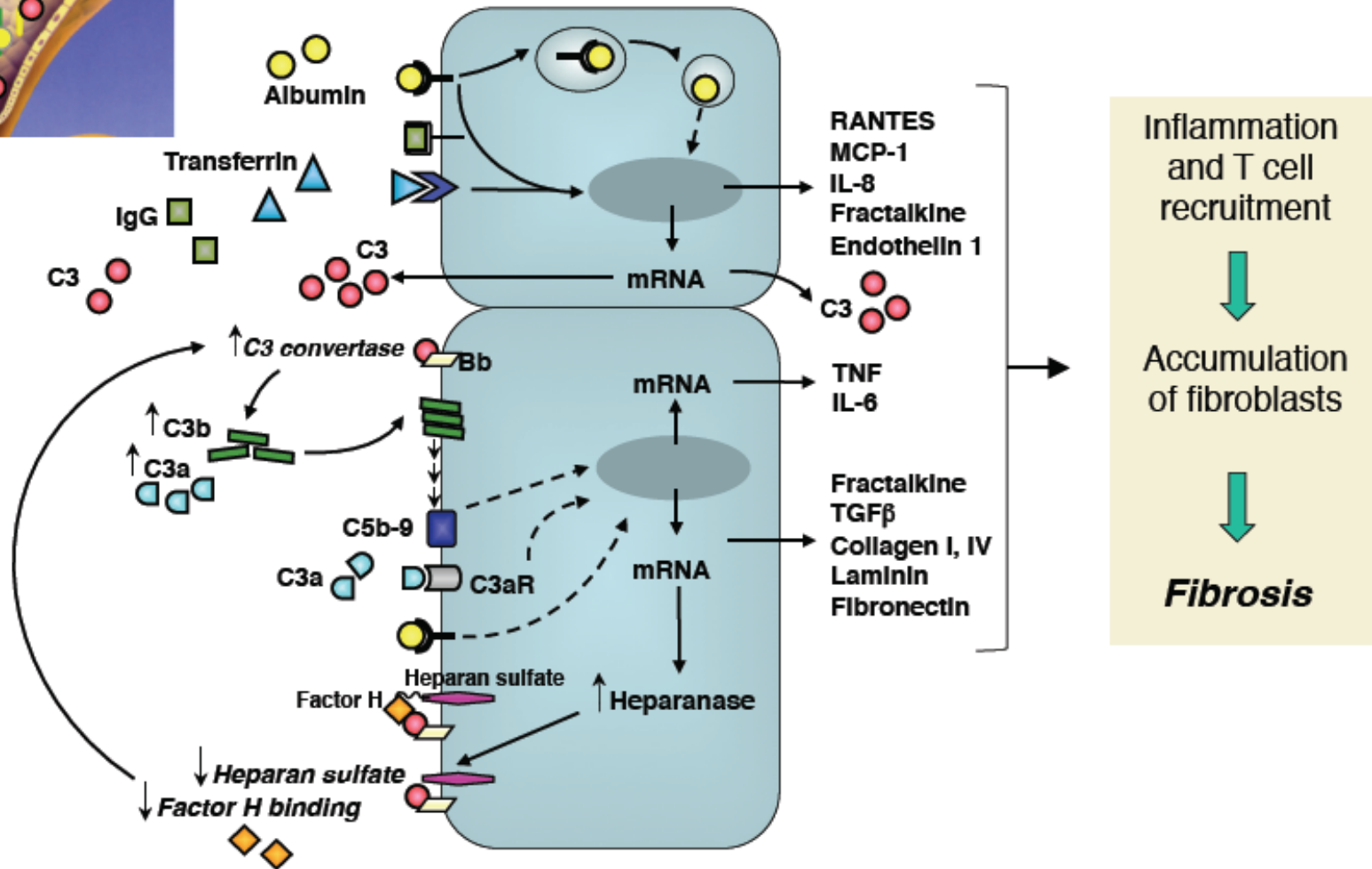
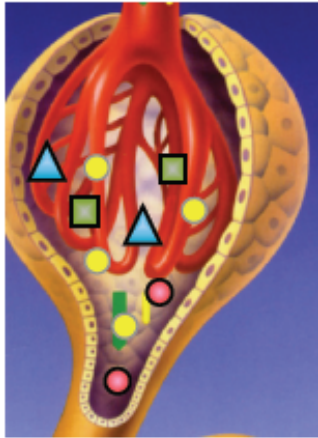
En presencia de injuria glomerular inflamatoria, sin embargo, disminuyendo la presión intraglomerular se asocia con una caída en la proteinuria.

Esta disminución sugiere que en la presencia de una patología preexistente en la estructura del podocito o en su función, la presión glomerular elevada exacerba el pasaje anormal de proteínas.

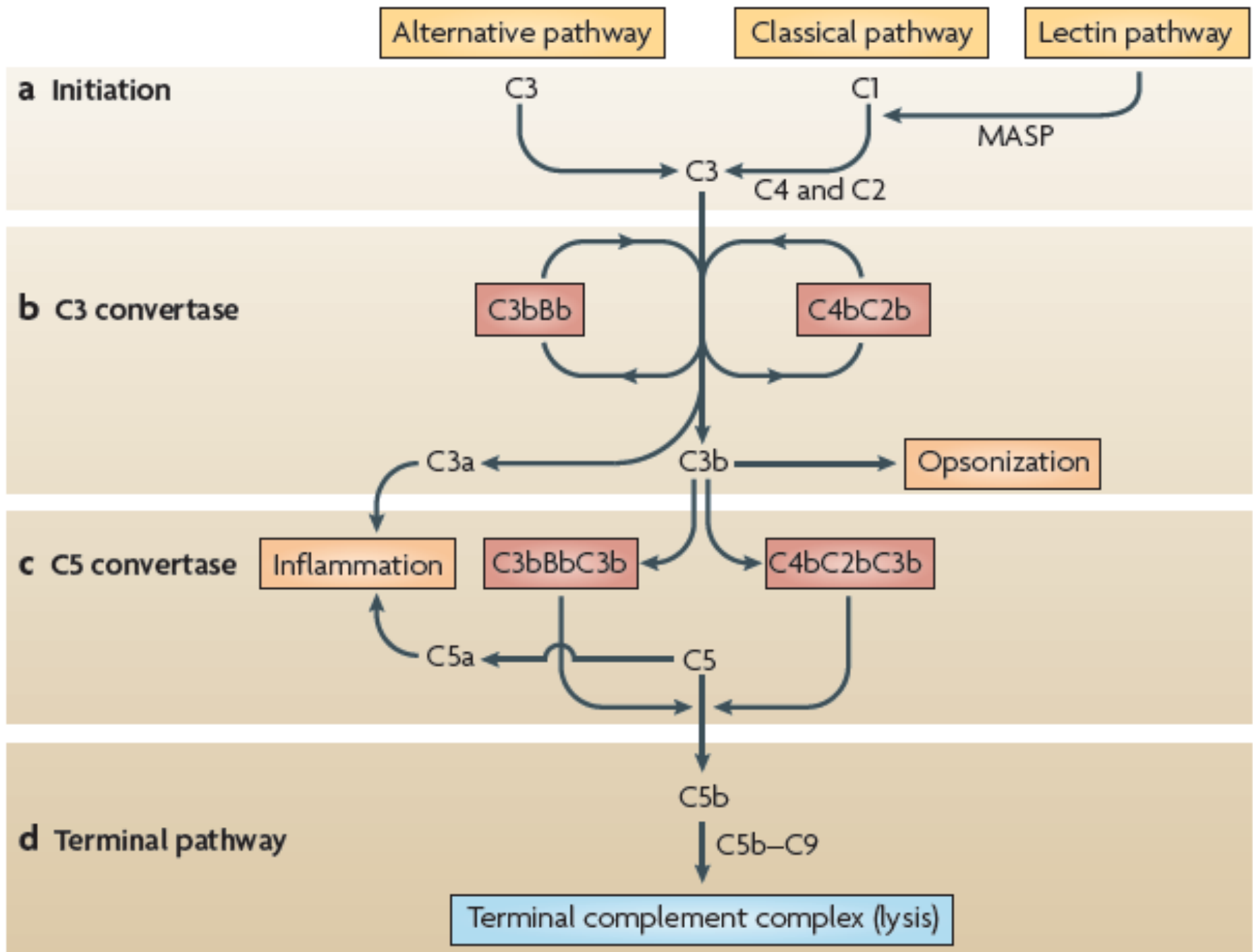
Además de la presión capilar elevada, la proteinuria puede exacerbarse por tasas disminuidas de fracciones de filtrado por cada nefrona, como resultado de un tiempo prolongado de contacto local y de un fenómeno de pasaje de proteínas liderado por la difusión más que por convección.

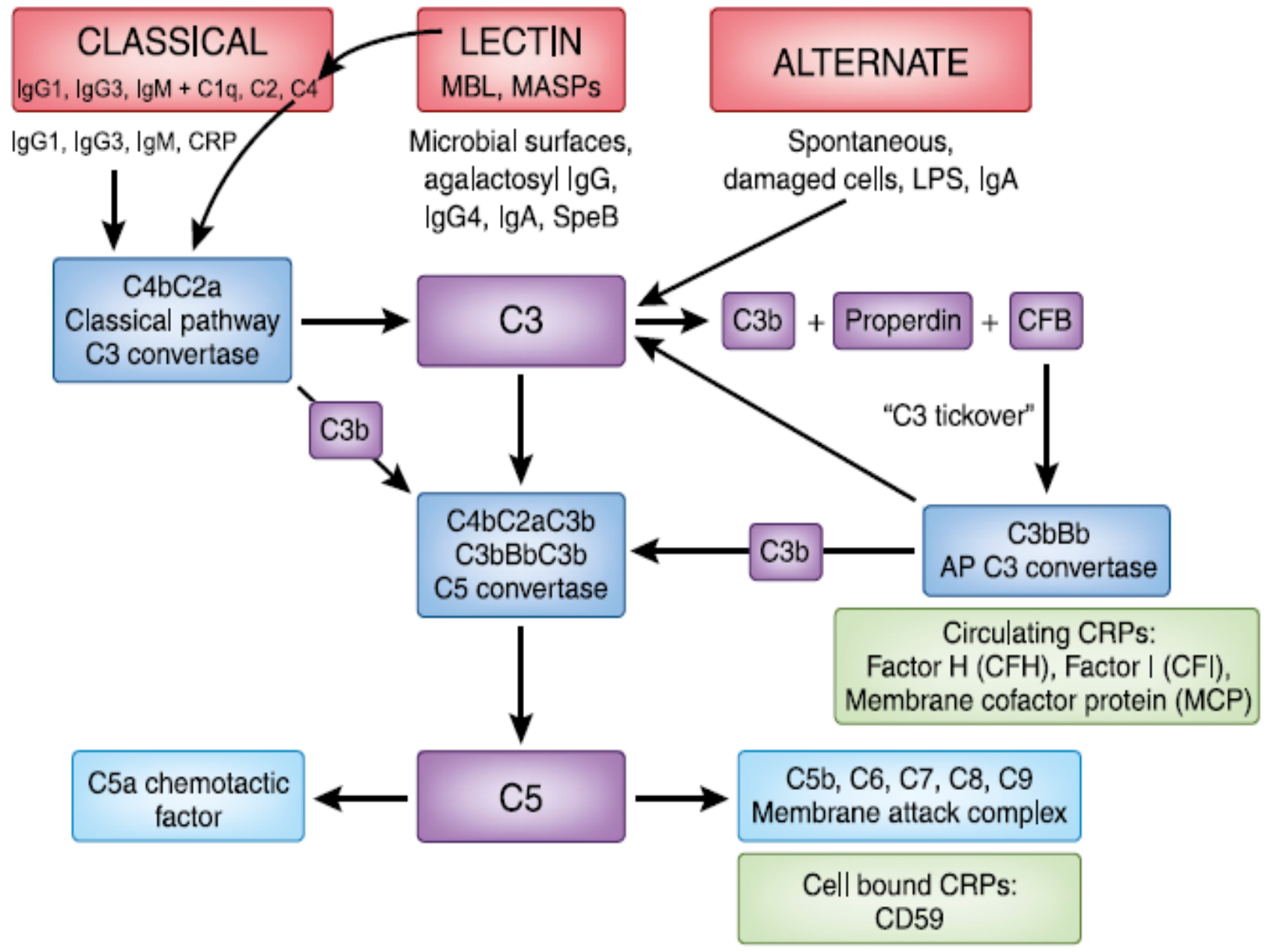


**Figure 1 | Effects of proteinuria on tubular epithelial cells.** Increased protein absorption by tubular cells may result in direct tubular toxicity, release of chemokines and cytokines, increased expression of adhesion and MHC class II molecules along with co-stimulatory molecules. The net effect is an increased influx of mononuclear inflammatory cells. The evidence for direct proteinuria induced EMT is weak.

