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Chronic Periaortitis and IgG4- Related Disease

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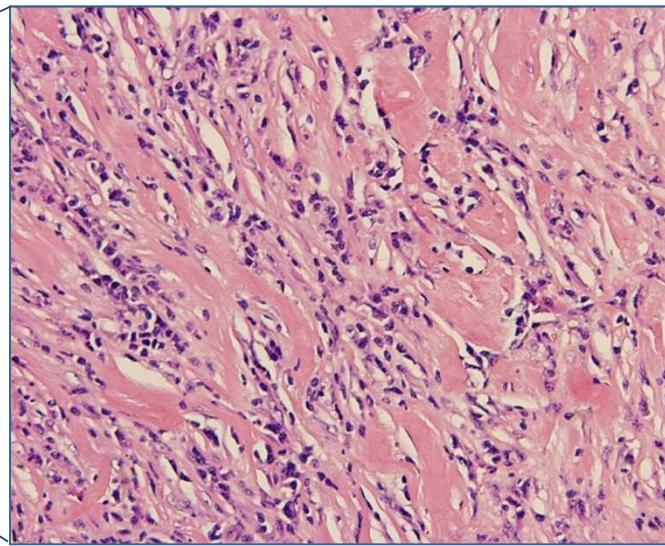
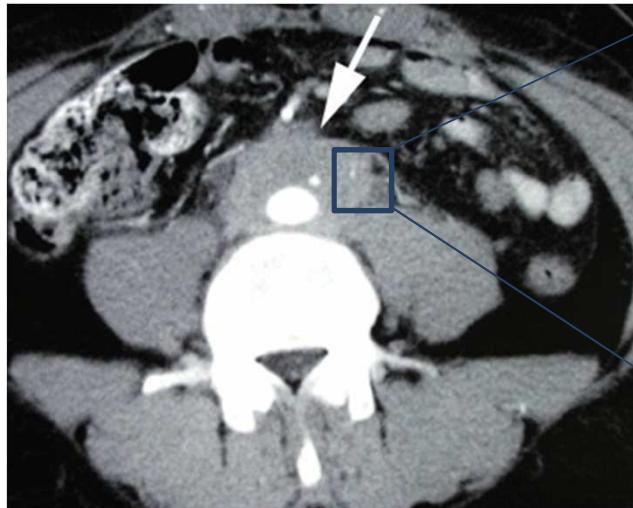
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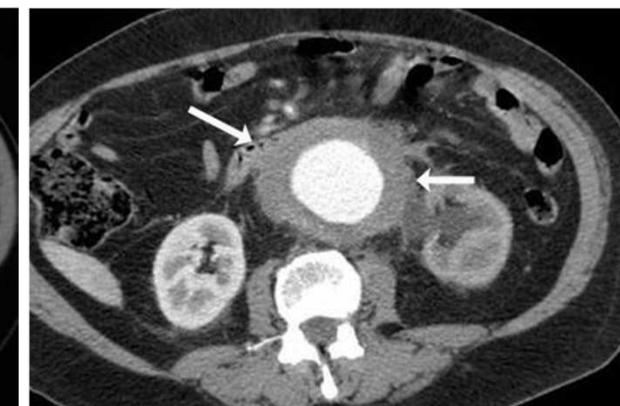
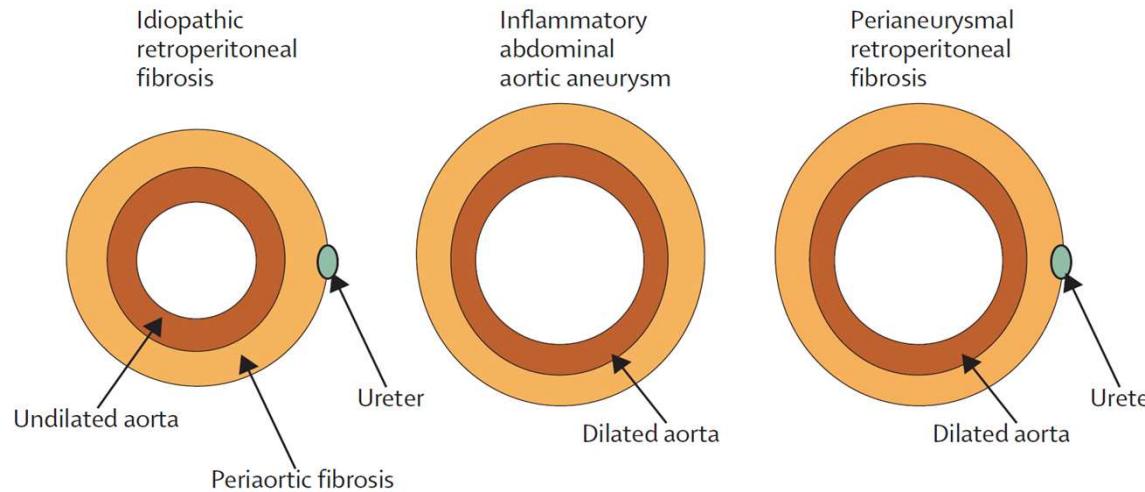
JOHN K. ORMOND (1886–1978)

