

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Latin American Fabry Round Table

## FABRY DISEASE AND THE KIDNEY

### KIDNEY PATHOPHYSIOLOGIC PATHWAYS OF DISEASE REVISITED

#### FOCUS ON THE PODOCYTE AND OTHER ISSUES

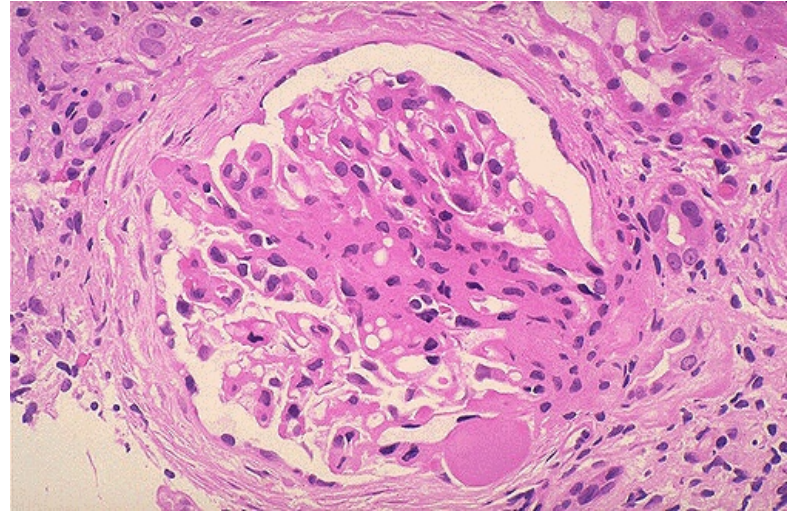
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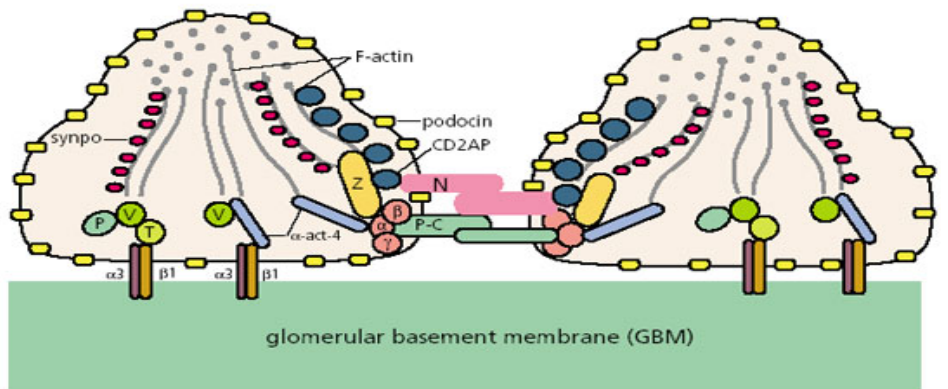
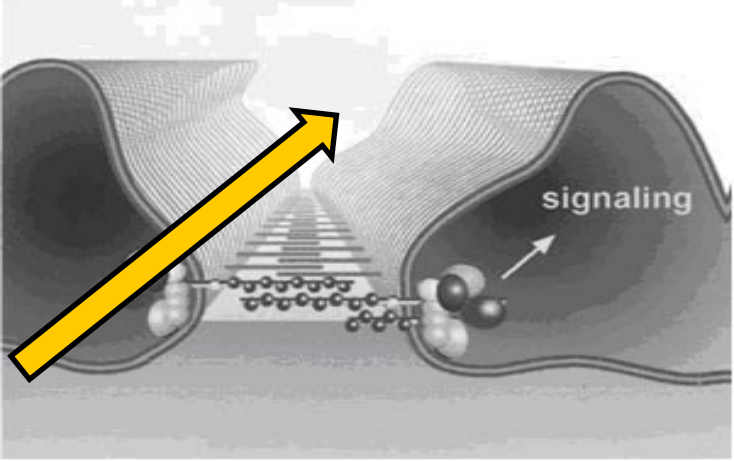
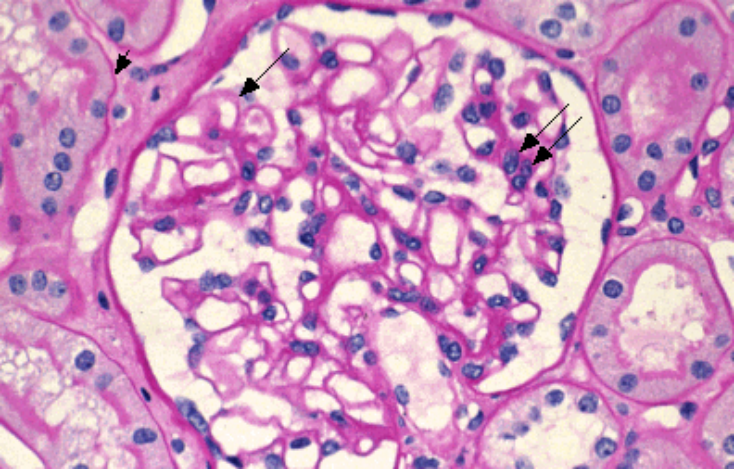
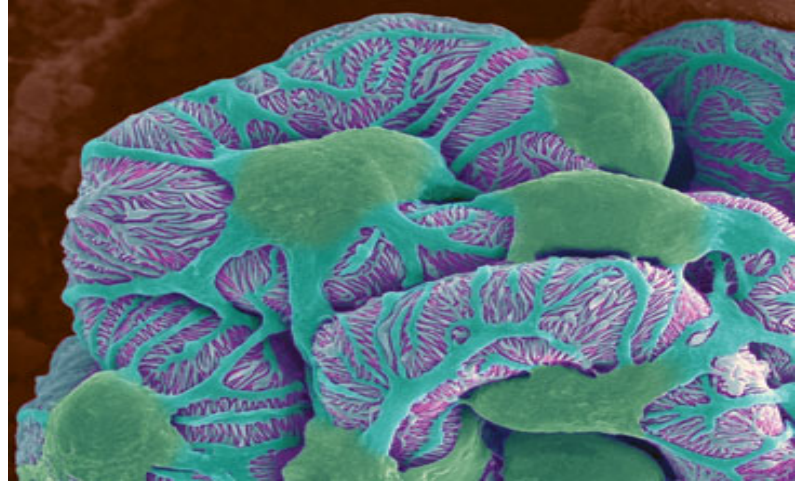
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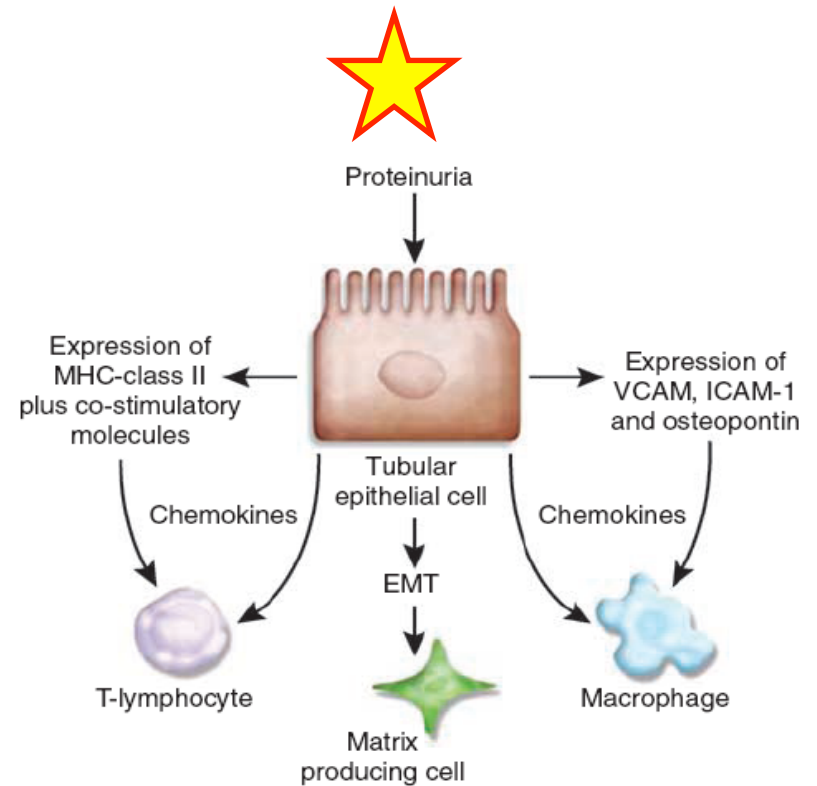
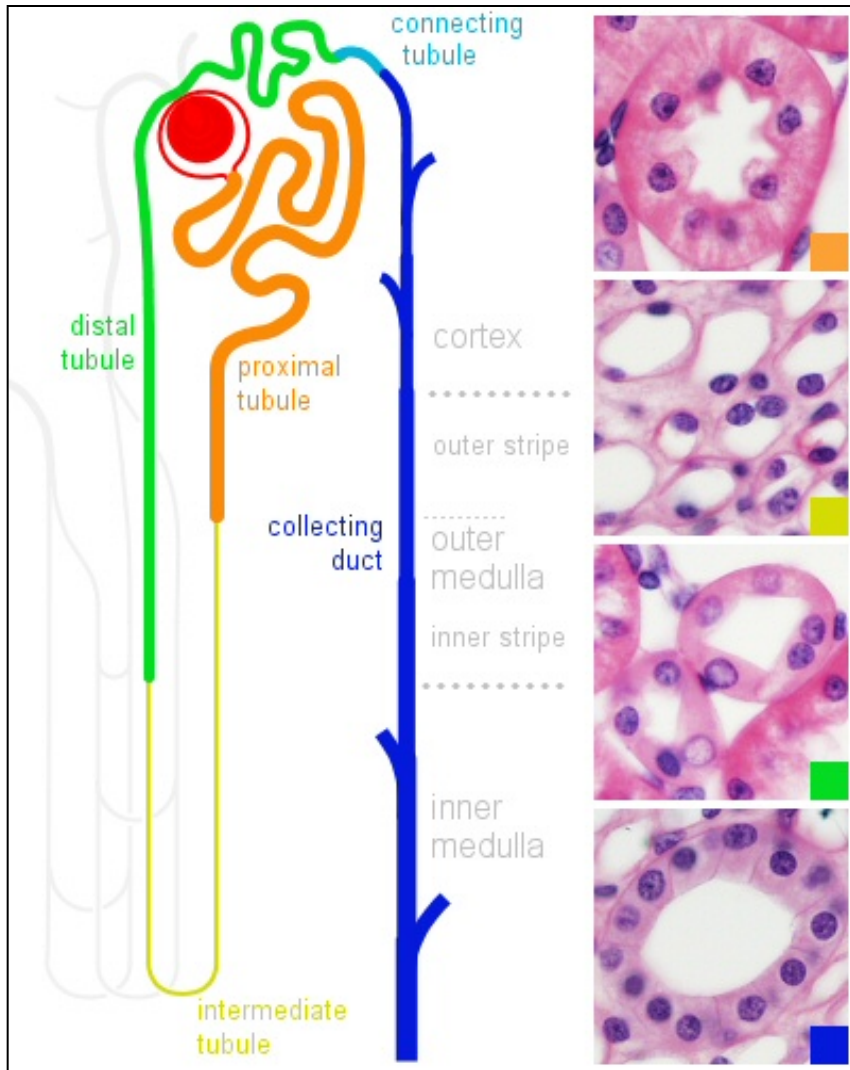