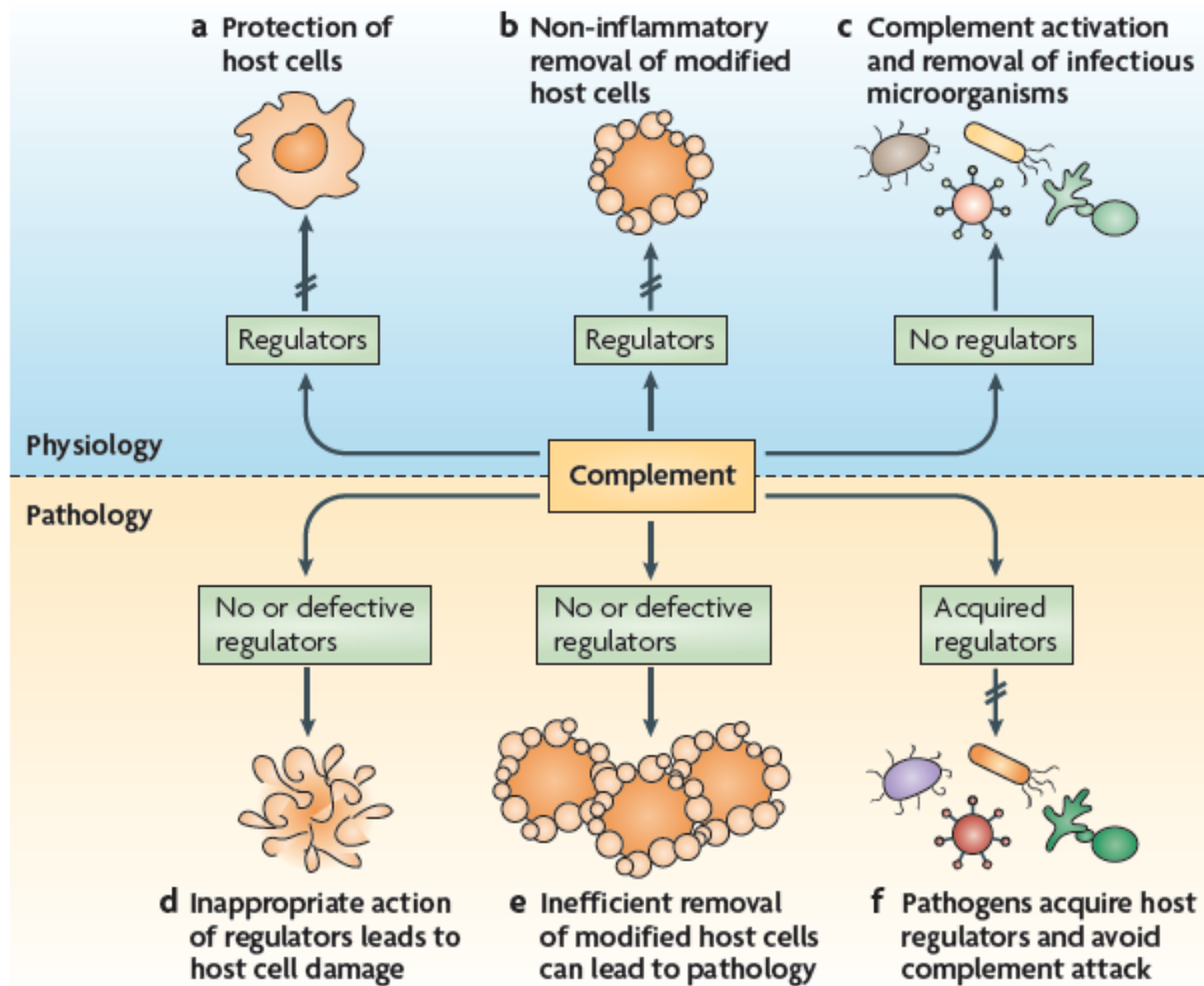












## QUÉ FACTORES INMUNOLÓGICOS PROPIOS INTERVIENEN EN EL CAMINO A SEGUIR EN UNA GN?

Dentro de la respuesta inmune innata, están los Toll-Like Receptors (TLRs)

Los TLRs son receptores muy antiguos presentes en todas las membranas celulares y a nivel intracelular entre el citoplasma y los endosomas y que reconocen patrones antigénicos estereotipados determinados.

Los TLRs reconocen patrones inmunoestimuladores conservados (antígenos) como péptidoglicanos, LPSs, y ácidos nucleicos bacterianos y virales (pathogen-associated molecular patterns [PAMPs]) así como componentes endógenos (danger-associated molecular patterns [DAMPs]).

La unión al TLR es central para activar inmediatamente al sistema innato en respuesta a patógenos , pero la activación de los TLRs es también fundamental para lograr respuestas adaptativas a fenómenos antígeno-específicos facilitando la conversión de células dendríticas a células presentadoras de antígeno

Los TLRs activan múltiples vías de señalización celular que conllevan a la secreción de citokinas, quimokinas, etc

Los TLRs conectan eventos iniciales con la mediación de la injuria tisular en GN asociadas con infecciones o autoinmunidad o ambas

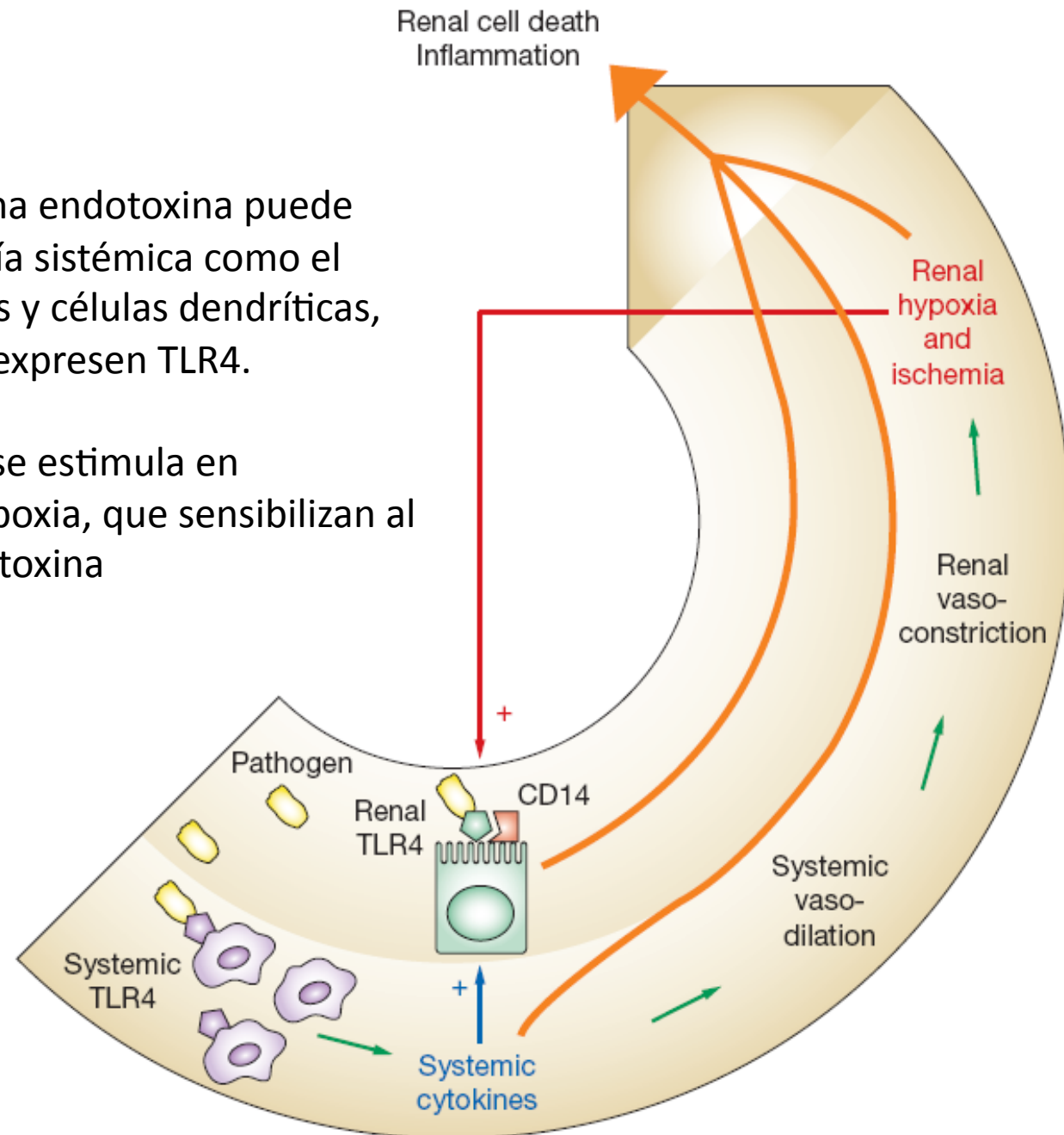
**Table 2** | TLRs involved in the onset or aggravation of renal conditions

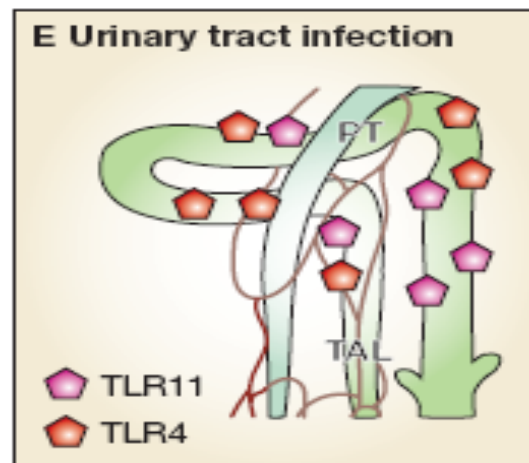
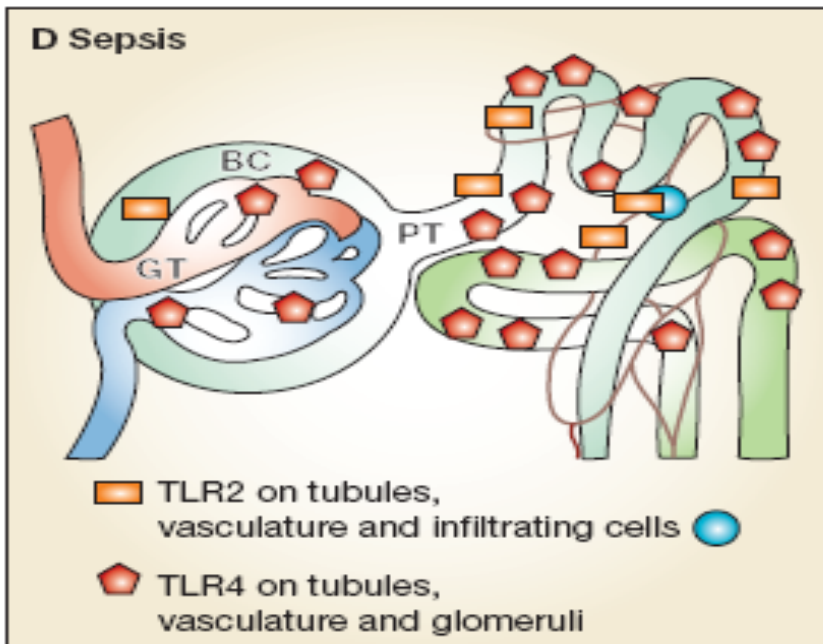
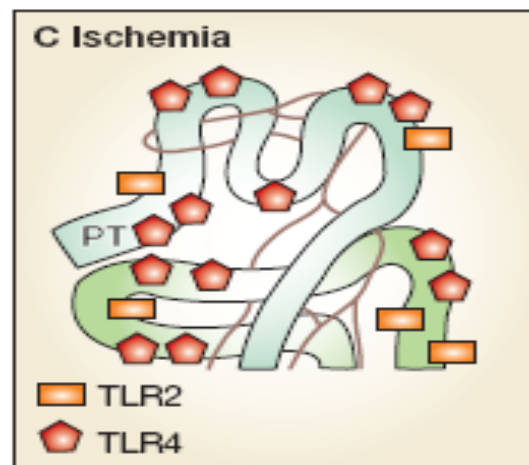
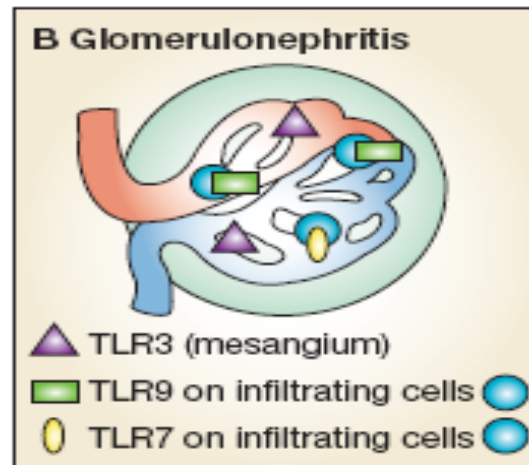
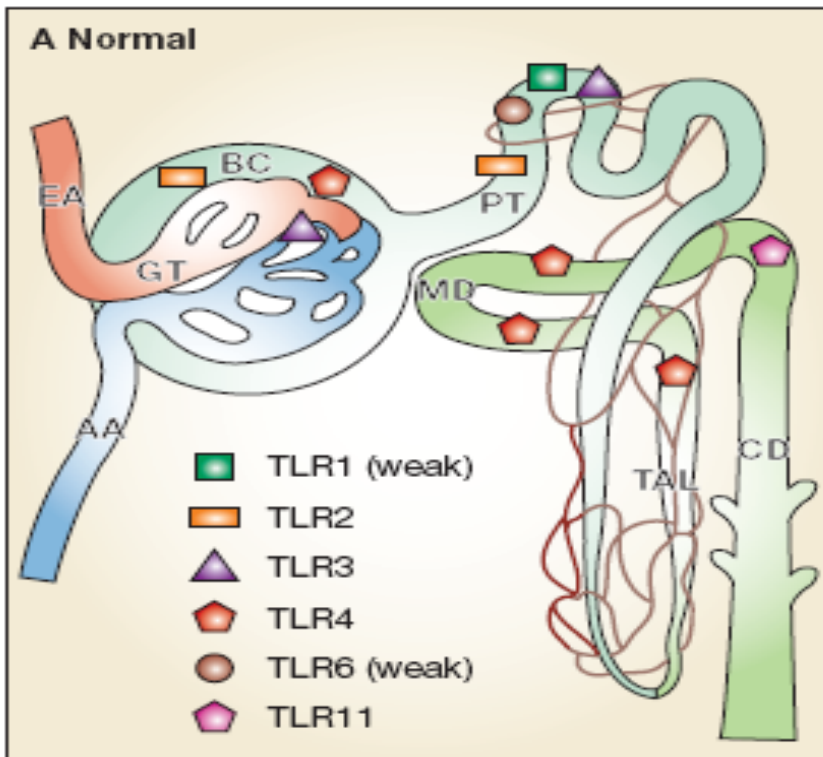
TLR	Ligand	Renal condition
TLR4 <sup>23,69</sup>	LPs, $\beta$ -defensin 2	AKI
TLR4 <sup>72</sup>	Unknown	AKI caused by cisplatin nephrotoxicity
TLR2 <sup>76</sup> TLR4 <sup>77</sup> TLR9 <sup>78</sup>	Pam3Cys, LPs LPs LPs	Crescentic glomerulonephritis
TLR3 <sup>91,92</sup> TLR4 <sup>87</sup> TLR7 <sup>84-86</sup> TLR9 <sup>80-82</sup>	dsRNA, poly(I:C) LPs ssRNA CpG-DNA	Lupus nephritis and immune-complex glomerulonephritis
TLR2 <sup>47</sup> TLR4 <sup>96,98,99</sup>	Lipoteichoic acid, Pam3Cys Peptidoglycan, LPs	Allograft rejection
TLR4 <sup>100</sup>	HMG-1, heparan sulfate, hyaluronic acid, fibronectin, etc.	Transplantation-induced ischemic kidney disease
TLR2 <sup>4,115</sup> TLR4 <sup>114</sup>	DAMPs LPs	Ischemic renal injury

Abbreviations: AKI, acute kidney injury; CpG, unmethylated cytidine–guanosine dinucleotide; DAMP, damage-associated molecular pattern; dsRNA, double-stranded RNA; LP, lipopolysaccharide; poly(I:C), polyinosinic:polycytidylic acid; ssRNA, single-stranded RNA.