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FROM RETROPERITONEAL FIBROSIS TO CHRONIC PERIAORTITIS



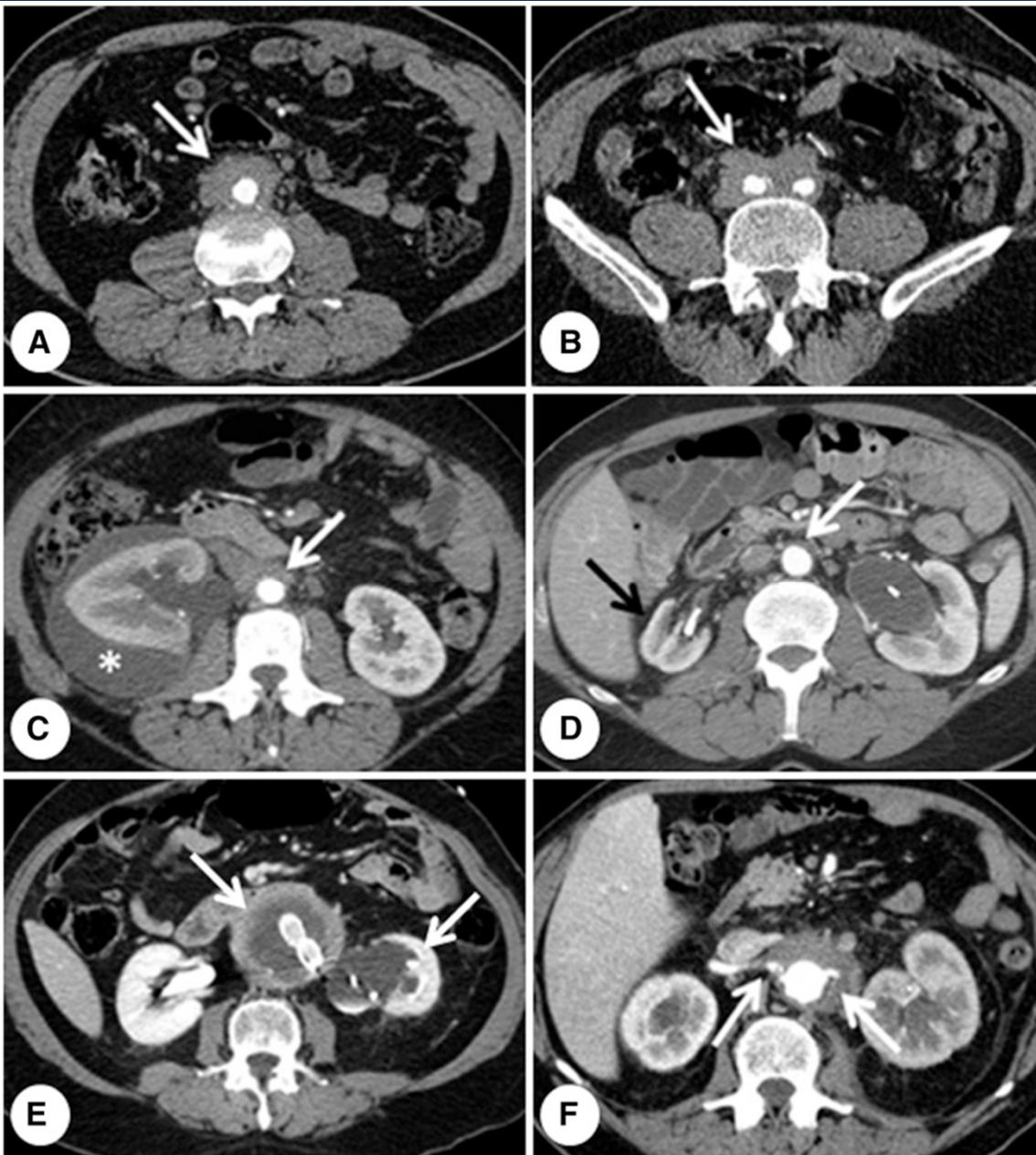
THE SPECTRUM OF CHRONIC PERIAORTITIS



IDIOPATHIC RPF/NON-ANEURYSMAL CP

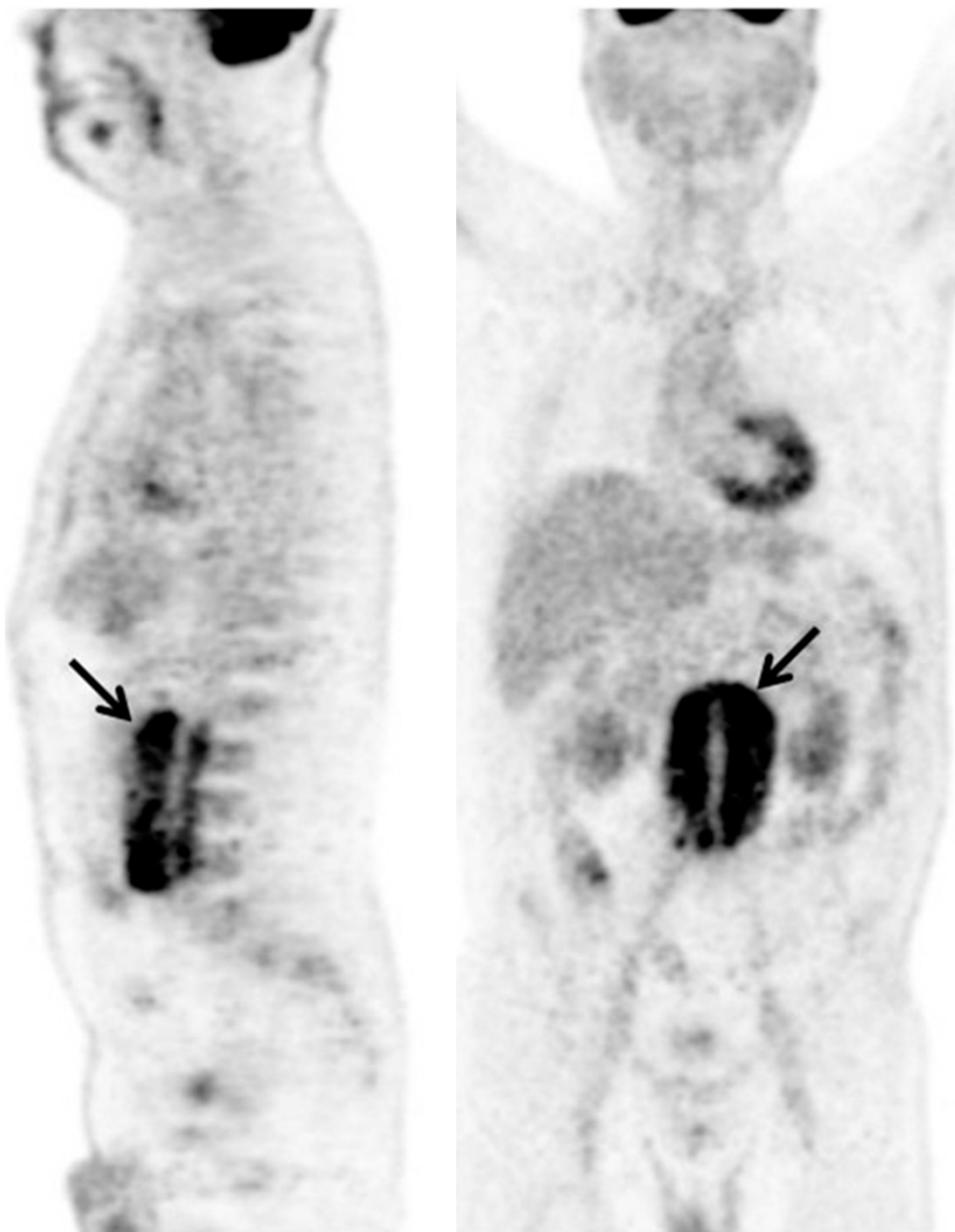
ANEURYSMAL CP

TYPICAL CT APPEARANCE OF CHRONIC PERIAORTITIS



Vaglio A, *J Am Soc Nephrol* 2016

^{18}F -FDG-PET APPEARANCE of CHRONIC PERIAORTITIS



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Epidemiology and clinical presentation

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Non aneurysmal forms (idiopathic retroperitoneal fibrosis)

Incidence: 0.1/100,000 inhabitants/year (Uibu T et al. *Lancet* 2004)

1.3/100,000 inhabitants/year (van Bommel E et al. *Medicine(Baltimore)* 2009)

Prevalence: 1.4/100,000 inhabitants (Uibu T et al. *Lancet* 2004)

M/F ratio: 2:1-3:1

Aneurysmal forms (inflammatory abdominal aortic aneurysms)