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# PATIENT WITH FABRY DISEASE







**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.

# Proteinuria – What component of the barrier is responsible?

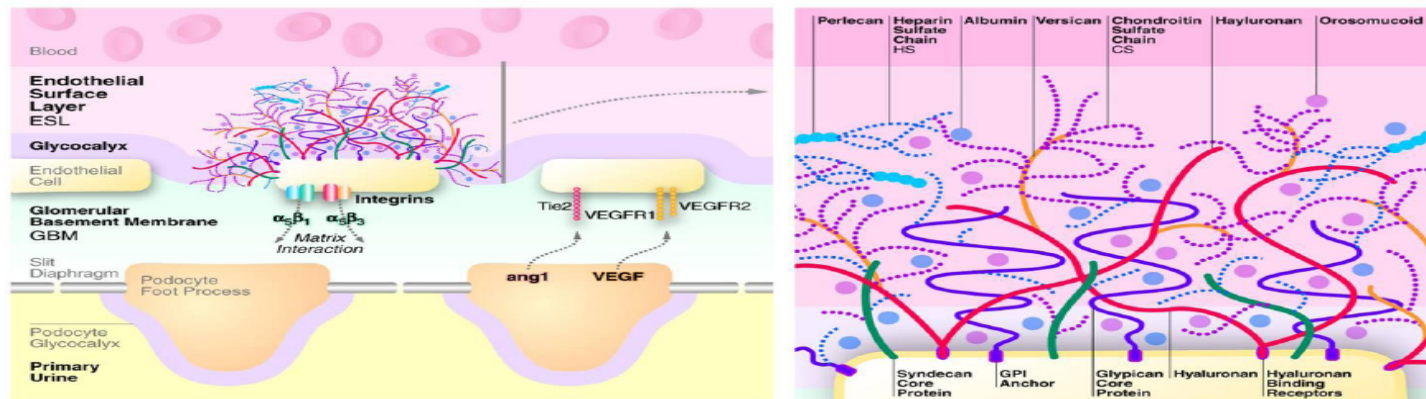
The podocyte,  
Glomerular basement membrane,  
Fenestrated endothelium, or the  
Endothelial surface layer?

The correct answer is probably – All of the above!

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## Glomerular endothelial cell surface layer

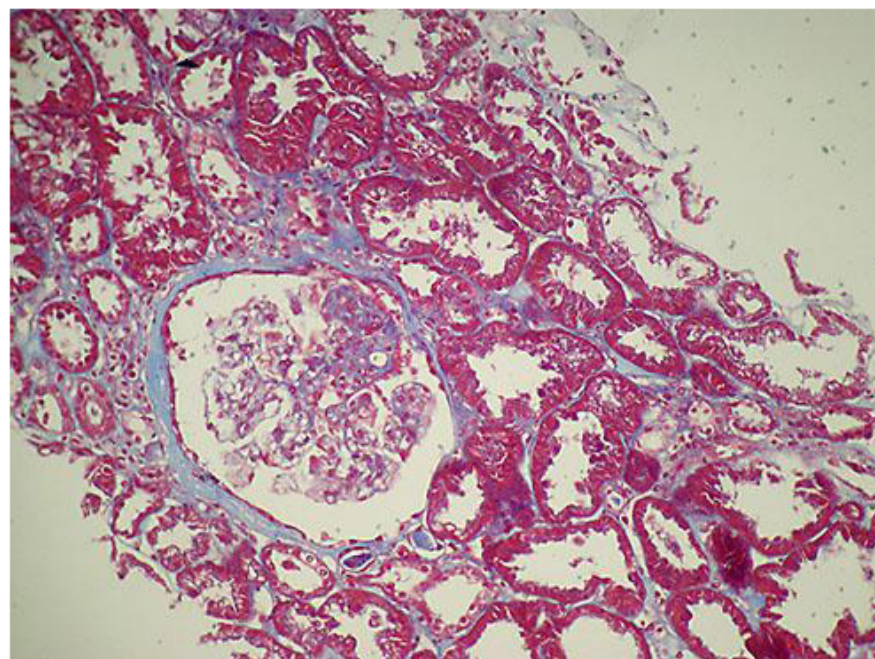
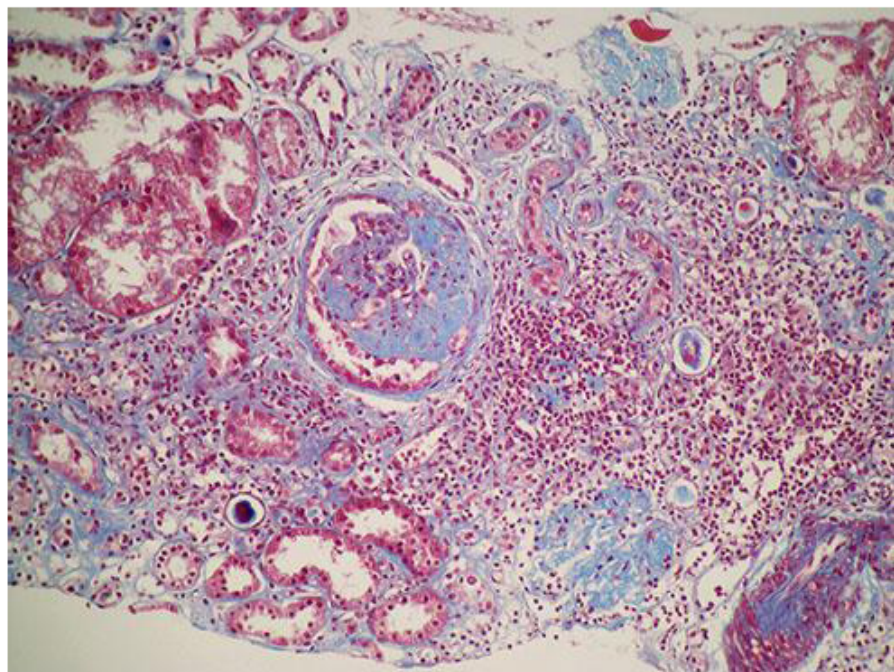


Haraldsson, Nyström & Deen. Properties of the glomerular barrier and mechanisms of proteinuria. *Physiol. Rev.* 88: 451-487 2008;

# Podocyte injury in focal segmental glomerulosclerosis: Lessons from animal models (a play in five acts)

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*Kidney International* (2008) **73**, 399–406; doi:10.1038/sj.ki.5002655;



**Fig. 1.** Focal and segmental glomerulosclerosis and mild to moderate interstitial fibrosis. Trichrome stain.  $\times 400$ .

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# ACT 1: SEEING IS BELIEVING: ULTRASTRUCTURAL STUDIES PROVIDE MECHANISTIC INSIGHTS