De acuerdo a este modelo, una endotoxina puede causar injuria renal por una vía sistémica como el TLR4, presente en macrófagos y células dendríticas, como en células renales que expresen TLR4.

Un diálogo entre ambas vías se estimula en condiciones de isquemia e hipoxia, que sensibilizan al riñón a los efectos de la endotoxina





Dos vías principales han sido descritas como mediadores de la injuria al podocito durante una GN aguda y crónica:

Ataque directo por el complemento (particularmente el complejo C5b-9) o,

más aún en la fase crónica,

la interrupción de las funciones del podocito por autacoides del proceso inflamatorio que provienen de la activación de los

PMNs,

macrófagos,

células mononucleares, y

células glomerulares mesangiales o

dendríticas

Sin embargo, en la mayoría de las GNs la infiltración aguda de PMNs no es muy evidente en la biopsia renal.

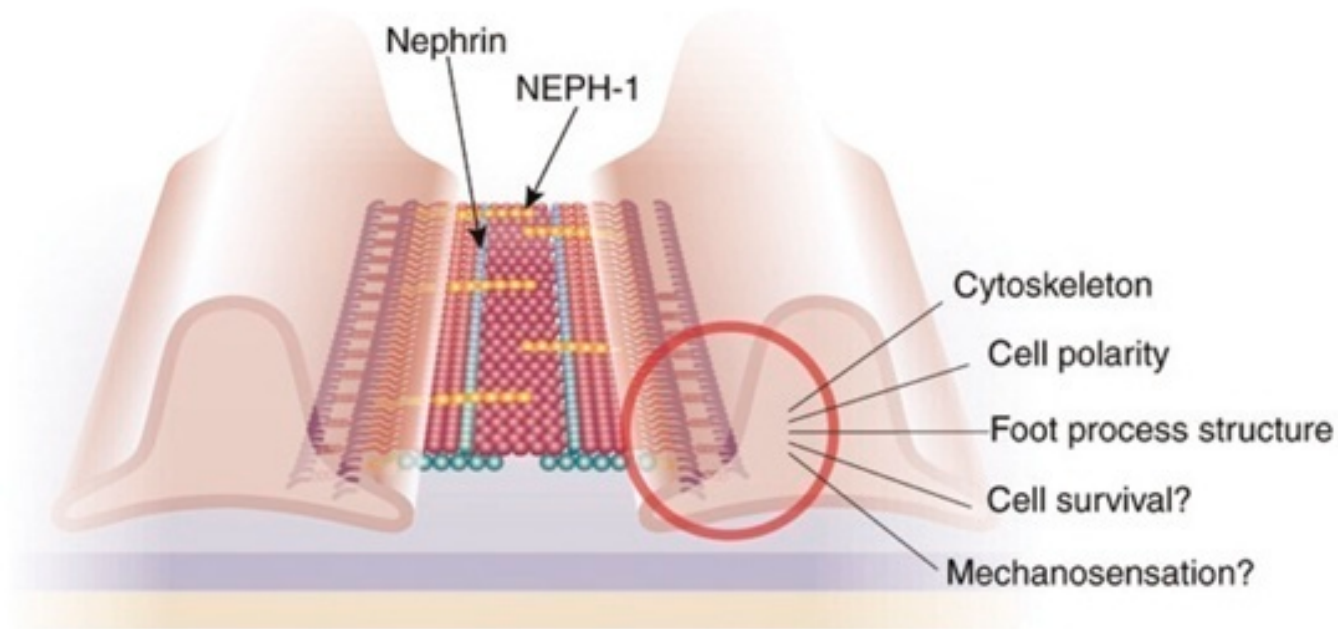
En su lugar, se ve una reacción crónica (amplificación) en la cual componentes del complemento, células T, citokinas, autacoides, mediadores lipídicos, y otras moléculas secretadas por células nativas e infiltrantes participan en el reconocimiento del antígeno, en la amplificación y la perpetuación de la injuria inicial.

La activación de las células glomerulares nativas, leucocitos infiltrantes y plaquetas media las consecuencias funcionales.

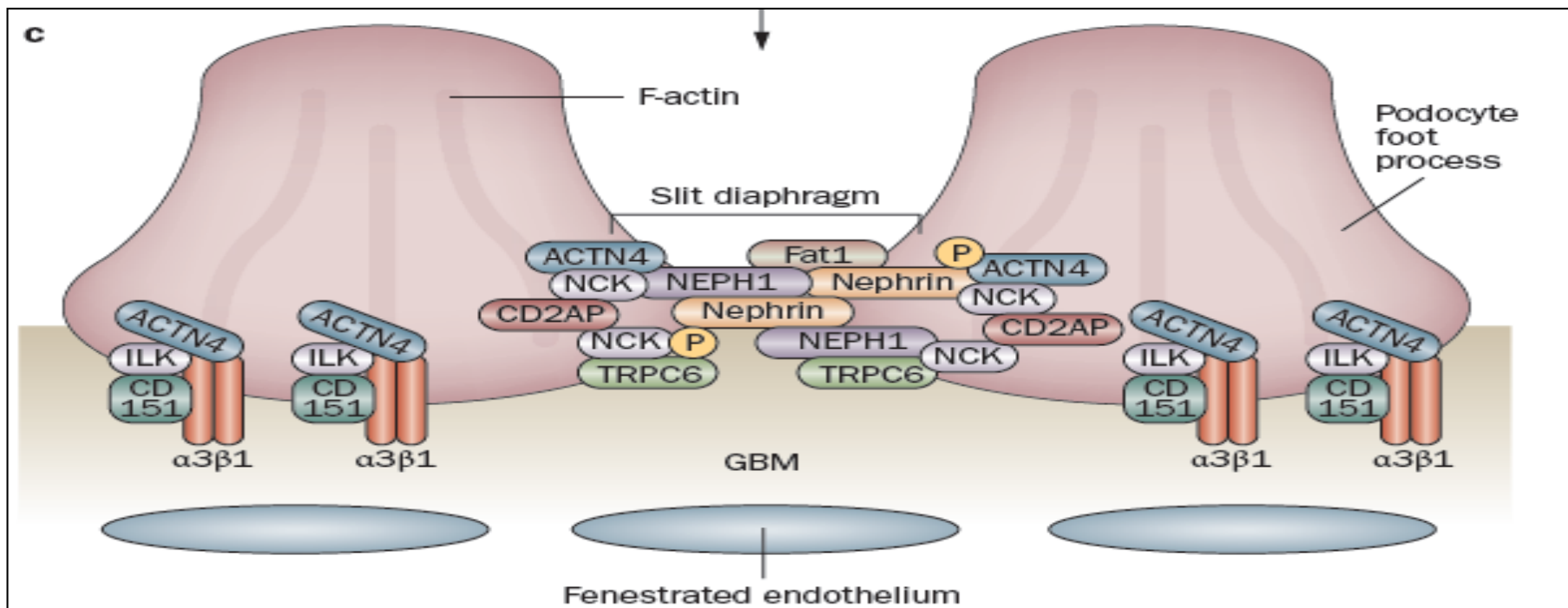
El grado de proteinuria y la magnitud de la disminución del VFG son muy variables, no sólo entre las distintas GNs, sino entre distintos individuos con la misma enfermedad.

Es más que claro que en el control del fino filtrado glomerular, los procesos pedicelares, el endotelio, la MBG y fundamentalmente los diafragmas poseen una interrelación funcional tan estrecha que un mínimo daño en una molécula de uno de ellos puede resultar en una gran repercusión clínica, como proteinuria masiva e IRA.

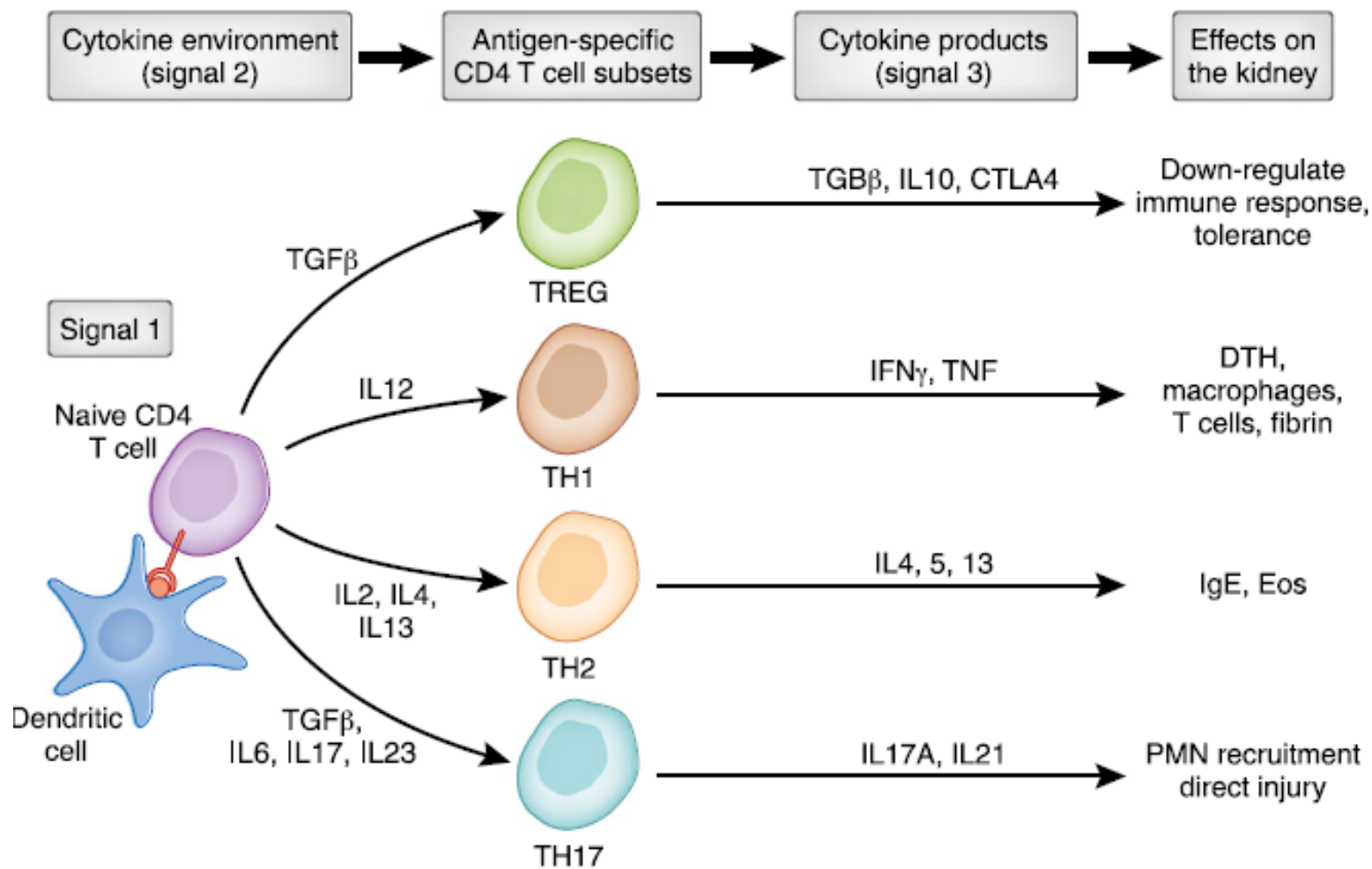
Que el VFG se aproxime a 180 litros/día resulta en una drástica amplificación de la filtración anormal de cada nefrona enferma que lleva a la proteinuria severa.

