C3 Glomerulopathy



Presentation



Proteinuria/ Microscopic hematuria



Retinal drusen



Lipodystrophy

Histology



Mesangial proliferative, membrano-proliferative, endocapillary proliferative pattern with or without crescents



Dominant C3
deposition ≥2
orders of
magnitude
over other
immune
reactants



C3GN: Amorphous mesangial ± subendothelial and subepithelial deposits

DDD: Dense osmiophilic mesangial and intramembranous deposits

Treatment



Optimal blood pressure control with ACE inhibitors/ARBs



Corticosteroids and mycophenolate mofetil in moderate to severe disease



Eculizumab - doubtful role

Natural Course



30-50% of adults reach kidney failure within 10 years of diagnosis



Allograft failure within 10 years in 50% of recurrences



Histological recurrence as high as 90%

ACEi: Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor; ARB: Angiotensin Receptor Blocker; C3GN: C3 Glomerulonephritis; DDD: Dense Deposit Disease