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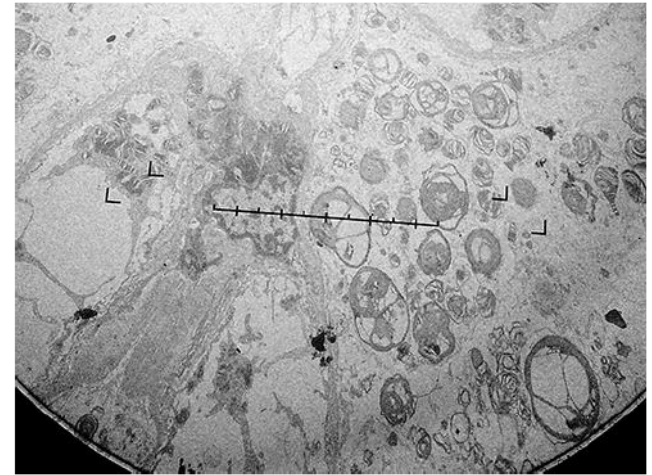
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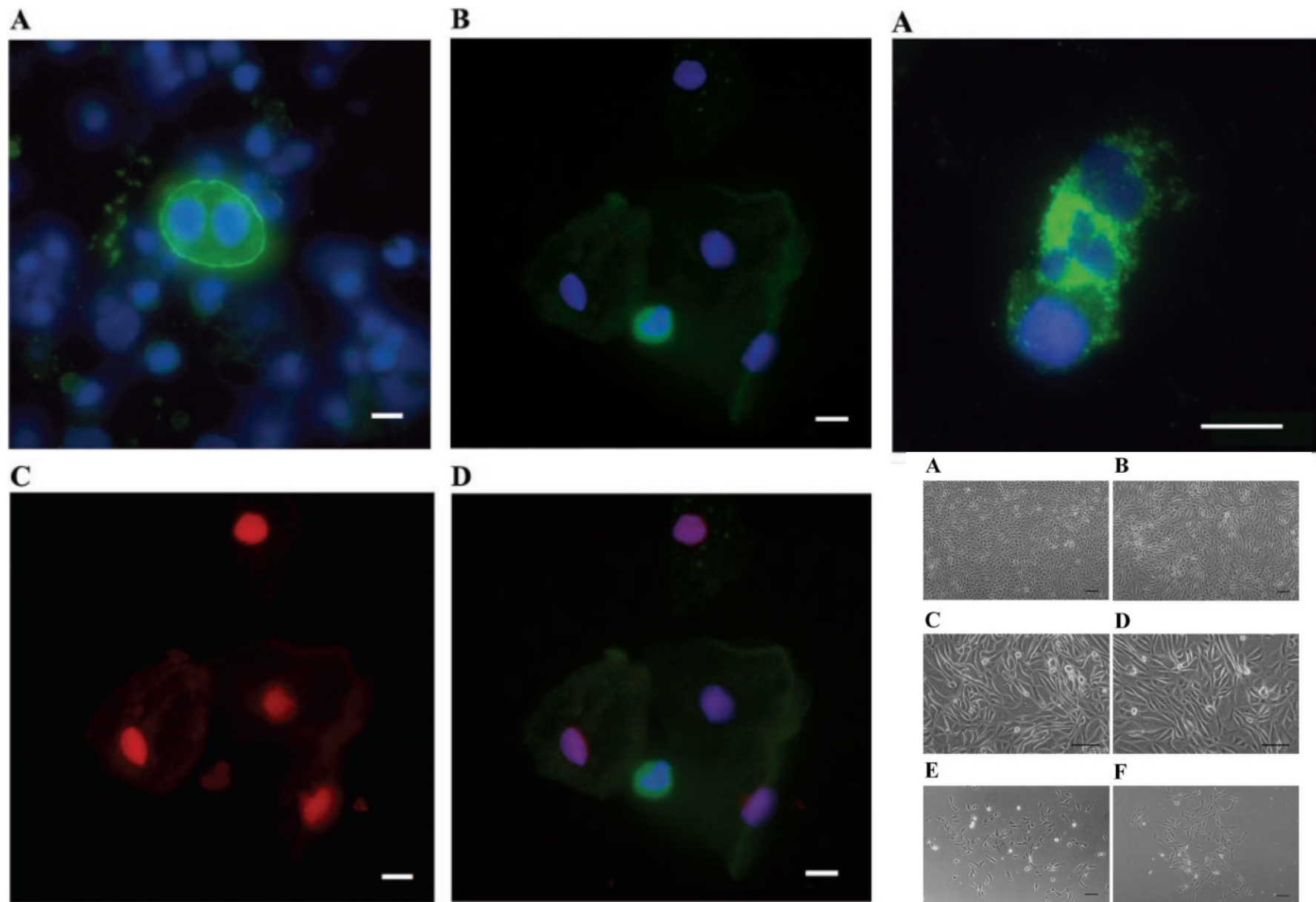


## Initially Nondiagnosed Fabry's Disease when Electron Microscopy Is Lacking: The Continuing Story of Focal and Segmental Glomerulosclerosis

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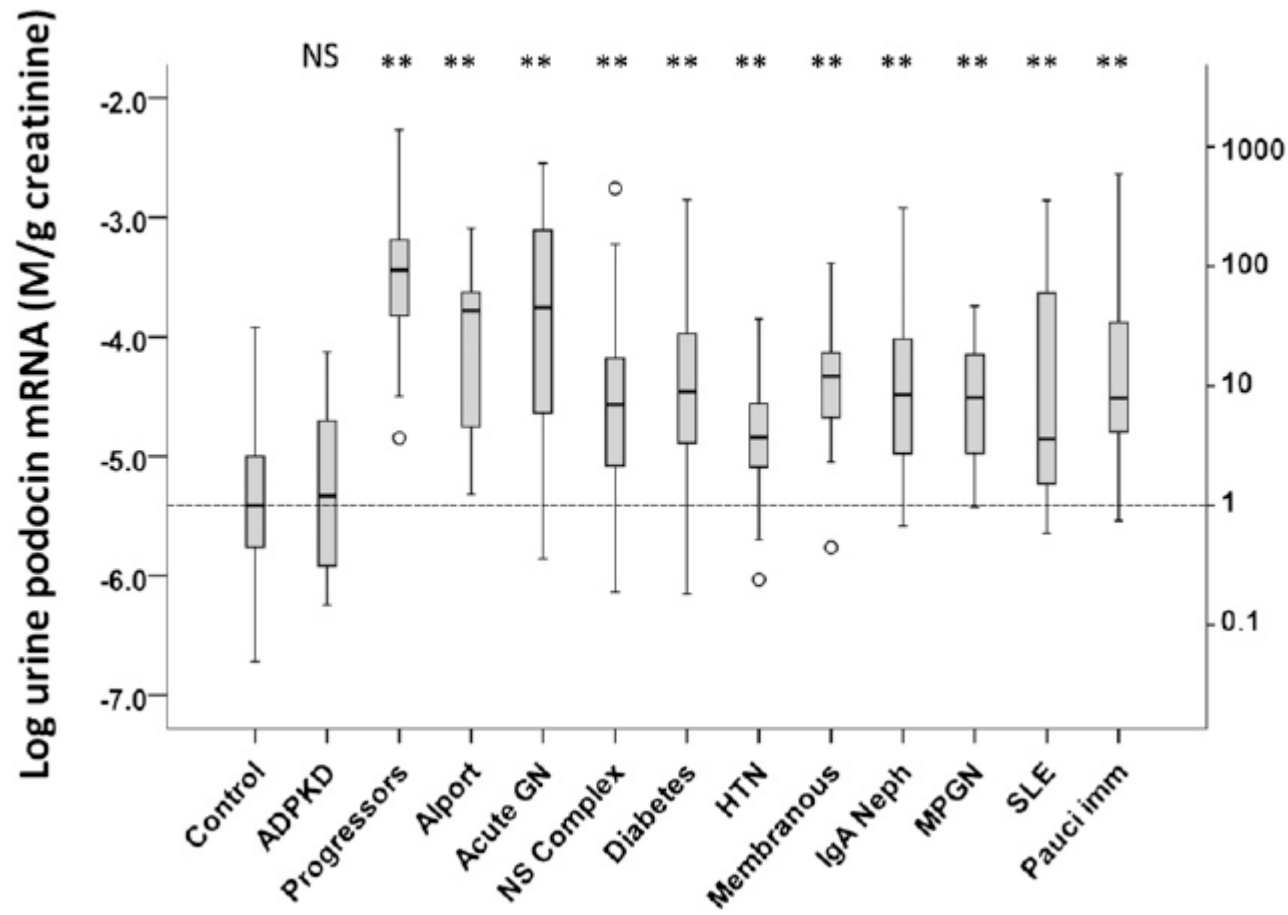
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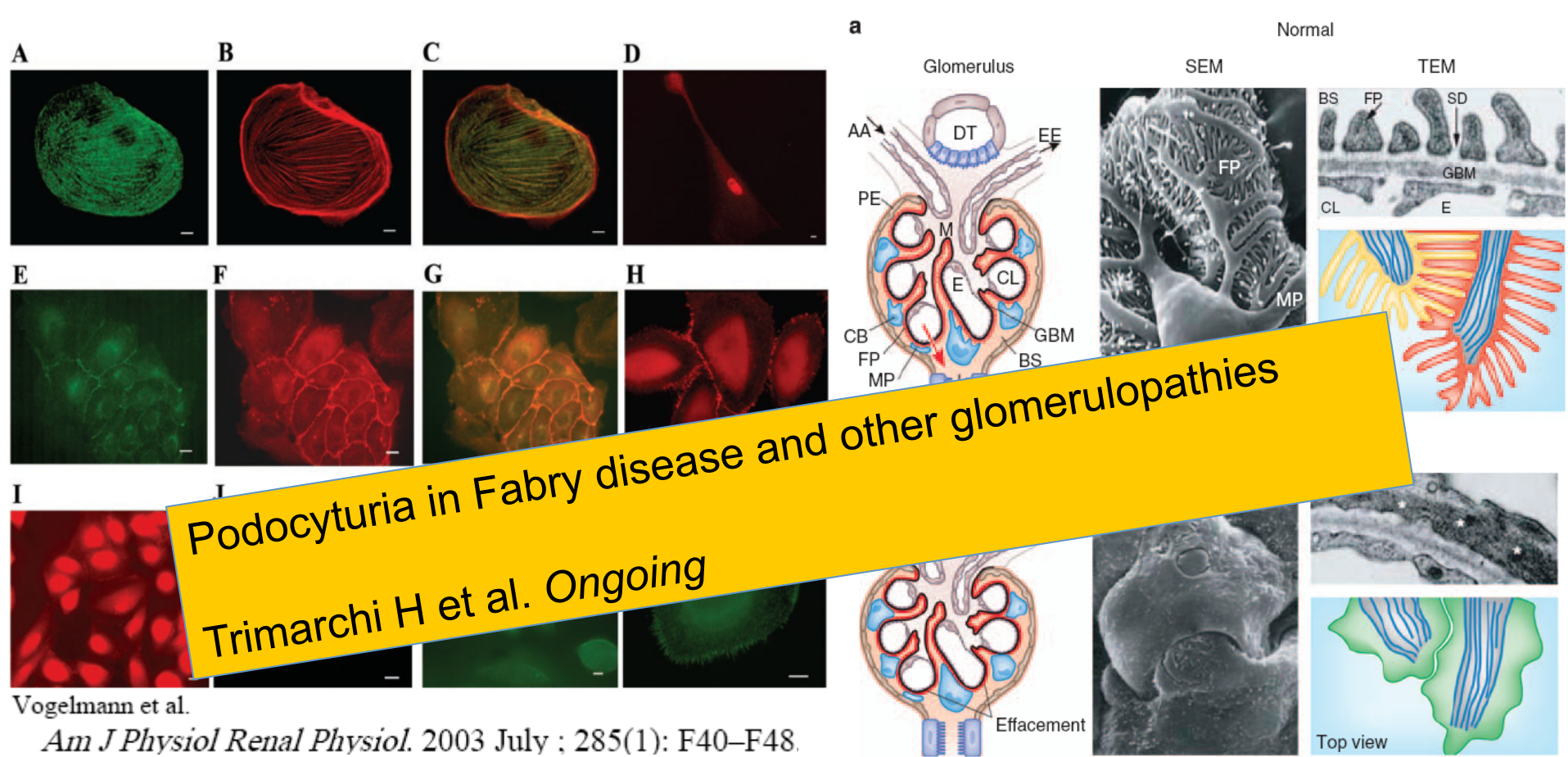