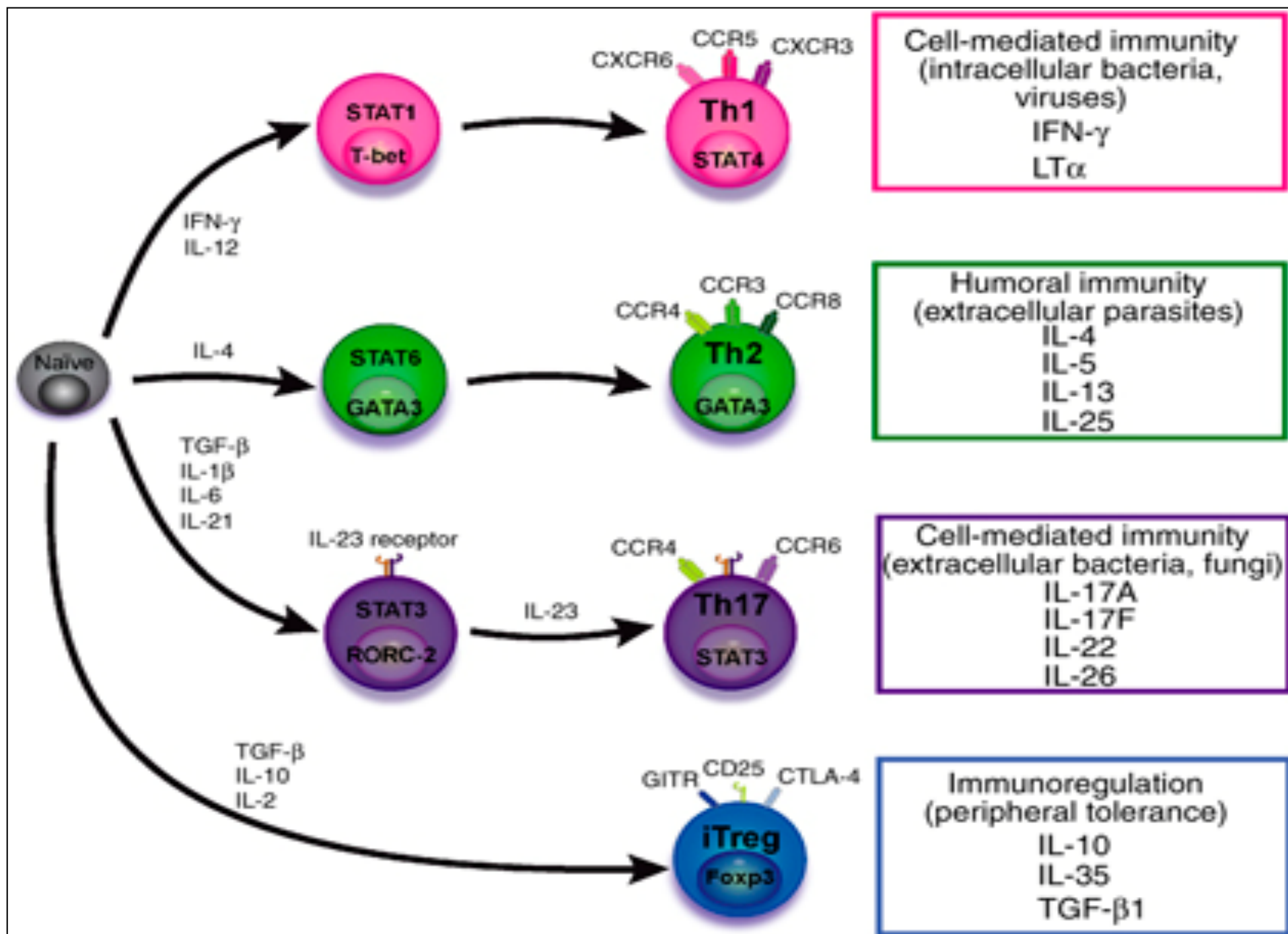


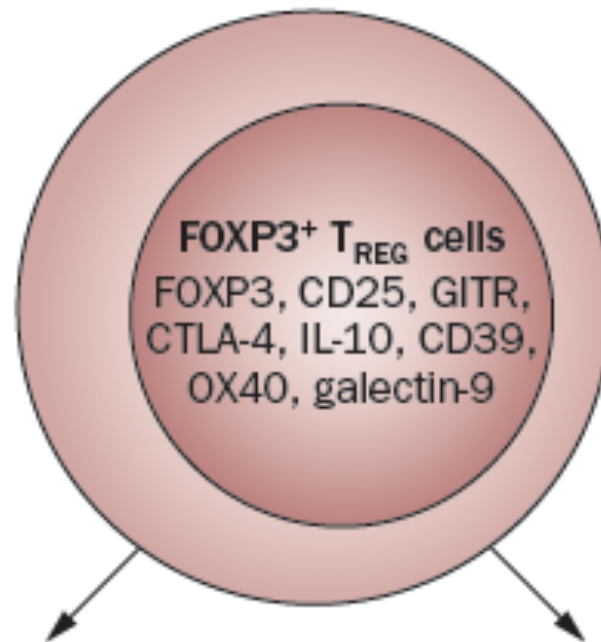




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**nT<sub>REG</sub> cells**



- Thymus-derived
- Selected by autoantigens
- Possess an autoreactive TCR repertoire
- Cross-reactive to alloantigens
- Suppress autoimmunity
- Contact-dependent fashion in suppression

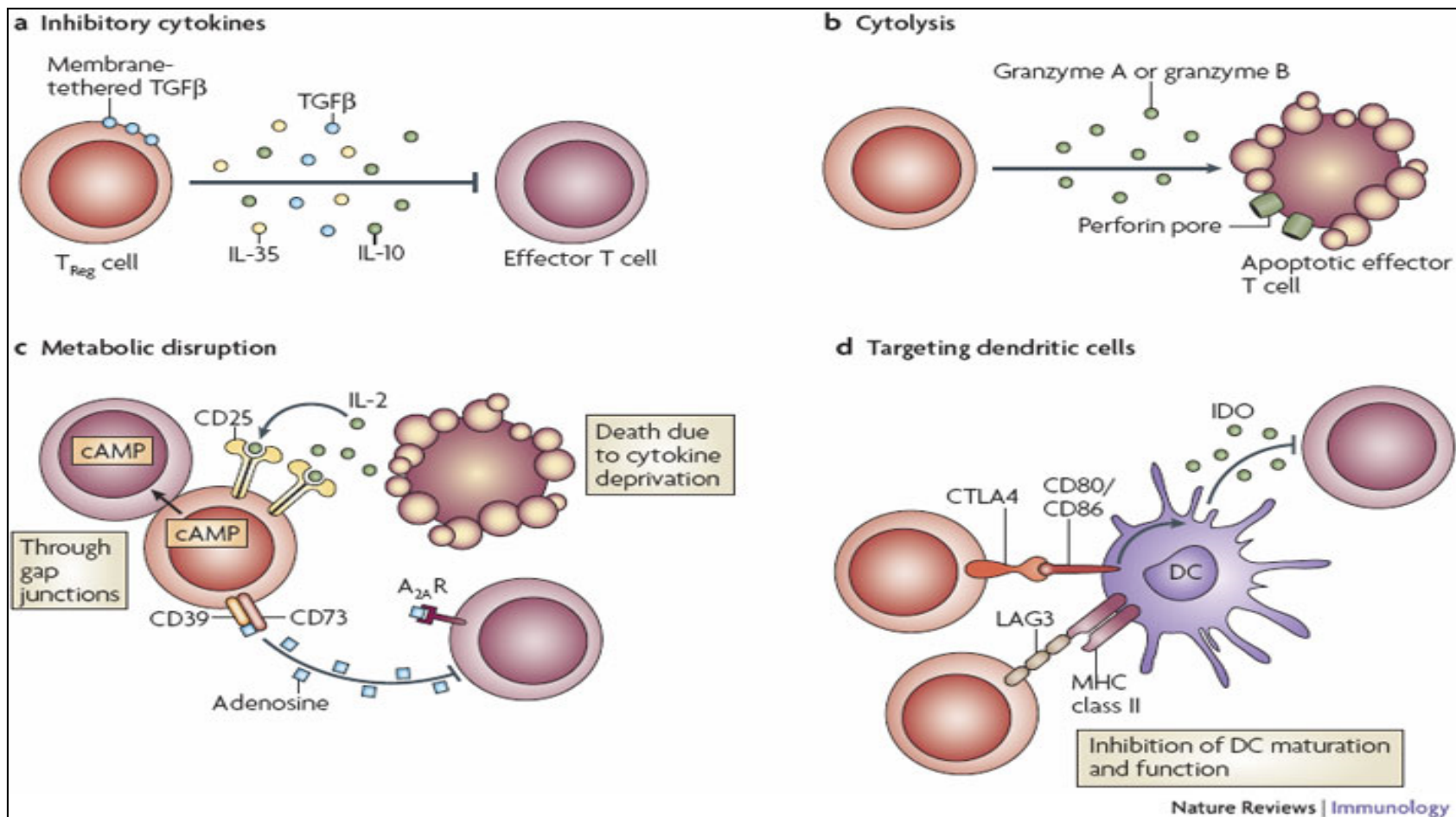
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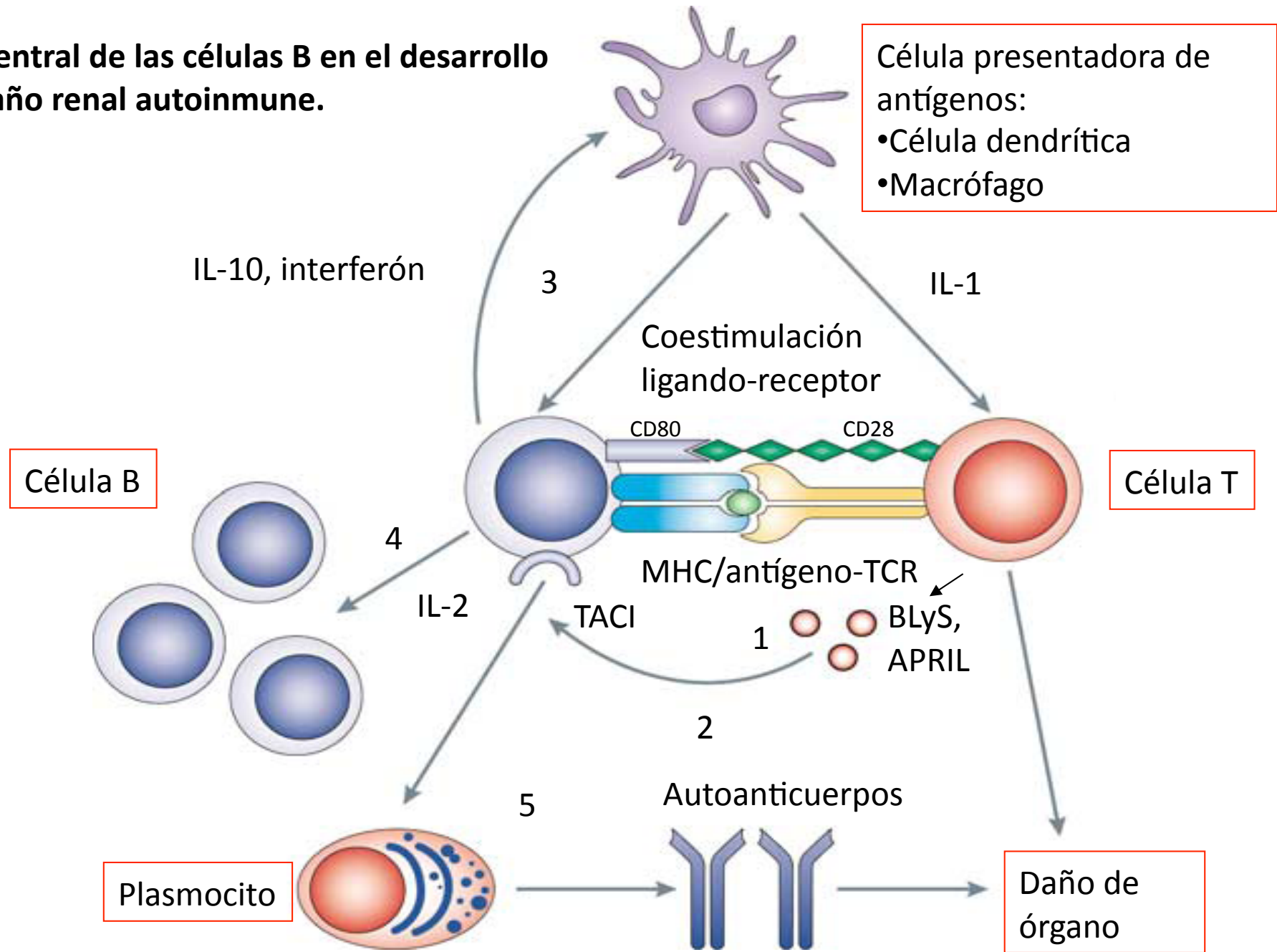
- Generated in the periphery
- Derived from T-effector cells
- Induction requires TCR, CD28 signaling, and certain cytokines (e.g. TGF- $\beta$ , IL-2)
- Positively and negatively regulated by many other pathways

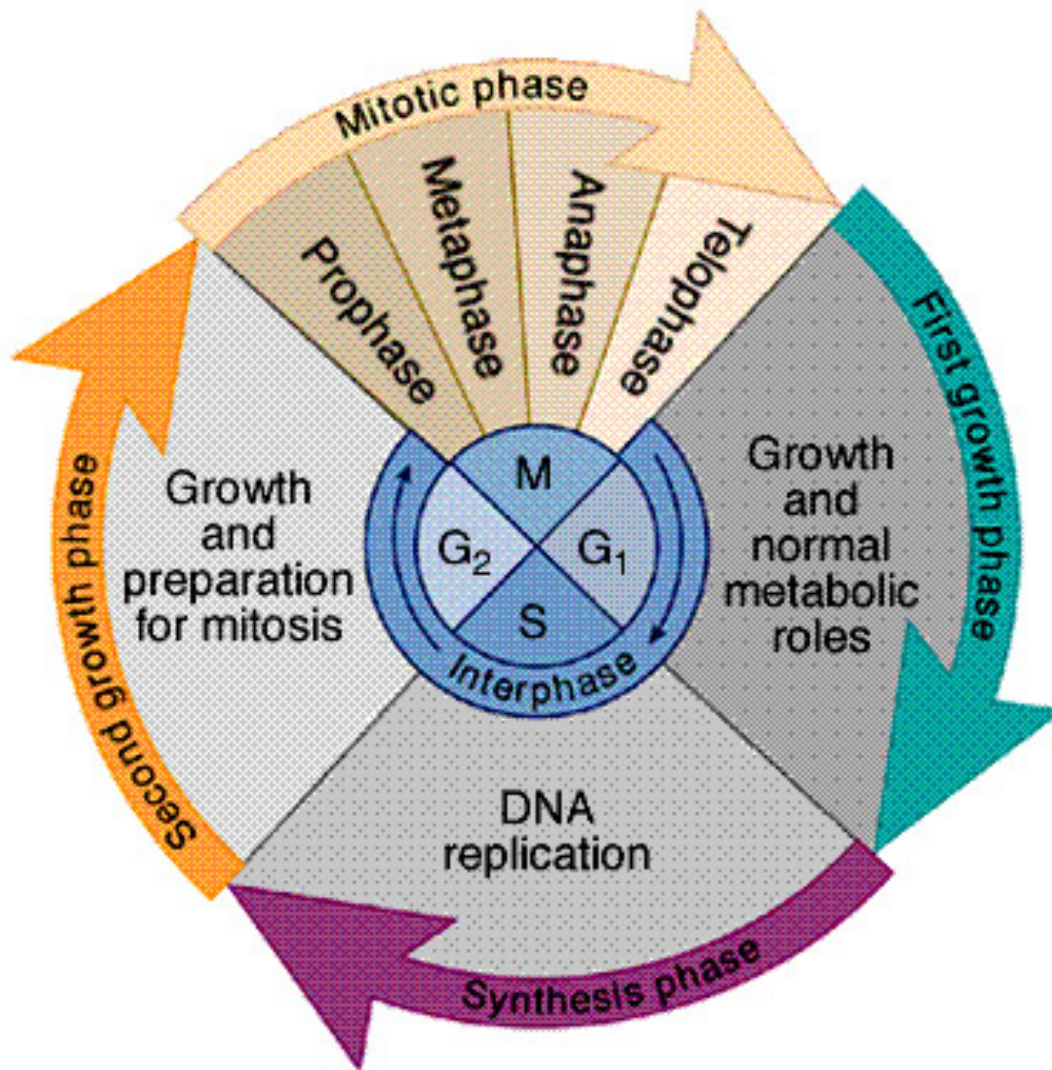
Las T reguladoras naturales e inducidas pueden tornarse hiporespondedoras y anérgicas a un estímulo antigénico en una GN. Las T reguladoras pueden bloquear a las T efectoras por contacto directo célula-célula, por secretar citocinas antiinflamatorias como el TGF- $\beta$  y la IL-10, e inhibir la generación de células T de memoria.

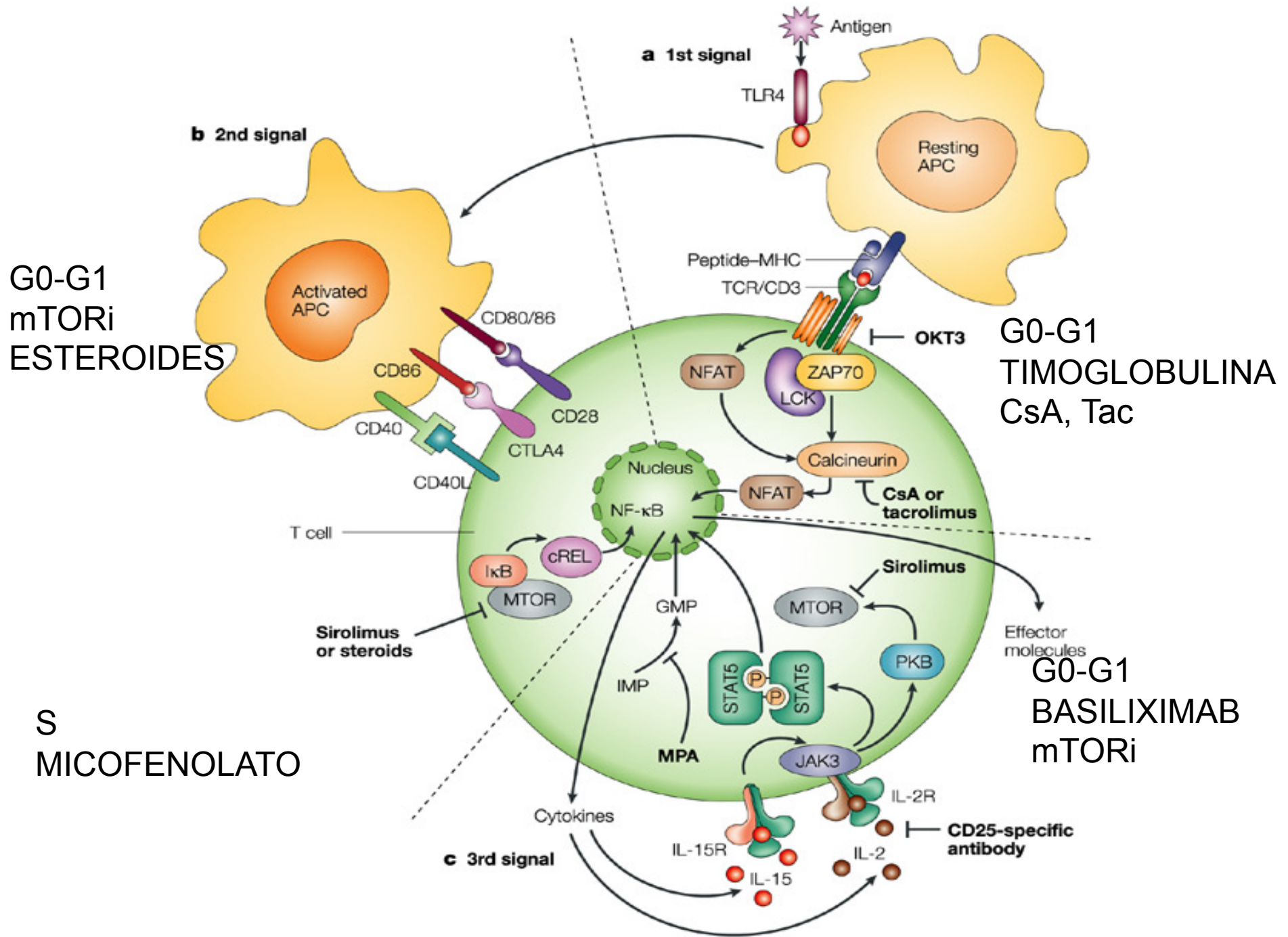
The transcription factor FOXP3 es un marcador específico de las Tregs y su deficiencia se asocia a autoinmunidad e inflamación.



# Rol central de las células B en el desarrollo de daño renal autoinmune.









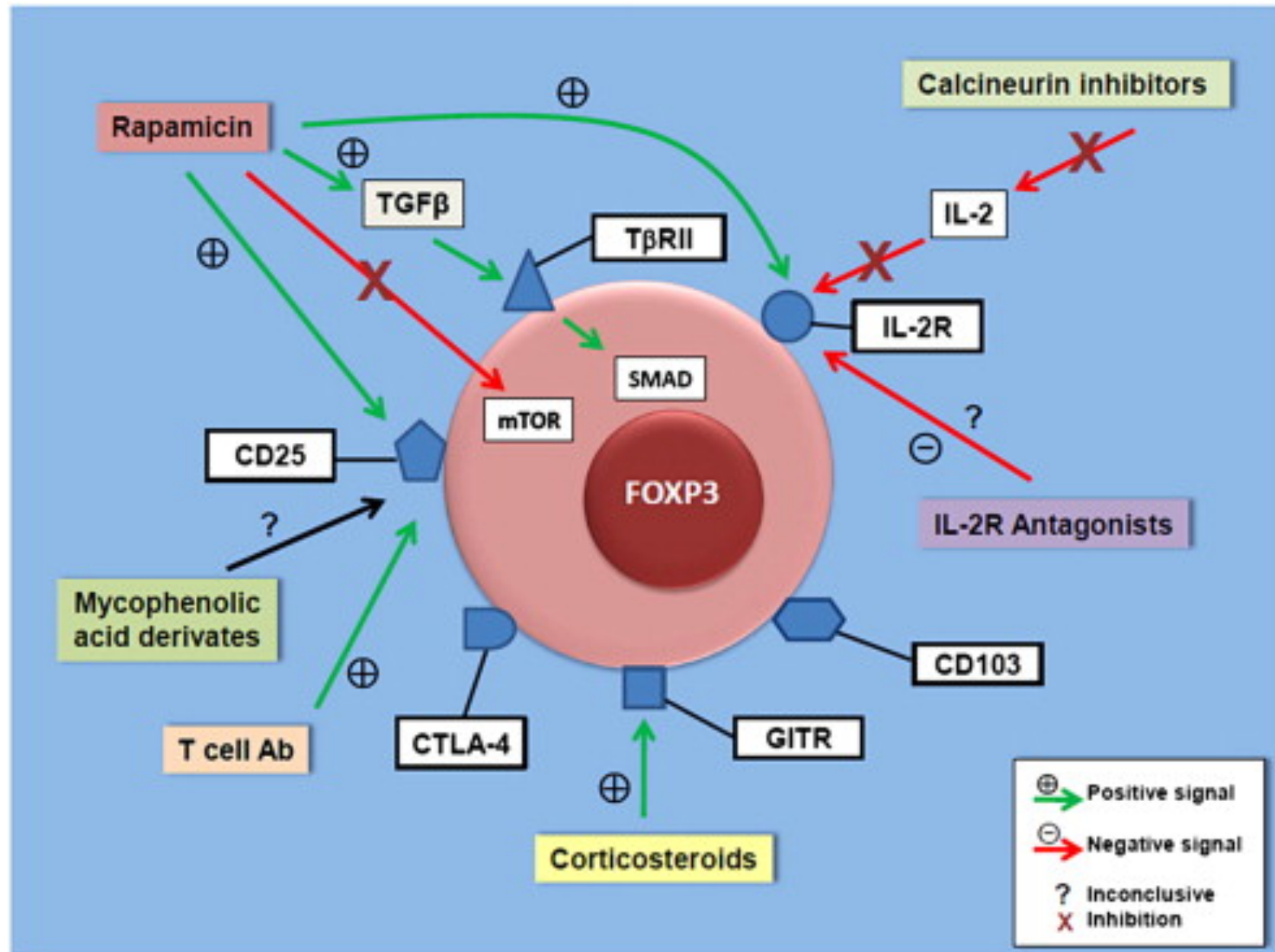
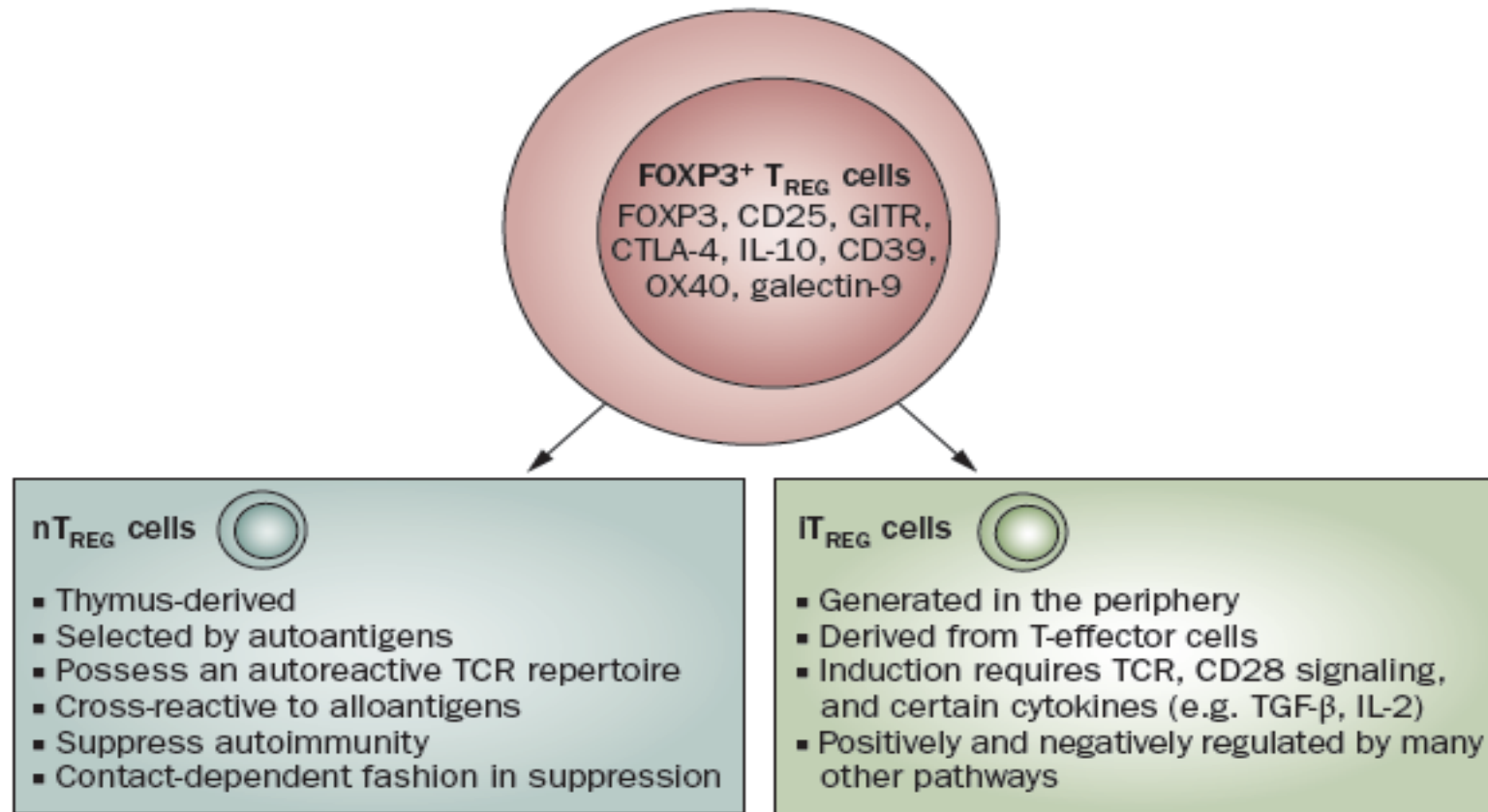


Table 1 | **Immunosuppressive agents**

Immunosuppressive drug	Mechanism of immunosuppressive action	Cell target (molecule)	References
<b>Pharmacologicals</b>			
Azathioprine	Dampens the proliferation of rapidly dividing cells	Many purine synthesis pathways (competitive inhibitor)	11,16
Mycophenolate mofetil	Dampens the proliferation of rapidly dividing cells	Guanosine base synthesis (inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase)	13,14
Corticosteroids	Suppresses co-stimulatory signals (IL-1 and IL-6, platelet activating factor, prostaglandins leukotrienes and tumour-necrosis factor), oxygen burst, and chemotactic and cytotoxic activities	APCs (I $\kappa$ B kinase)	15
Cyclosporine, tacrolimus	Blocks promoters of gene transcription, such as NFAT	Lymphoid cells (calcineurin)	31,33,91
Sirolimus, everolimus*	Prevents dissociation of I $\kappa$ B and cytokine-driven G <sub>i</sub> accumulation	Co-stimulatory pathway for the production of cytokines and signal transduction after cytokine signalling (mammalian target of rapamycin, MTOR)	36,92
FTY720*	Reversibly sequesters 85% of circulating lymphocytes in secondary lymphoid structures	Lymphocytes (sphingosine-1-phosphate receptors)	62
<b>Antibodies</b>			
OKT3	Induces selective modulation and inactivation of T cells	T cells ( $\epsilon$ chain of CD3 complex)	28
Daclizumab (humanized)/ Basiliximab (chimeric)	Blocks IL-2R	Lymphoid and other cells (IL-2R $\alpha$ ; CD25)	29,30
Rituximab <sup>‡</sup>	Depletes B cells	CD20	43
Alemtuzumab <sup>‡</sup>	Produces severe depletion of lymphoid cells	T and B cells, most monocytes, macrophages, eosinophils, NK cells and dendritic cells (CD25)	24
LEA294*	Blocks co-stimulatory signals	APCs (CD80 and CD86)	71

\*Pending completion of registration process. <sup>‡</sup>Not registered for use in transplantation: off-label use at present. APC, antigen-presenting cell; I $\kappa$ B, inhibitor of nuclear factor- $\kappa$ B, IL, interleukin; NFAT, nuclear factor of activated T cells; R, receptor.



Existen drogas Inmunosupresoras que modulan el número y la función de las células Tregs y la expresión de FOXP3: mTORi actúan positivamente sobre estas células y los CNi negativamente.

Timoglobulina?