# Urine Podocyte mRNAs, Proteinuria, and Progression in Human Glomerular Diseases

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**Podocytturia correlates with proteinuria in patients with Fabry disease (FD) and is a potential biomarker of Fabry nephropathy**

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## ACT 3: PROOF OF CONCEPT: ANIMAL MODELS AND THE GENETIC BASIS OF FSGS

PRIMARY: GENETIC – protein mutations  
ACQUIRED – permeability factors

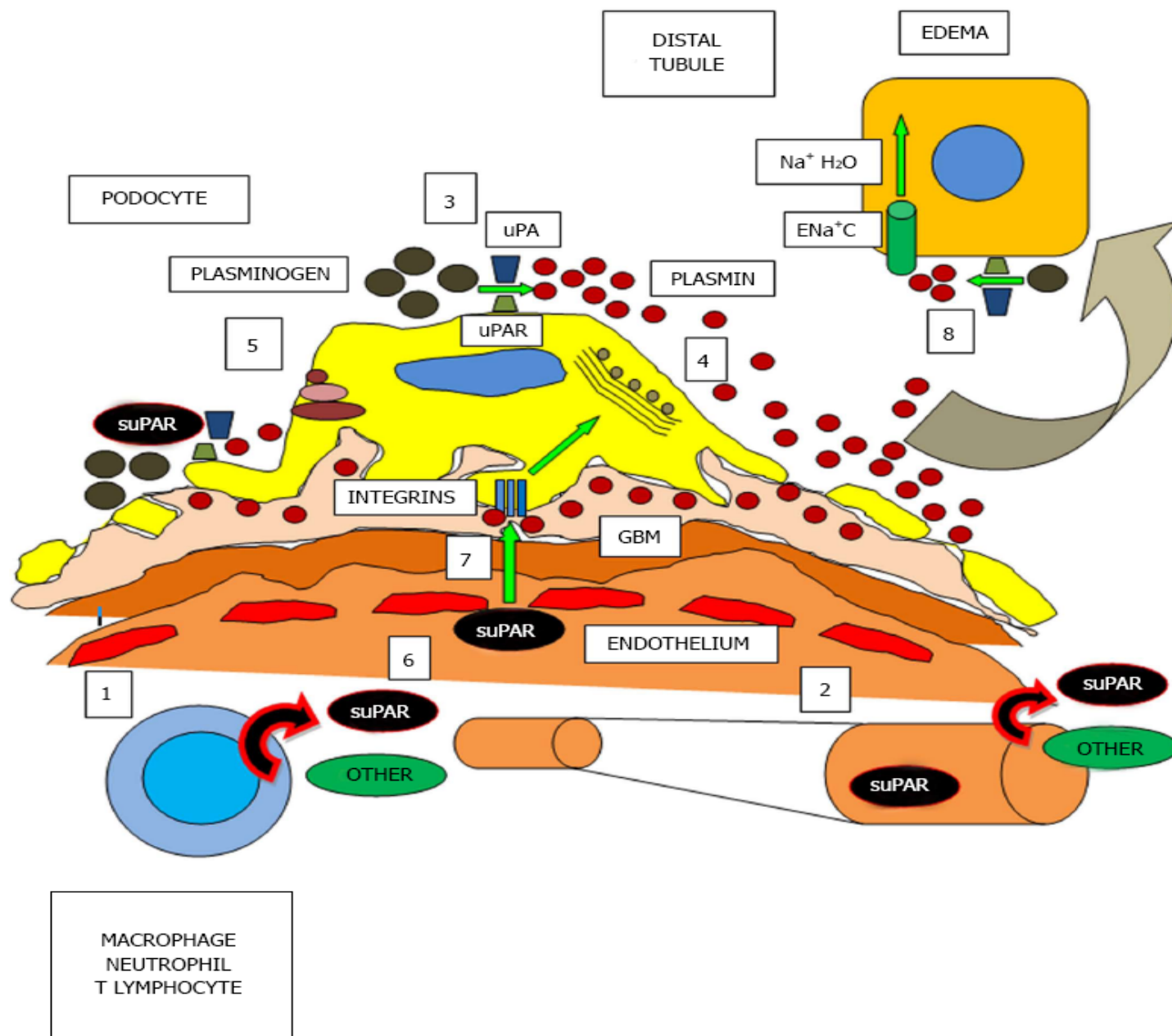


SECONDARY: Reduced renal mass  
Vesicoureteral reflux  
Obesity  
HIV



As a result of a primary glomerular disease- FABRY





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(54) **ROLE OF SOLUBLE UPAR IN THE  
PATHOGENESIS OF PROTEINURIC KIDNEY  
DISEASE**

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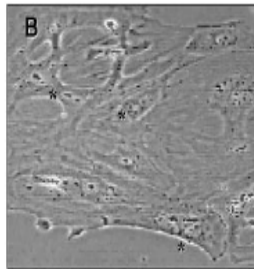
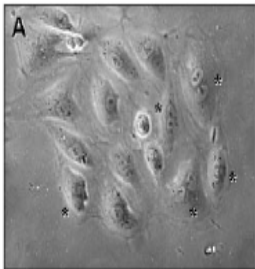
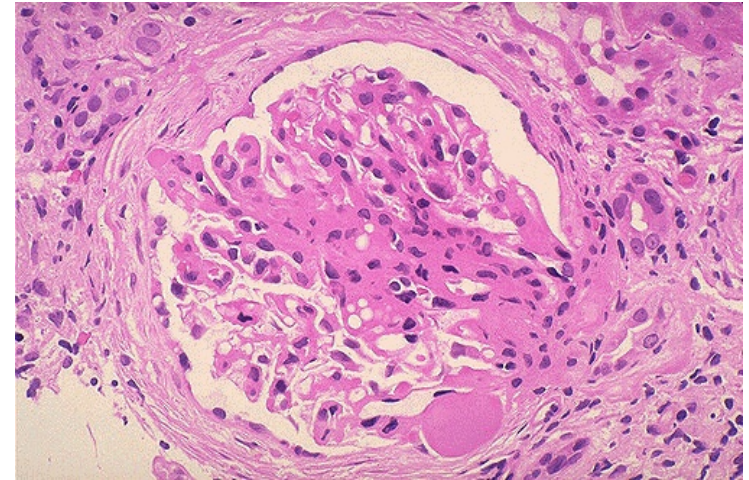
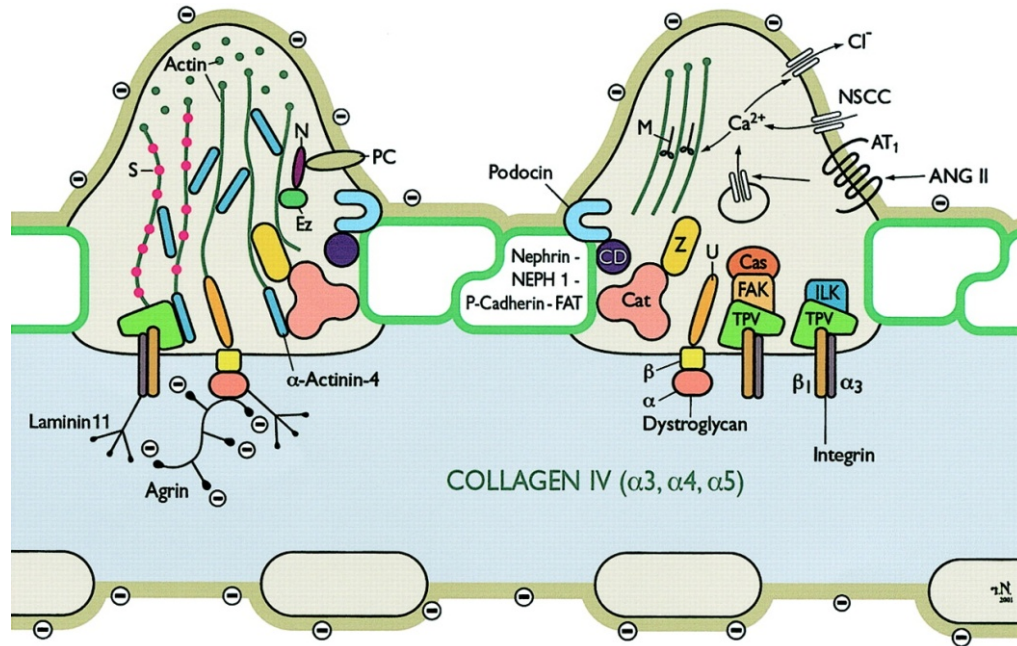
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thereafter detecting the presence of uPAR. Preferred conditions include kidney disease comprises: podocyte diseases or disorders, proteinuria, glomerular diseases, membranous glomerulonephritis, focal segmental glomerulonephritis, minimal change disease, nephrotic syndromes, pre-eclampsia, eclampsia, kidney lesions, collagen vascular diseases, stress, strenuous exercise, benign orthostatic (postural) proteinuria, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), IgA nephropathy, IgM nephropathy, membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis, membranous nephropathy, sarcoidosis, Alport's syndrome, diabetes mellitus, kidney damage due to drugs, Fabry's disease, infections, aminoaciduria, Fanconi



# ACT 4: MORE IS NOT NECESSARILY BETTER: PODOCYTE DYSREGULATION



# Biomarkers of Fabry Disease Nephropathy

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It is suggested that biomarkers of renal complications of Fabry disease are likely to be useful for diagnosis and to follow the natural disease progression or the effect of specific therapeutic interventions. Traditionally, globotriaosylceramide (Gb<sub>3</sub>) in urine has been used to evaluate the effect of specific therapy, such as enzyme replacement therapy (ERT). Although urinary Gb<sub>3</sub> decreases significantly with ERT, it has not yet been shown to be a valid surrogate marker in treatment trials. We propose a detailed study of the nature and origin of Gb<sub>3</sub> combined with a prospective collaborative trial that combines Gb<sub>3</sub> changes with the effect of ERT on clinical nephrological outcome measures. Existing biomarkers such as general proteinuria/albuminuria or specific proteins such as *N*-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucosaminidase should be evaluated along with novel proteomic or metabolomic studies for biomarker discovery using mass spectrometry or nuclear magnetic resonance. Standard scoring of all pathologic aspects of kidney biopsies may also be a promising way to assess the effect of therapy.

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Globotriaosylceramide (Gb<sub>3</sub>), the main substrate of the deficient  $\alpha$ -galactosidase A in Fabry disease, is known to be increased in patients' urine (2,3). It is consistently elevated in

One key question remains unanswered: Where does the Gb<sub>3</sub> biomarker come from? Urinary Gb<sub>3</sub> has its origin mostly in kidney tubular cells of the kidney and urinary collecting system. These assumptions are based on the presence of Gb<sub>3</sub> in lysosomes of renal tubular cells shed in the urine and an 80%

would indicate that the shedding of podocytes or even leakage through renal glomeruli of circulating Gb<sub>3</sub> may also be a significant source of this glycosphingolipid in urine (4,14).

## Urinary Proteomics

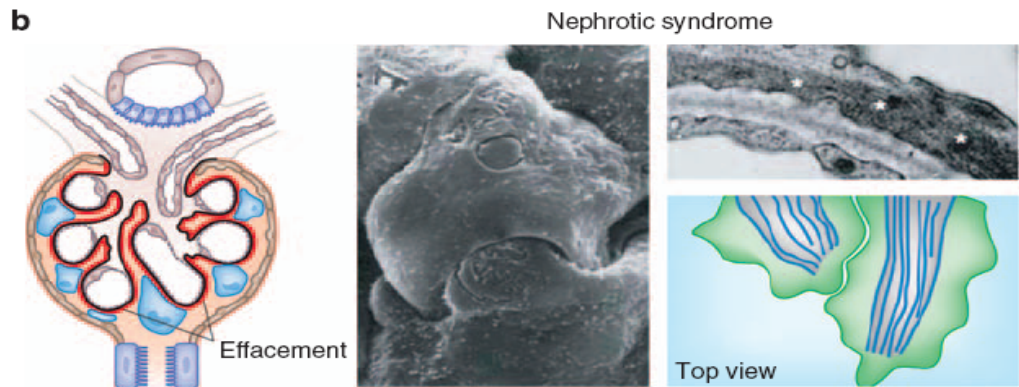
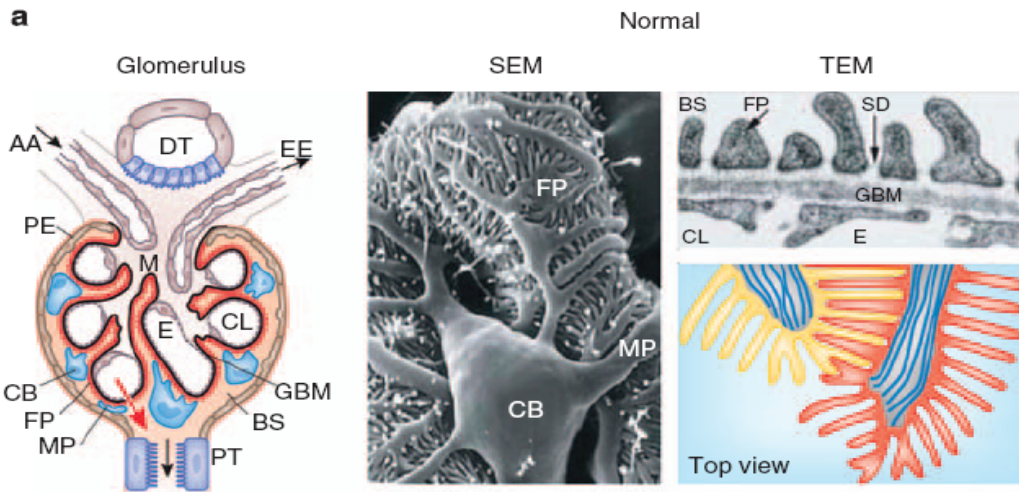
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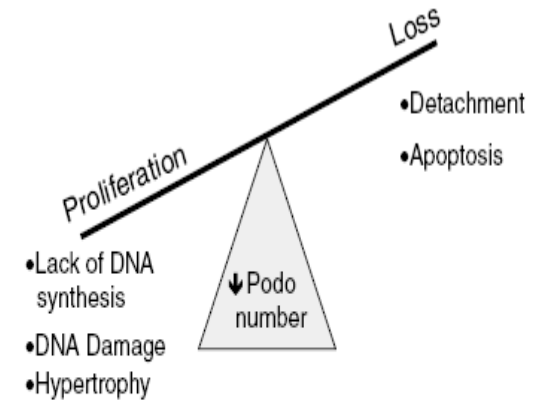
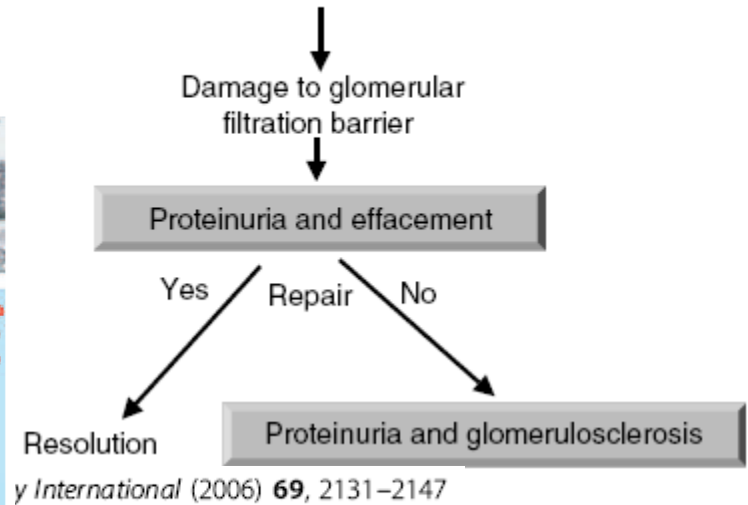
## Proteinuria

This is the most important biomarker in Fabry kidney disease (1,30). Protein levels should be kept as low as possible. When elevated, protein levels should be brought down with angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors/angiotensin receptor blockers to <0.5 g/24 h (20).

# ACT 5: THE MISSING LINK: HOW IRREVERSIBLE FOOT PROCESS EFFACEMENT AND PODOCYTE LOSS PROMOTE GLOMERULOSCLEROSIS



Podocyte injury owing to specific disease



**Figure 2 | Factors governing podocyte number.** Total podocyte (podo) number is a balance between proliferation and loss. Podocyte number is reduced by either a decrease in proliferation owing to lack of DNA synthesis, DNA damage or hypertrophy, and/or an increase in podocyte loss owing to detachment and apoptosis.



# The podocyte's response to injury: Role in proteinuria and glomerulosclerosis

SJ Shankland<sup>1</sup>

**Table 1 | Diseases of the podocyte**

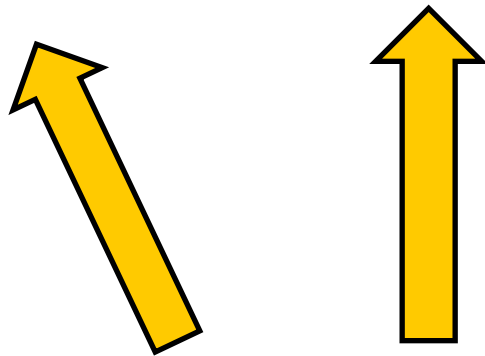
Podocyte disease	Cause of injury	Mechanism/mediator
Membranous nephropathy Minimal change disease Classic FSGS	Anti-podocyte antibodies T cell mediated Hereditary	C5b-9 Not well defined $\alpha$ -Actinin-4 mutation Podocin mutation CD2AP haploinsufficiency
	Increased Pgc owing to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obesity</li> <li>• Diabetes</li> <li>• Hypertension</li> <li>• Reduced nephron number</li> </ul> ↓ Podocyte number	Podocyte stress-tension
<b>FABRY DISEASE</b>	<b>GL-3 <i>globotriaosylceramide</i></b> <b>LYSO GL-3 deposition</b>	Apoptosis Detachment Lack of proliferation DNA damage Hypertrophy Permeability factor(s) $\alpha$ -Actinin-4 mutation Podocin mutation HIV Parvo B19? Pamidronate Interferon Hyperglycemia Podocyte stress-tension Amyloid spicules directly injure podocyte
Cellular/collapsing FSGS	Circulating factors Sporadic disease Infections Drugs	? ? ? ?
Diabetic nephropathy	Metabolic Increased Pgc	
Amyloid	Amyloid protein deposition	
MPGN	Deposition of antigen-antibody complexes	Splitting of GBM Podocyte effacement

FSGS, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis; GBM, glomerular basement membrane.

**Table 5 | Podocyte number in glomerular diseases**

Podocyte number normal	Podocyte number decreased	Podocyte number increased
Membranous nephropathy	Membranous nephropathy	HIV-associated nephropathy
Minimal change disease	Diabetic nephropathy	Cellular/collapsing FSGS
Classic FSGS	Classic FSGS	Crescentic glomerulonephritis
	Amyloid	
	Aging	

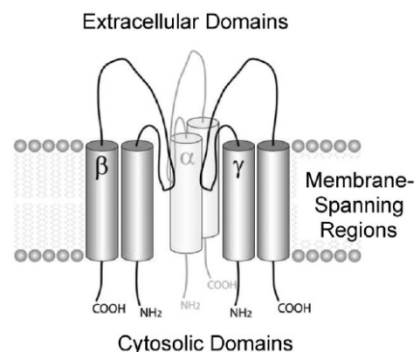
FSGS, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis.



WHERE MAY FABRY DISEASE BE?