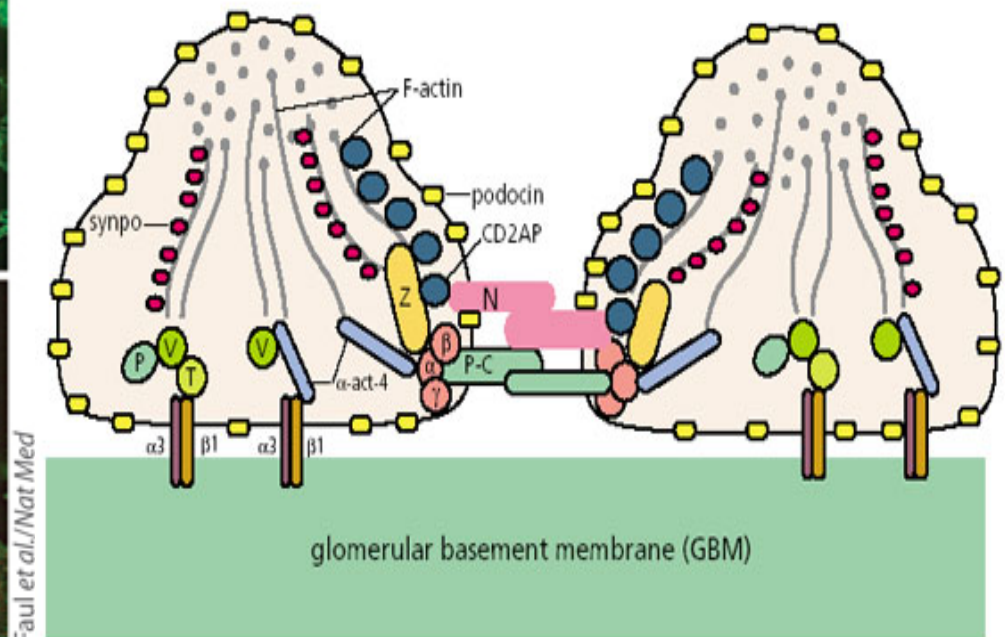
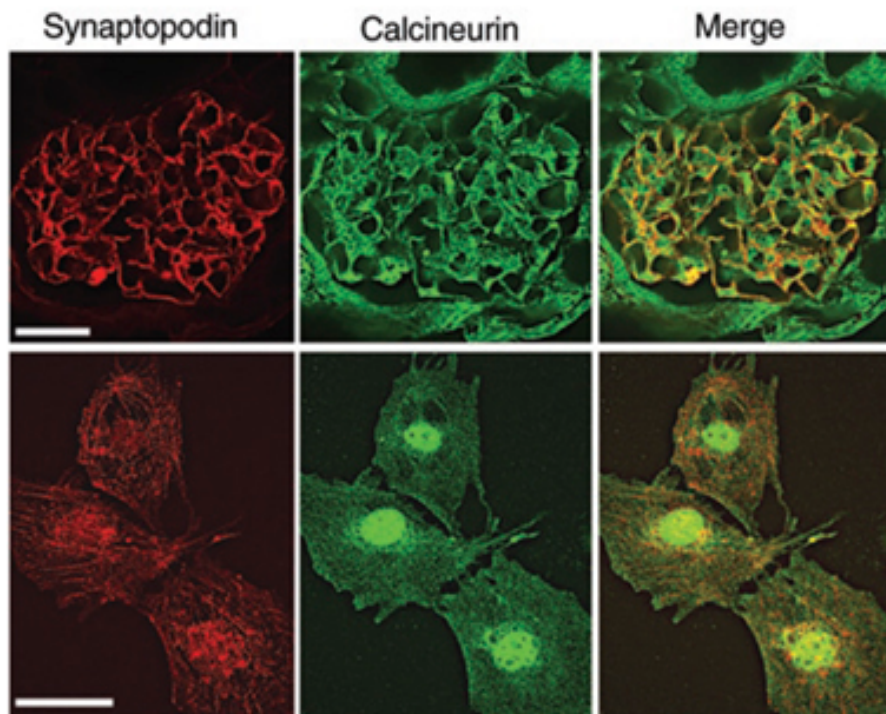


## CICLOSPORINA

La CsA bloquea la defosforilación de la sinaptopodina, una proteína organizadora de la actina del podocito. Este bloqueo inhibe la proteólisis de la sinaptopodina, estabilizando las hendiduras diafragmáticas y la contracción-relajación normal del podocito.

Este efecto es independiente de la acción sobre las células B y T.

Interesante: La expresión de calcineurinas en el podocito resulta en la degradación de la sinaptopodina y el desarrollo de proteinuria.

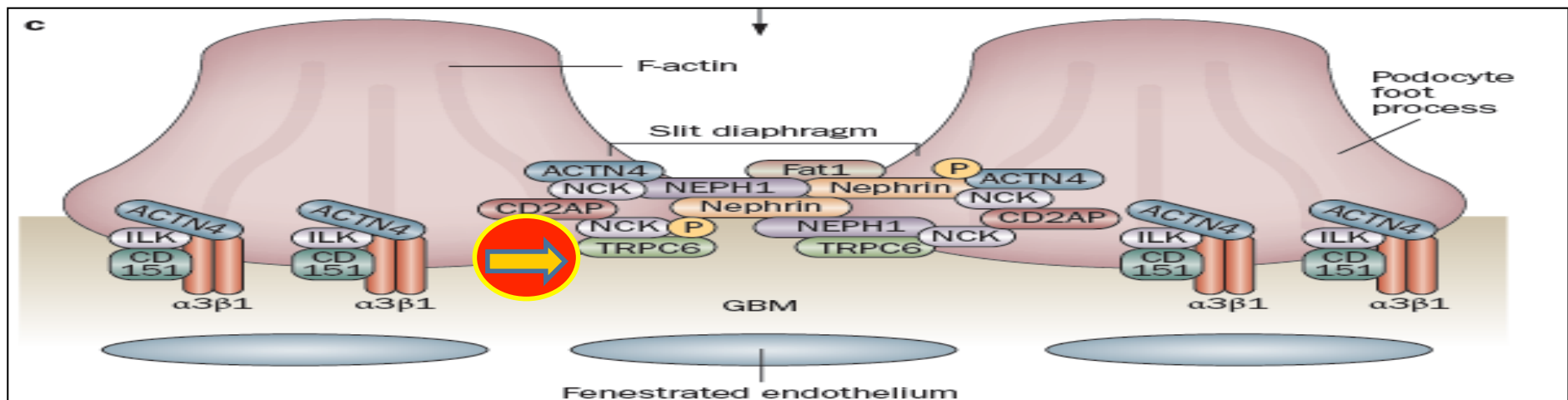


## Rol del TRPC6 Transient receptor potential cation channel 6 (trPC6)

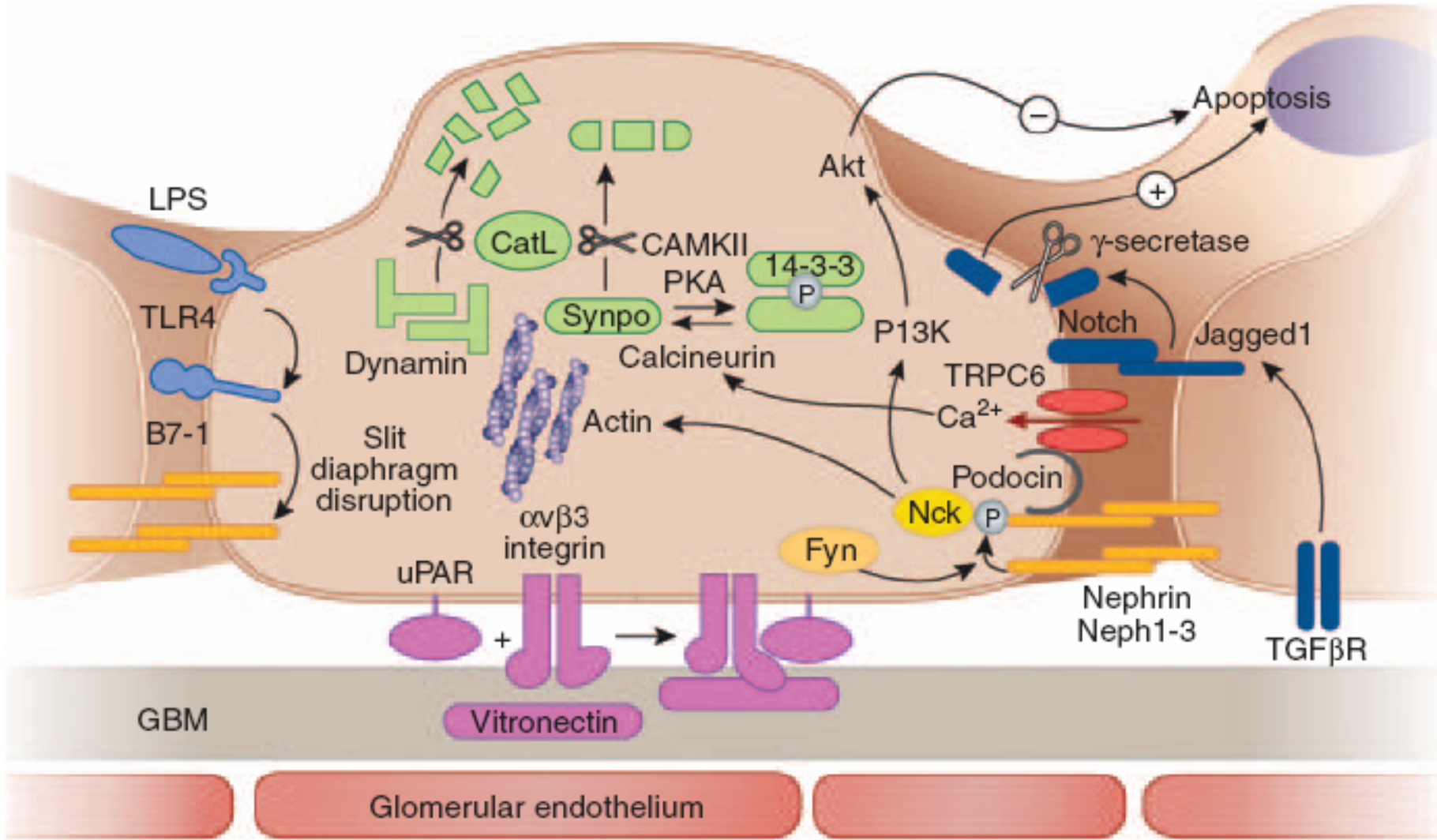
Sobreexpresada en familias con FsGs autosómica-dominante.  
Estos canales regulan la entrada de calcio intracelular.

En los podocitos, el trPC6 se localiza en la hendidura del diafragma,  
y participa en la señalización.

Su sobreexpresión resulta en proteinuria. Es blanco del Tacrolimus



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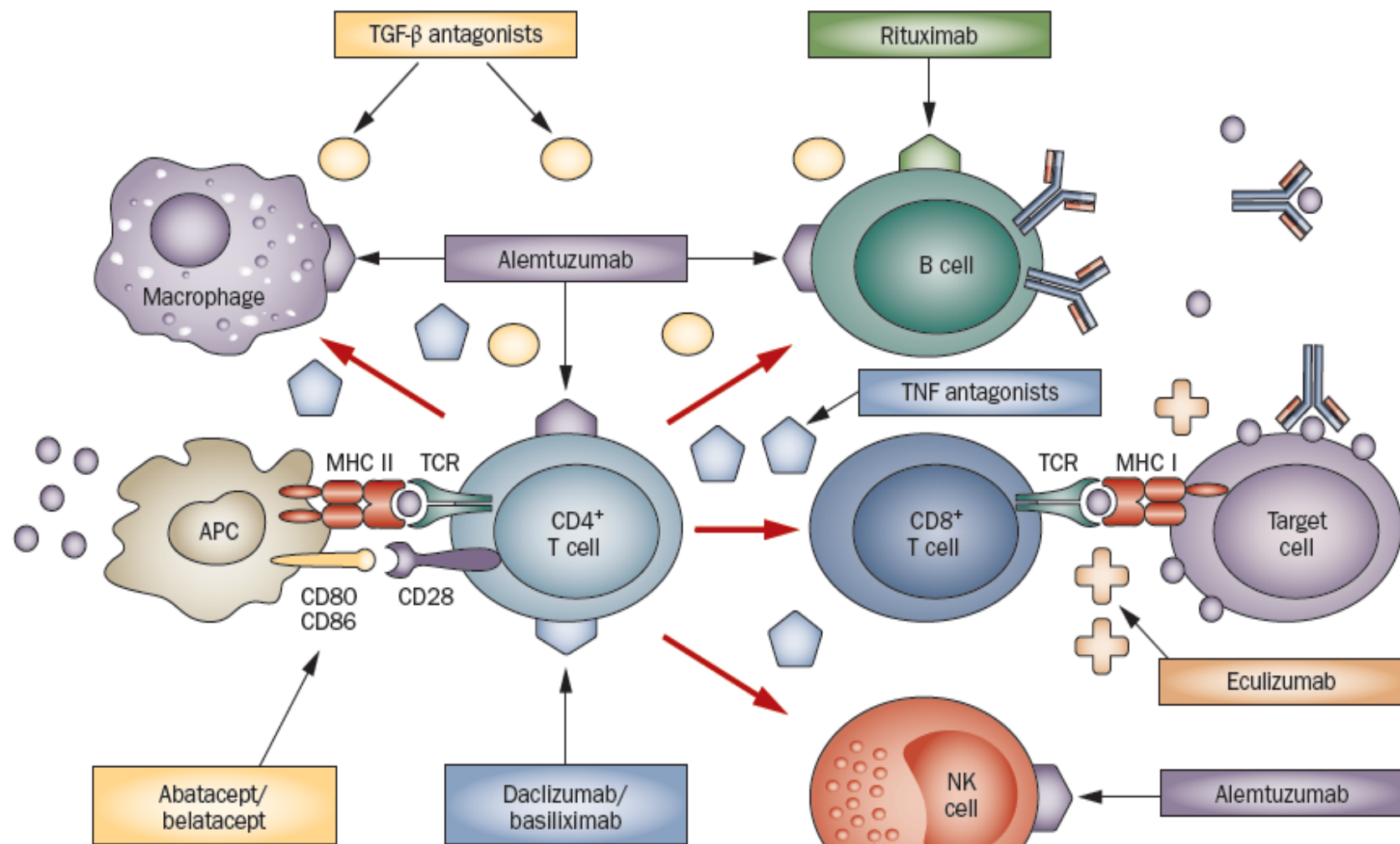
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**Table 1** | Naming system for monoclonal antibodies developed by the International Nonproprietary Names program