# Hypertension

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## The Amiloride-Sensitive Endothelial Sodium Channel and Vascular Tone David G. Warnock

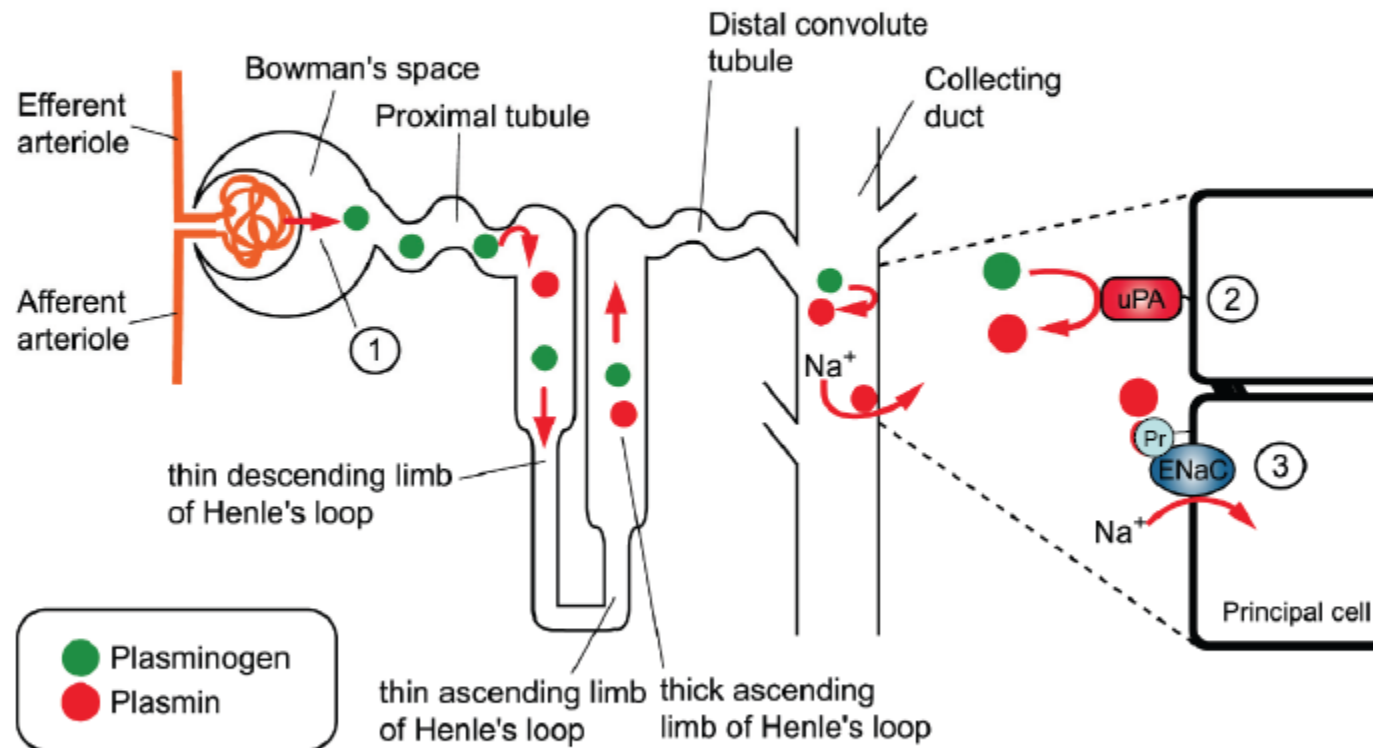
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### **AMILORIDE AS AN ALTERNATE ADJUVANT ANTIPROTEINURIC AGENT IN FABRY DISEASE. THE POTENTIAL ROLES OF PLASMIN AND uPAR**

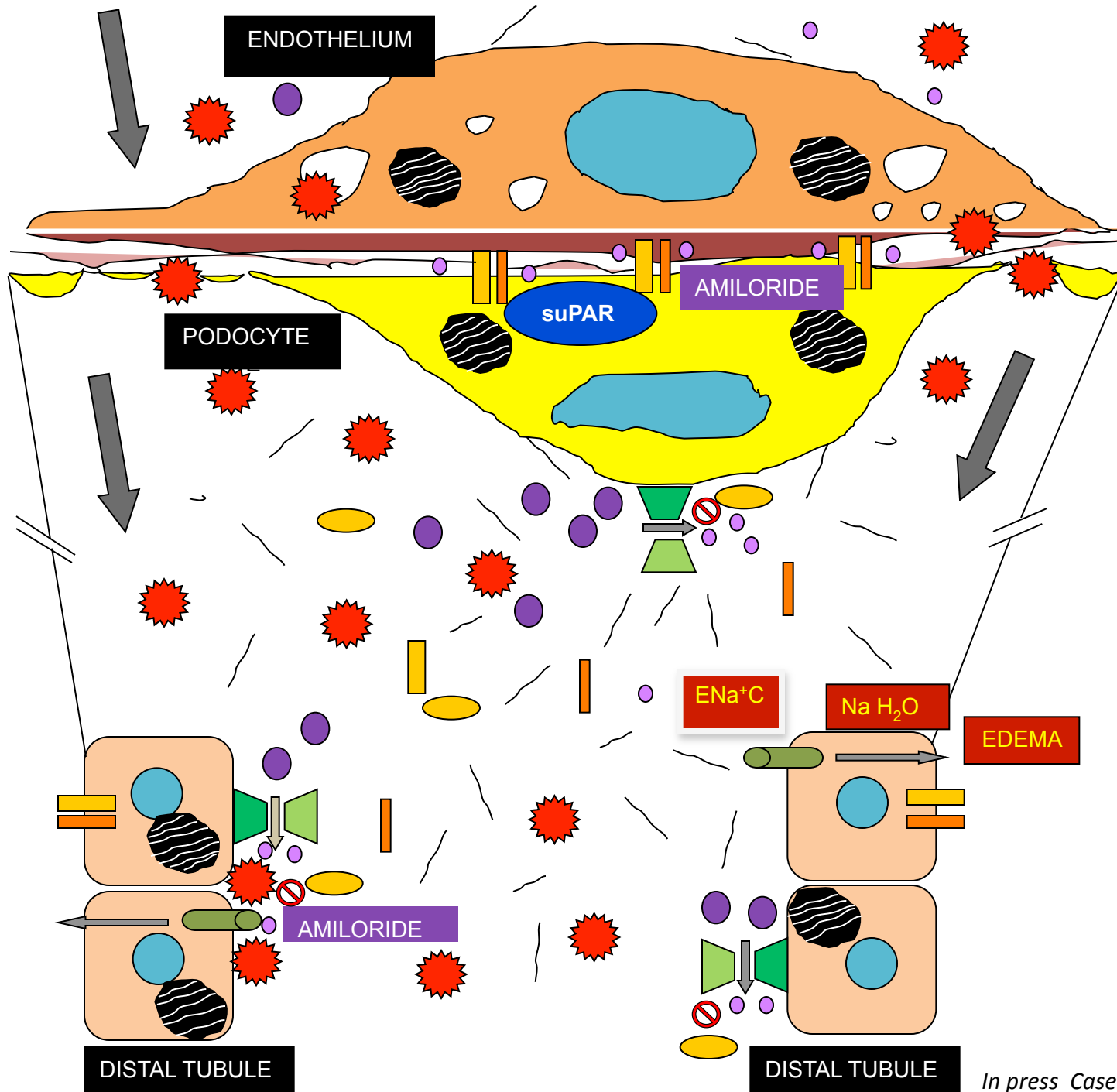
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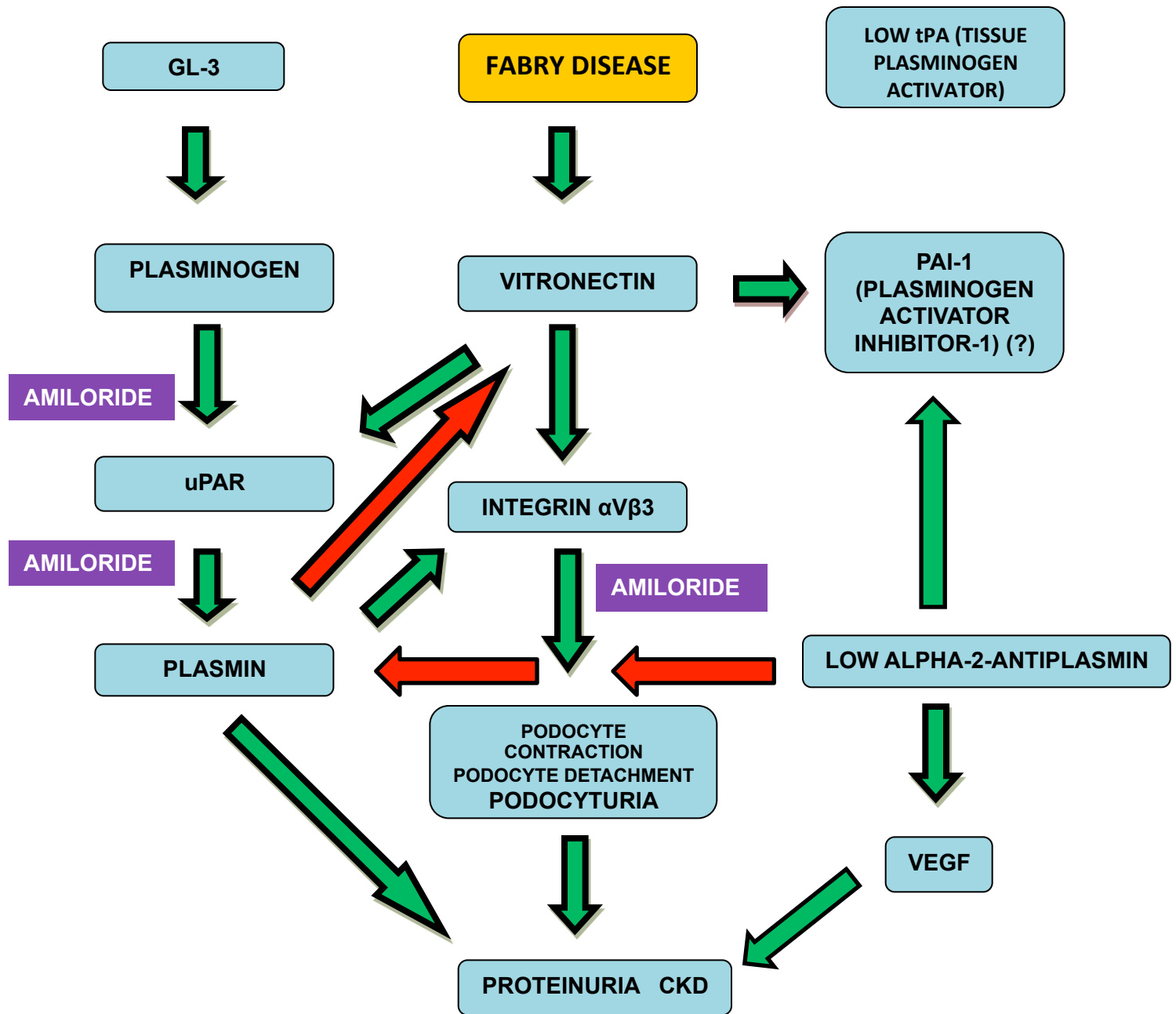
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# A novel model for stimulation of sodium reabsorption in nephrotic syndrome



Relevant for human pathophysiology?