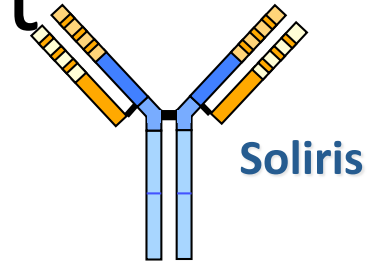
Prefix	First Infix <sup>a</sup> = target	Second Infix = source of the product	Suffix = class
Varies	-ki(n)- = interleukin -li(m)- = lymphocyte, immunomodulator -tu- = tumor (miscellaneous)	-o- = mouse -axo- = mouse–rat hybrid -xi- = chimeras -zu- = humanized -u- = human	-mab = monoclonal antibody

<sup>a</sup>Final letter of the first infix can be deleted when pronunciation is difficult. Each monoclonal antibody name consists of a unique prefix, a first infix related to the molecular target, a second infix that describes the source species of the product, and the suffix 'mab'. Names of other biologic therapies include the suffixes -atacept (CTLA-4 antagonist) and -nercept (tumor necrosis factor antagonist).<sup>49</sup>

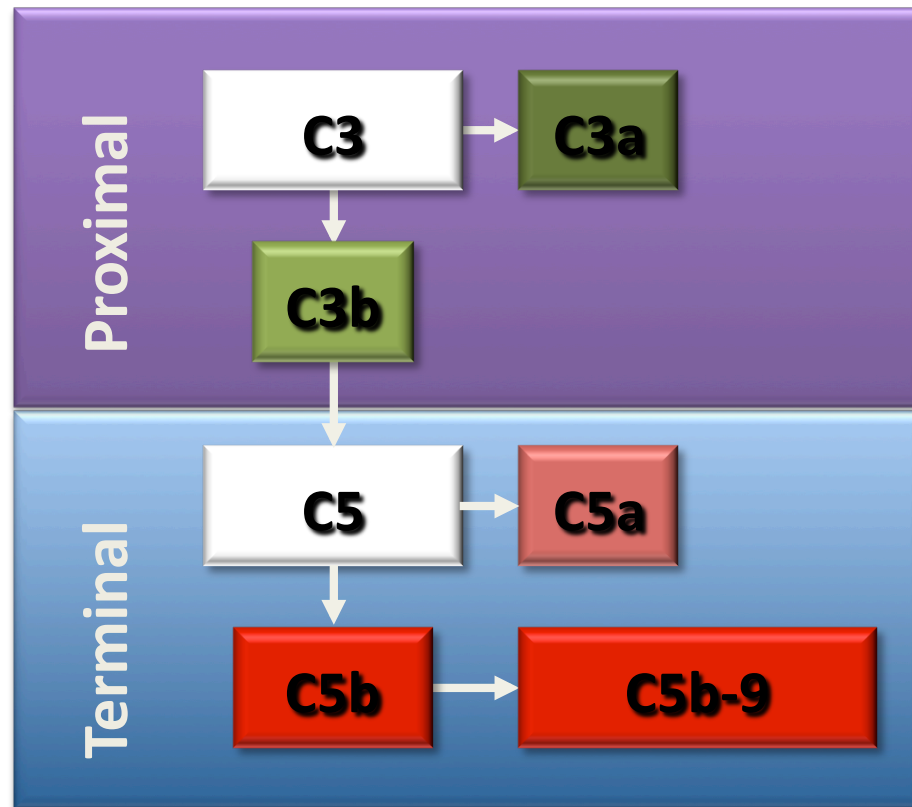


- CD52
- TNF
- Foreign/self antigen
- CD25
- TGF-β
- Antibody
- CD20
- C5

# ECULIZUMAB Blocks Terminal Complement



## Complement Cascade

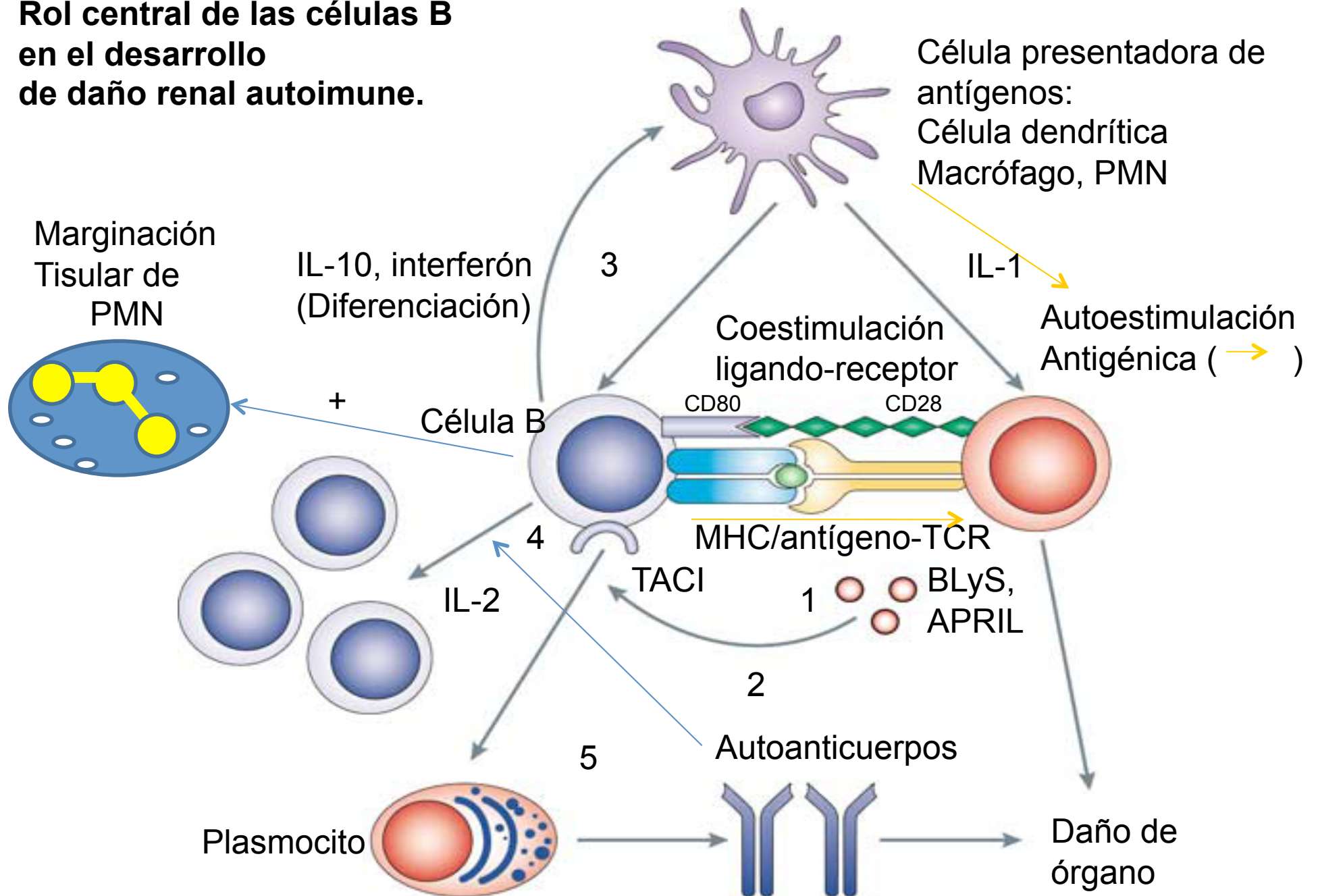


- Soliris binds with high affinity to C5
- Terminal complement - C5a and C5b-9 activity blocked
- Proximal functions of complement remain intact
  - Weak anaphylatoxin
  - Immune complex clearance
  - Microbial opsonization

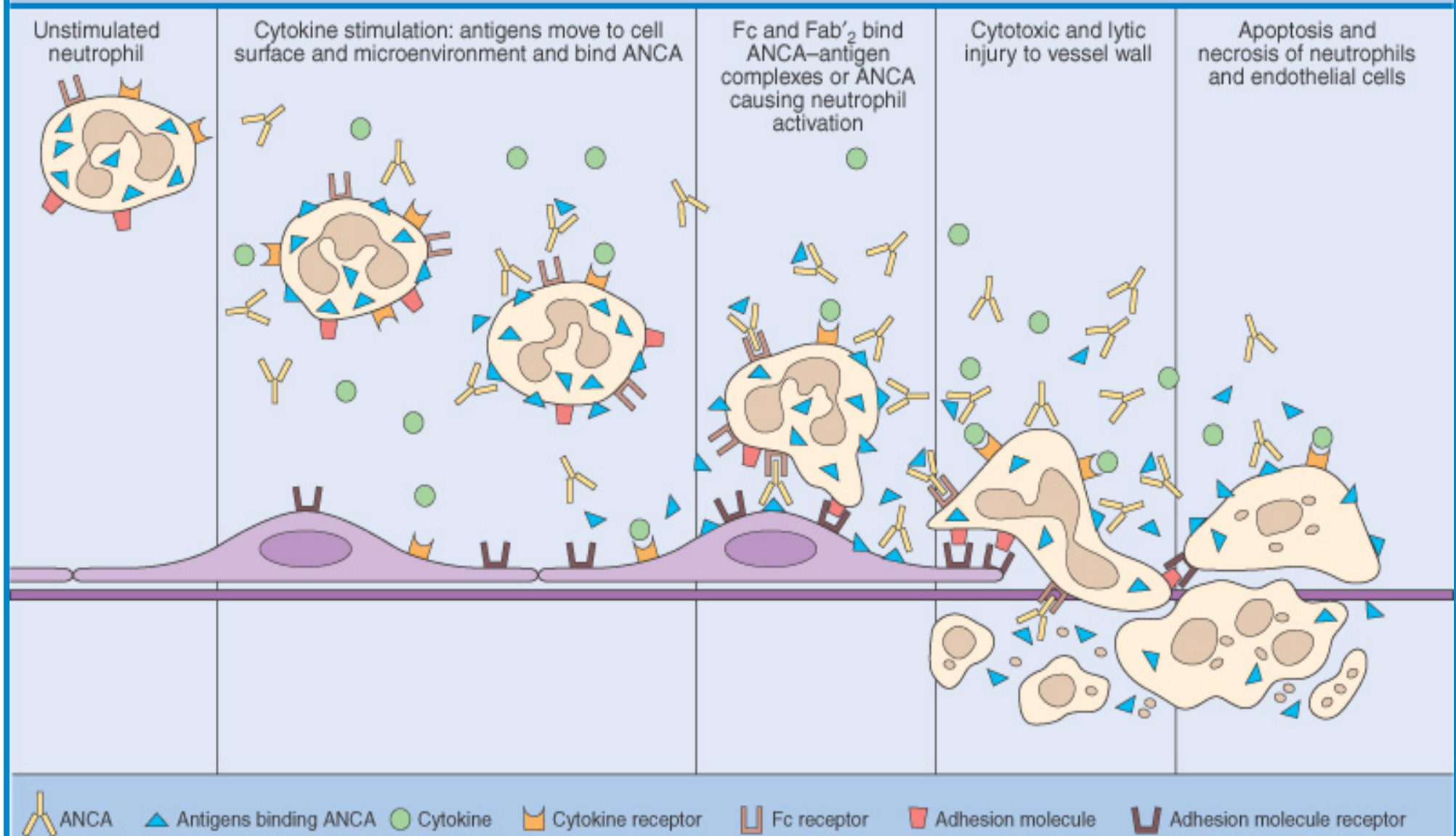
Table 2 | **Complement deficiencies and complement-mediated diseases**

Disease	Major defects	Causes	Genes affected
Atypical haemolytic uraemic syndrome (aHUS) and possibly some cases of thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP)	Defective C3 convertase, stabilization of the convertase, defective regulation, and increased stability and turnover	Mostly heterozygous mutations, genetic defects and autoantibodies	Deficiency of CFHR1, CFHR3, factor B, factor H and factor I
Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis, type II (MPGN II; also known as dense-deposit disease)	Defective C3 convertase	Mostly homozygous mutations, genetic defects, autoantibodies and C3 nephritic factor	Factor H and C3
Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)	Defective clearance of apoptotic cells and bodies	Hereditary homozygous deficiency and genetic defects	C1q, C1r, C1s, C2, C3 and C4
Pyogenic infections	Inappropriate complement attack	Infections with <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> and <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	C3, factor H, factor I, properdin and TCC
	Deficiency of properdin	Infections with <i>Neisseria</i> spp.	Gene mutation
	Deficiency of factor I	Infections with <i>N. meningitidis</i> and <i>S. pneumoniae</i> and other respiratory tract infection	Gene mutation
	Deficiency of factor H	Infection with <i>N. meningitidis</i>	Gene mutation affecting protein secretion
Haemolysis and thrombosis	Erythrocyte lysis and thrombus formation	Unknown	CD59, factor H and deficiency of CFHR1 and CFHR3
Partial lipid dystrophy	Loss of adipose tissue	C3 nephritic factor	Unknown
Hereditary angioedema	Recurrent spontaneous non-allergic oedema of the subcutaneous tissues and mucous membranes	Mostly heterozygous mutations	C1 inhibitor
Paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria (PNH)	Failure of CD55 and CD59 expression	Genetic deficiency of PIG-A, and failure to form GPI anchor	PIGA
Age-related macular degeneration (AMD)	Drusen formation and chronic inflammation	Unknown	Factor H, C3, C2, deficiency of CFHR1 and/or CFHR3, factor B and factor I
Tumour cells	Overexpression of membrane and secreted regulators, and enhanced binding of soluble regulators	Unknown	Unknown