The suggested mechanisms of renal injury in Fabry disease include vascular compromise secondary to deposition of GL3 within the arterial wall, which should be considered as the *first hit*, with a concomitant decrease in nitric oxide synthesis and a tendency to microthrombotic events, podocyte injury and detachment with secondary glomerulosclerosis, and tubular atrophy and interstitial fibrosis [5].

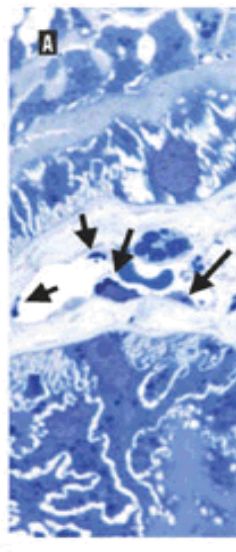
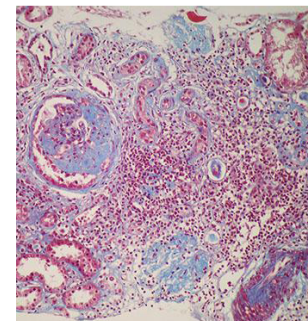
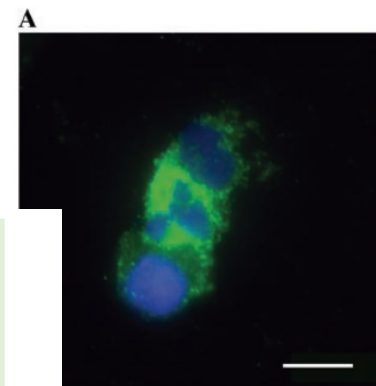
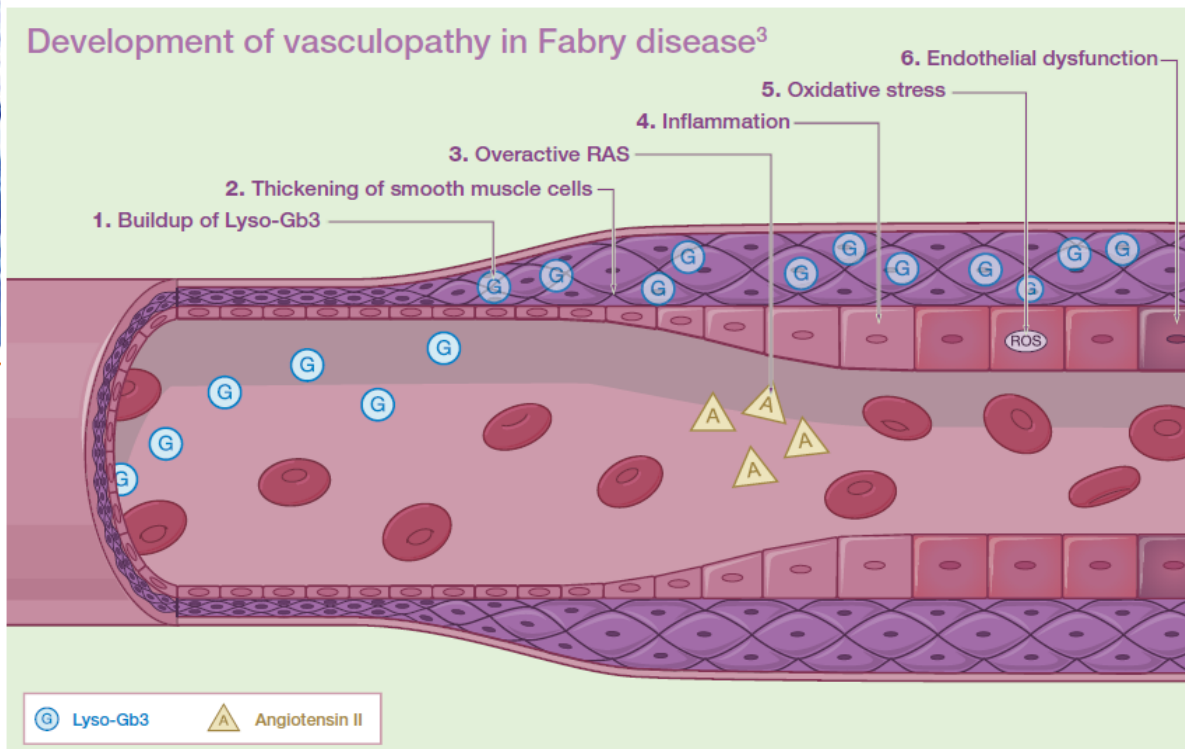


Figure 1. Renal Capillary Endothelium  
Light microscopy of renal capillary endothelium in a patient with Fabry disease – arrows indicate

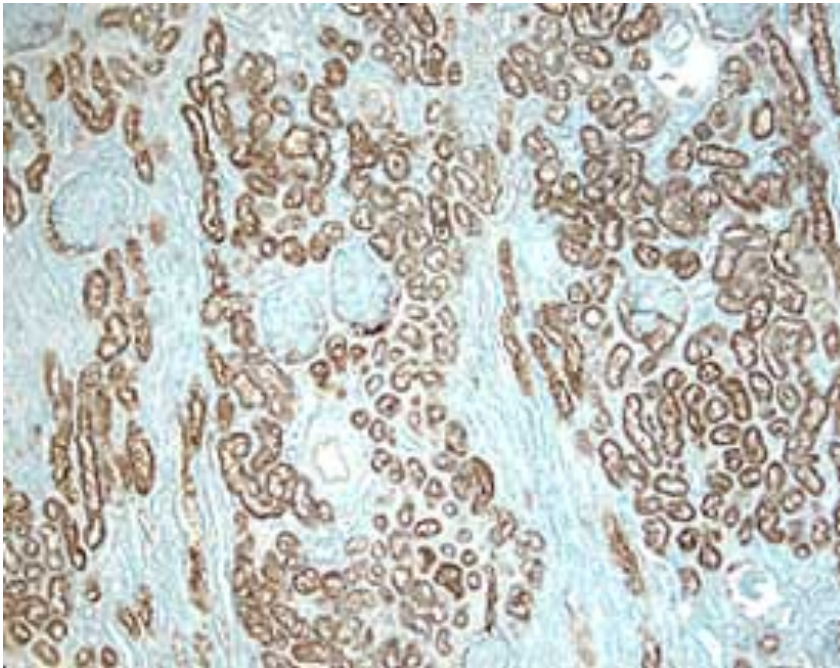
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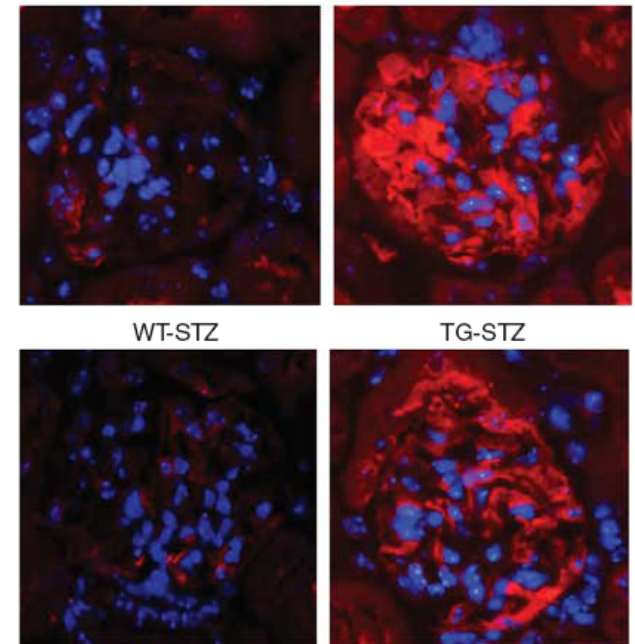
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Interestingly, besides the well-known **angiotensin II** roles in vasoconstriction, inflammation and fibrosis, it is also involved in the pathogenesis of Fabry's disease at the *second hit* stage.

Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) is expressed in the plasma membrane of vascular endothelial cells, epithelial cells of renal proximal tubules, gastrointestinal tract, heart and in various regions of the brain, the main tissues affected in Fabry disease [6].



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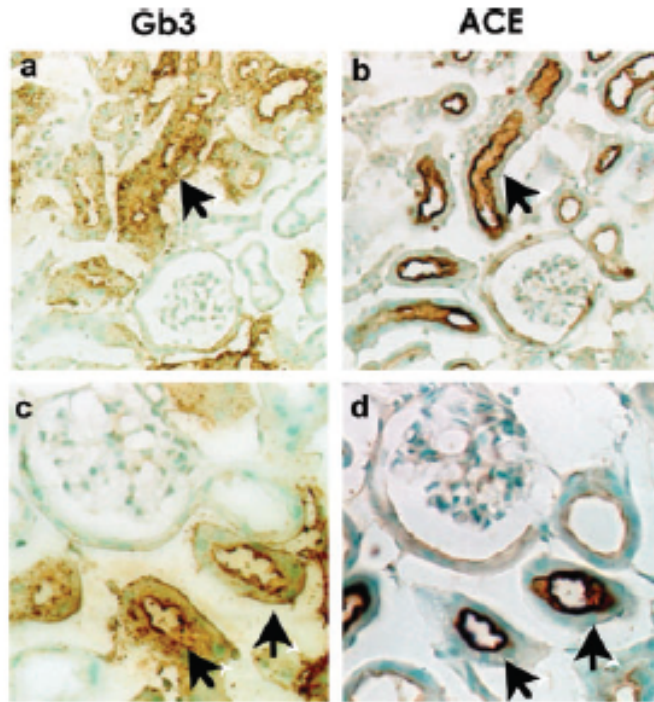