# Rol central de las células B en el desarrollo de daño renal autoinmune.

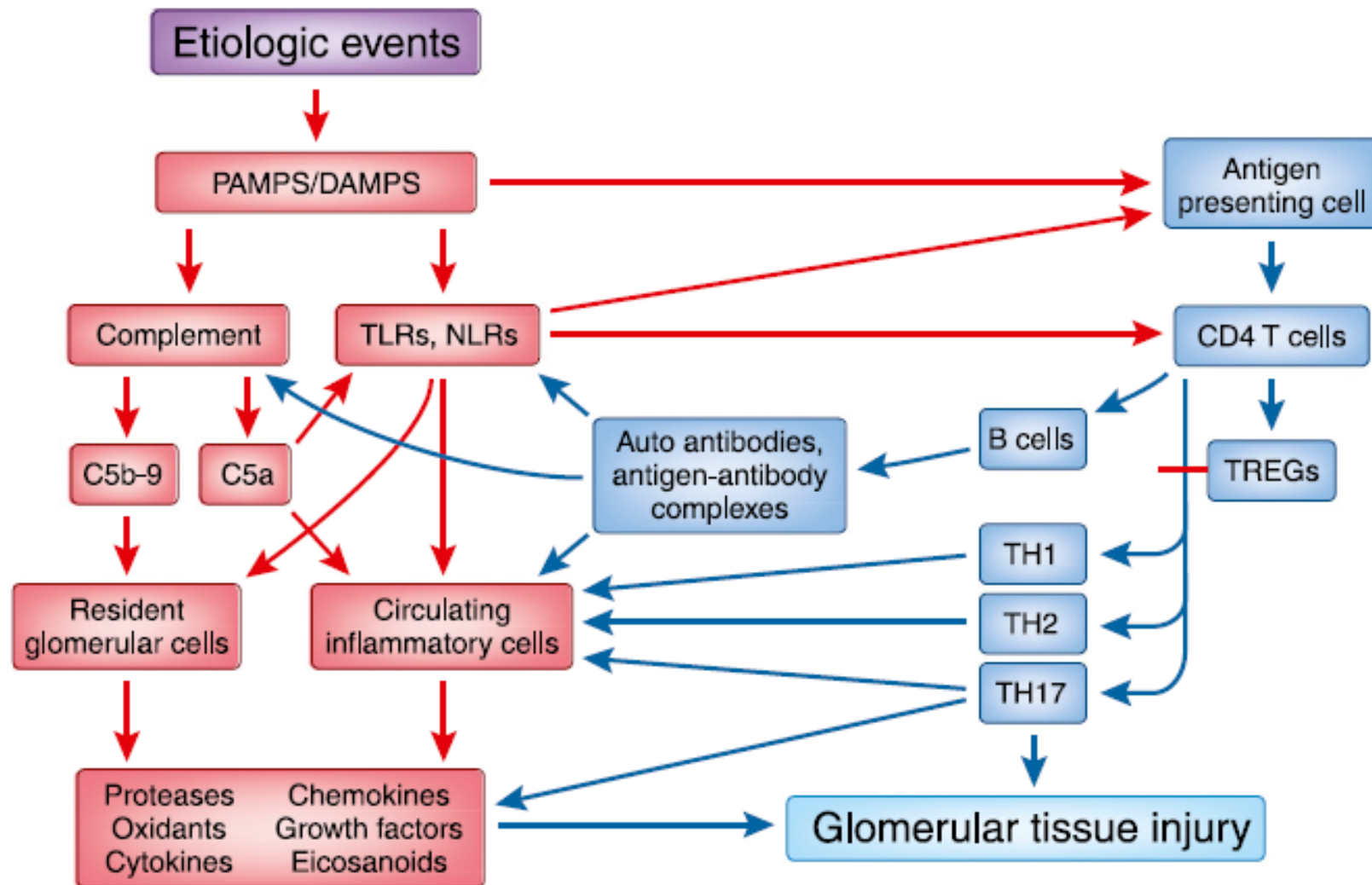


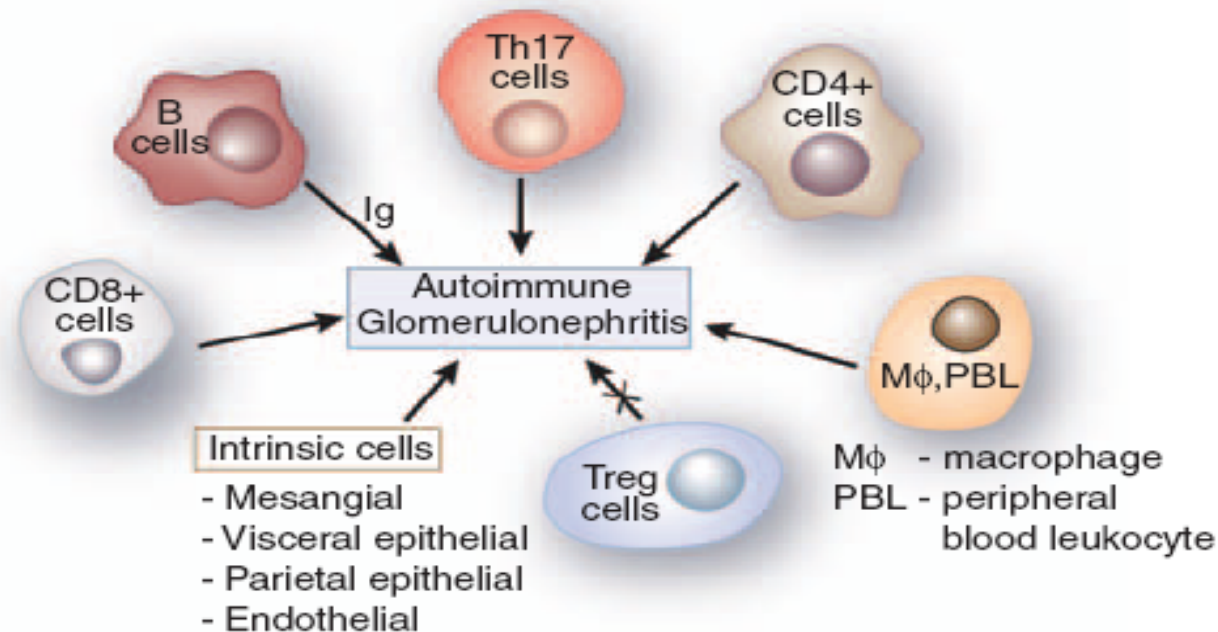
## ANCA-induced vasculitis: a possible pathogenetic path



**Figure 23.4 Vasculitis induced by antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (ANCA): a hypothetical sequence of pathogenetic events.**

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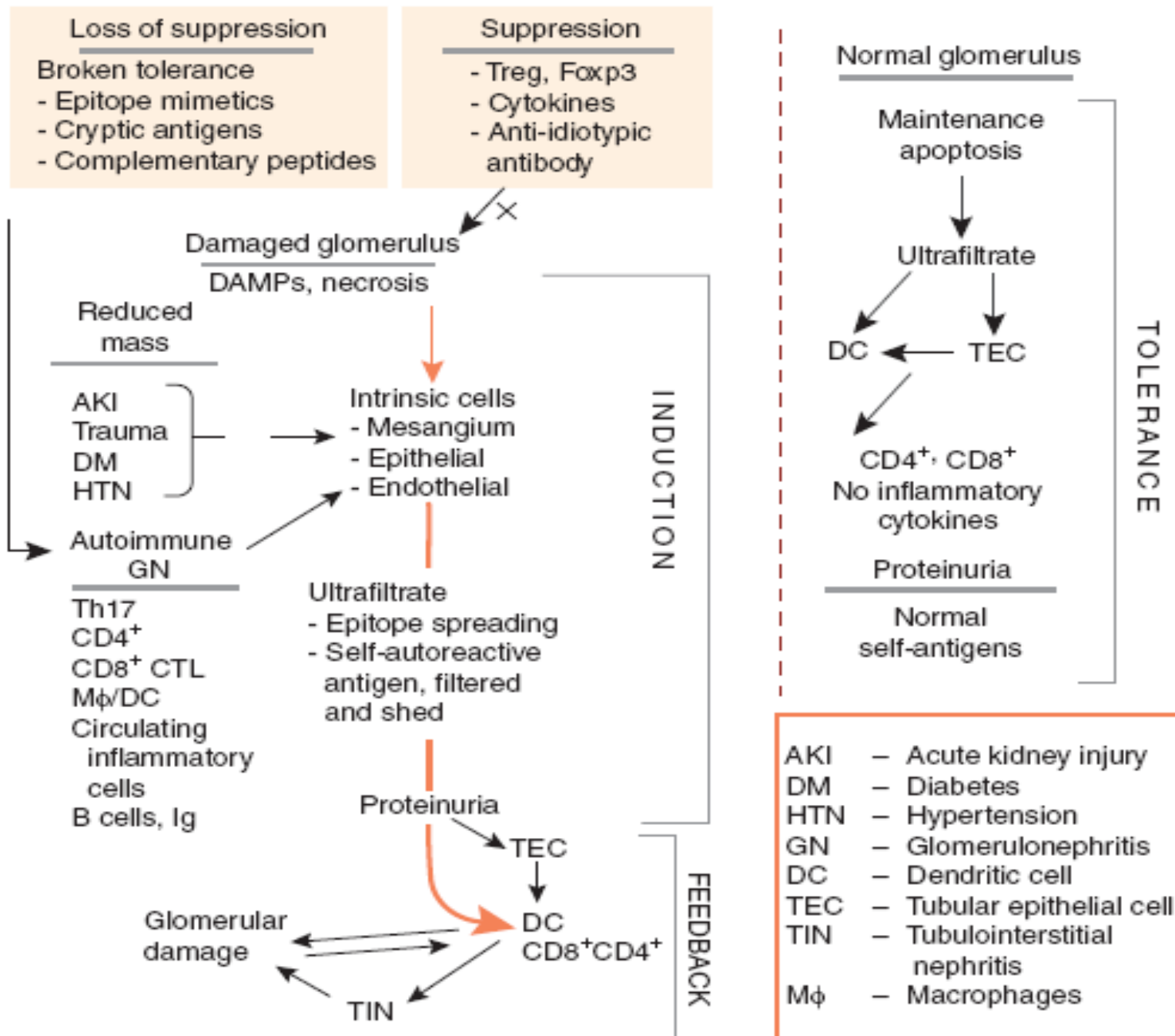


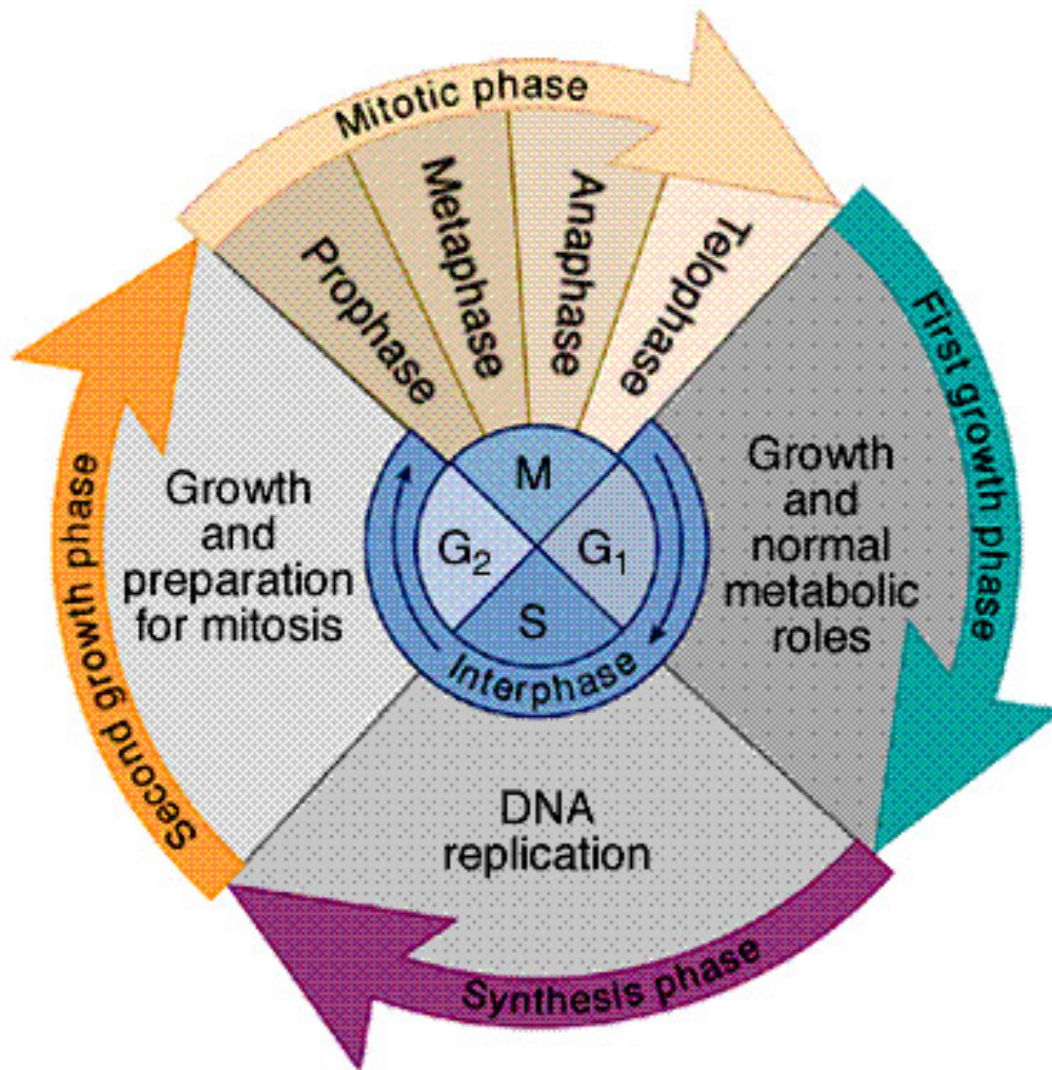


Broken tolerance, ↓ suppressor/regulatory cells, epitope mimetics, cryptic antigens, autoimmunity to complementary peptides

**Figure 1 | Cells in GN.** Figure 1 represents an aggregate of data derived from animal models. B cells were classically considered to be involved in the pathogenesis of GN by elaboration of immunoglobulin (Ig). Th-17, CD4<sup>+</sup>, and CD8<sup>+</sup> cells have a significant role as shown by abrogation of activity leading to amelioration of GN. Macrophages and peripheral blood leukocyte (PBL) are essential in the histological changes of GN. All result in a variable increase in the mesangial matrix, and involvement of the visceral and parietal epithelial cells. T regulatory cells downregulate disease. Experimental autoimmune glomerulonephritis presumably arises secondary to various etiologies, including broken tolerance, a decrease in suppressor/regulatory cells, epitope mimetics, exposure of cryptic antigens, and possibly autoimmunity to complementary peptides.







G0-G1  
mTORi  
ESTEROIDES

G0-G1  
TIMOGLOBULINA  
CsA, Tac

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MICOFENOLATO

G0-G1  
BASILIXIMAB  
mTORi