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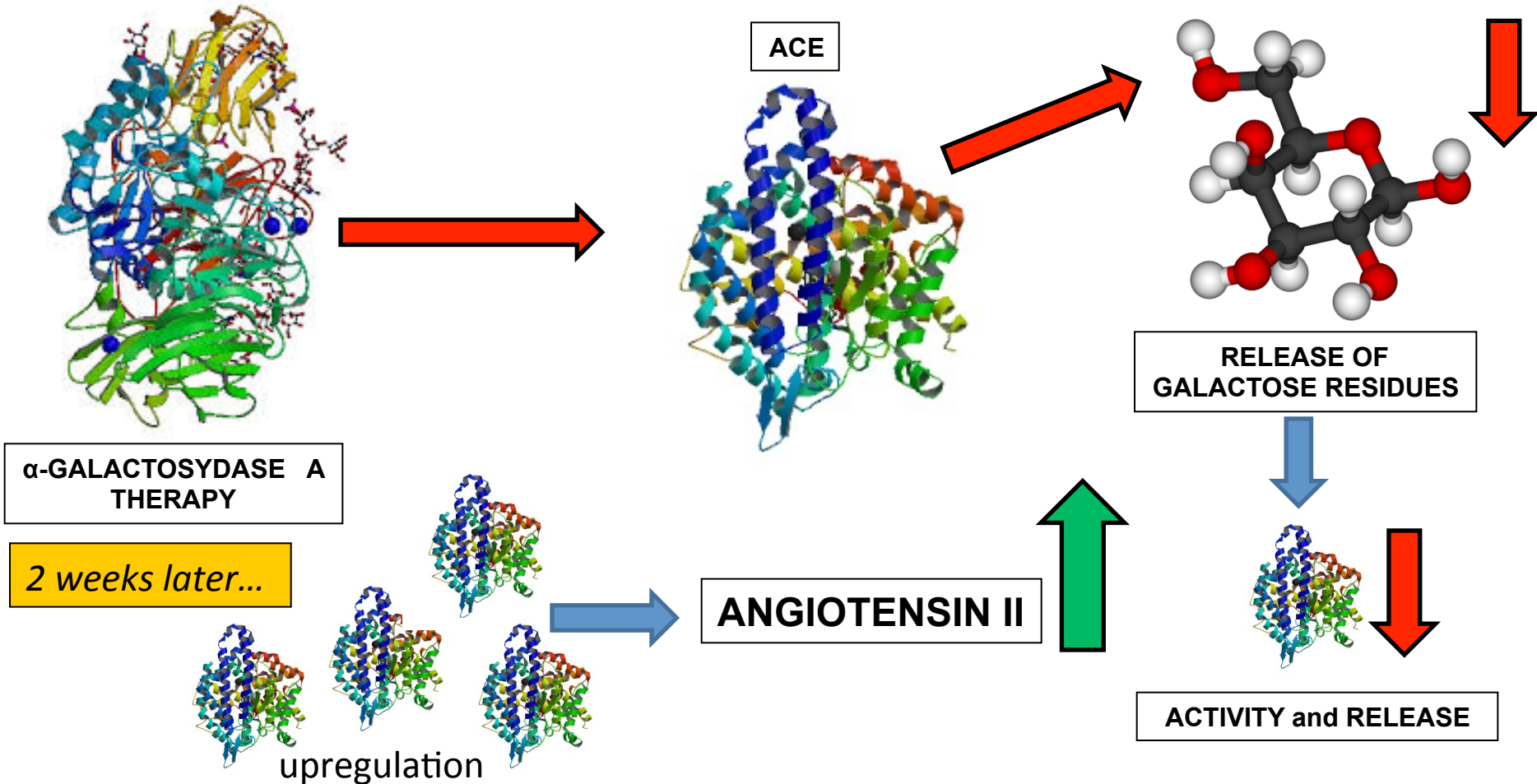
## Murine glycosyltransferases responsible for the expression of globo-series glycolipids: cDNA structures, mRNA expression, and distribution of their products

Moreover, in immunohistological analysis, GL3 is mainly expressed in the proximal tubules as revealed with coincidental expression with angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE), suggesting that GL3 and AII may be implicated in sodium and bicarbonate homeostasis.



It appears that treatment with recombinant  $\alpha$ -galactosydase A decreases ACE activity probably mediated by the release of the galactose residues from the ACE molecule.

The degree of ACE glycosylation is important for the catalytic properties of the enzyme. In addition, glycosylation plays an important role in the release of ACE from the membrane.



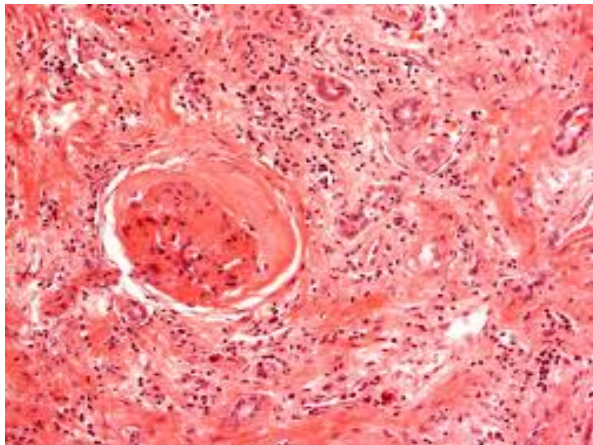
$\alpha$ - Galactosidase A therapy may not be enough to protect the kidney, particularly at advanced stages of the disease and in proteinuric subjects.



### ACEi/ARB therapy as an adjunctive therapy [4,8]

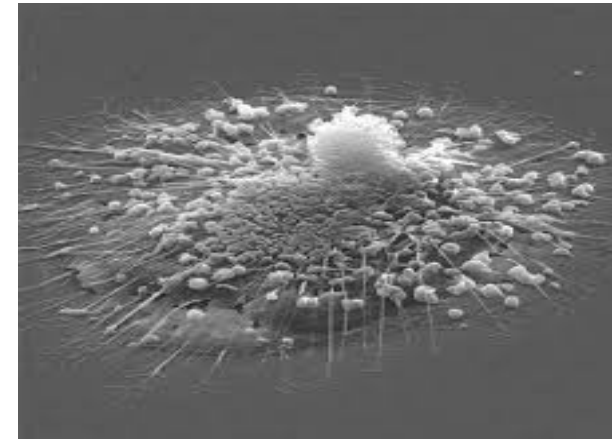
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**Thrombospondin-1 TGF- $\beta$ 1 VEGF FGF-2** are higher in kidneys from Fabry mice compared to wild-type mice.

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tPA PAI-1 [9,10]**

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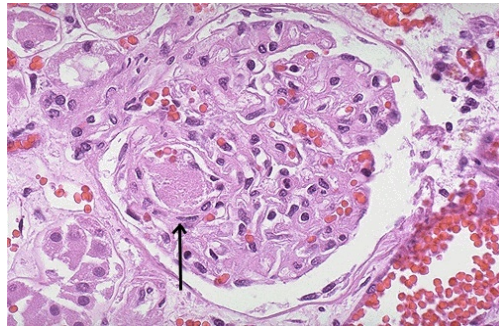
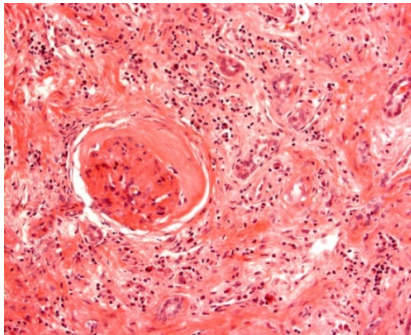
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# Globotriaosylsphingosine actions on human glomerular podocytes: implications for Fabry nephropathy

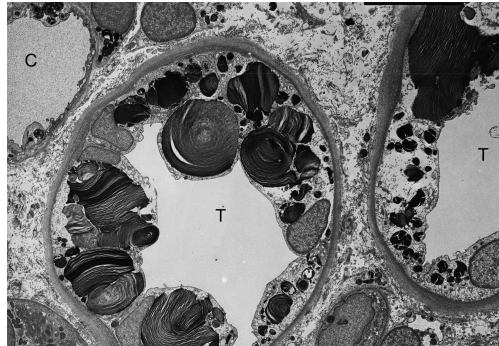
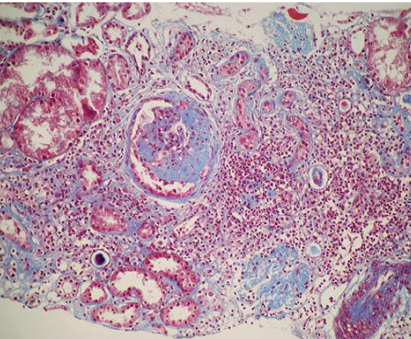
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Nephrol Dial Transplant 2011; 26: 1797-1802.

Sclerotic and thrombotic events can certainly contribute to ischemia and hypoperfusion, eventually leading to renal insufficiency. All these biomarkers and cytokines have been described to be elevated in focal and segmental glomerulosclerosis [14,15] and may explain the response to low-dose steroid therapy that Fabry subjects may require as adjunctive therapy.



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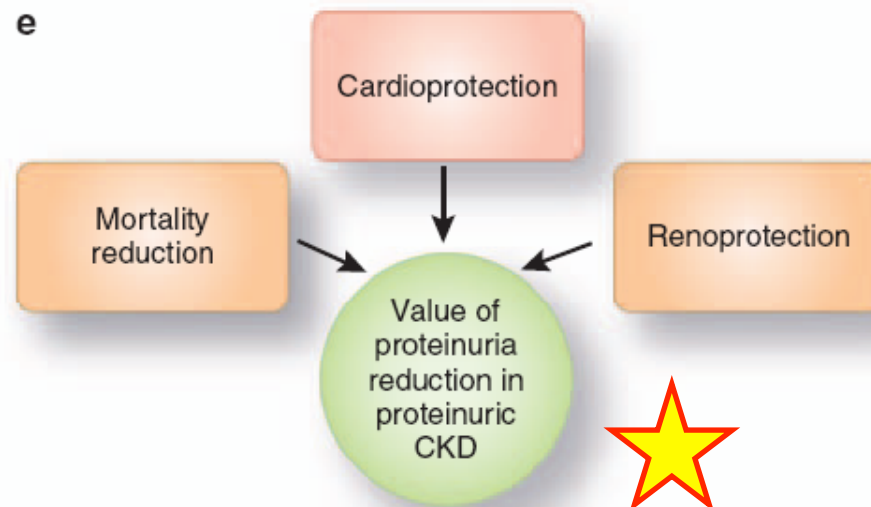
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# Loss of the Endothelial Glycocalyx Links Albuminuria and Vascular Dysfunction

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