4-9% of all abdominal aortic aneurysms

M/F ratio 4:1-9:1

Incidence peaks between 50 and 60 years

CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

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Mean age at diagnosis, years	58	54	64	58
Male gender, %	61	54	77	70
Systemic symptoms, % ^a	27	60	92	66
Pain (flank, abdominal), %	38	94	92	81
Testicular manifestations (pain, varicocele, hydrocele), %	13	27	46	51
Constipation, %	12	NA	30	28
Lower extremity edema, %	13	23	8	15
Lower extremity claudication, %	2	NA	11	12
Hydronephrosis, %	57	67	55	72
Unilateral, %	25	21	40	29
Bilateral, %	32	46	15	43
Renal atrophy, %	8	NA	21	30
Impaired renal function, % ^b	42	NA	66	57
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Mean serum creatinine, mg/dL	1.3	NA	1.4	3.9 ^c
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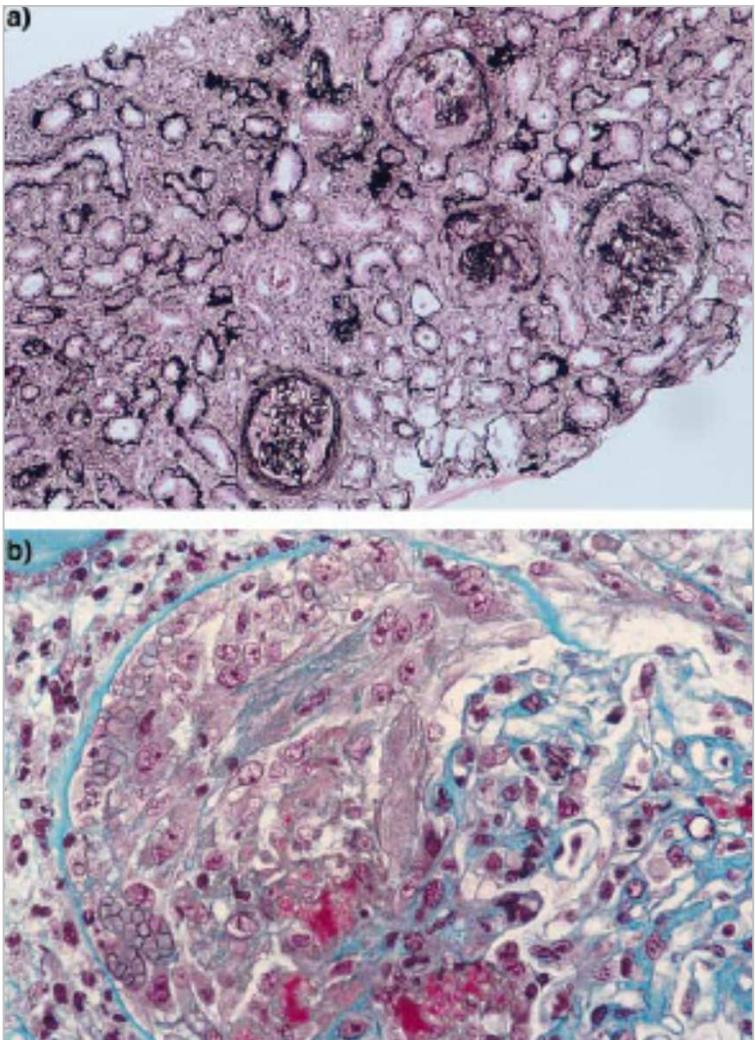
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Disease associations

COMPLEXITY OF AN APPARENTLY SIMPLE CLINICAL PHENOTYPE

- Association with systemic autoimmune diseases
- Association with organ-limited autoimmune diseases
- “Diffuse” (thoraco-abdominal) periaortitis
- Association with fibro-inflammatory lesions affecting other organs

ASSOCIATION WITH SYSTEMIC AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES



Panel 2: Main associations between retroperitoneal fibrosis and autoimmune or inflammatory diseases

Autoimmune thyroid disease

Hashimoto's thyroiditis^{11,12}

Riedel's thyroiditis^{52,64-66}

Graves' disease⁶⁶

Small and medium-sized vessel vasculitis

Wegener's granulomatosis^{67,68}

Polyarteritis nodosa⁴⁴

Microscopic polyangiitis⁶⁰

Hepatitis C virus-related cryoglobulinaemia⁶⁹

Ankylosing spondylitis^{70,71}

Systemic lupus erythematosus^{14,50,65}

Rheumatoid arthritis^{11,14,72}

Glomerulonephritis

ANCA-positive rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis^{11,60}

Membranous nephropathy⁷³

Sclerosing cholangitis^{74,75}

Primary biliary cirrhosis^{76,77}

Sclerosing pancreatitis^{30,78}

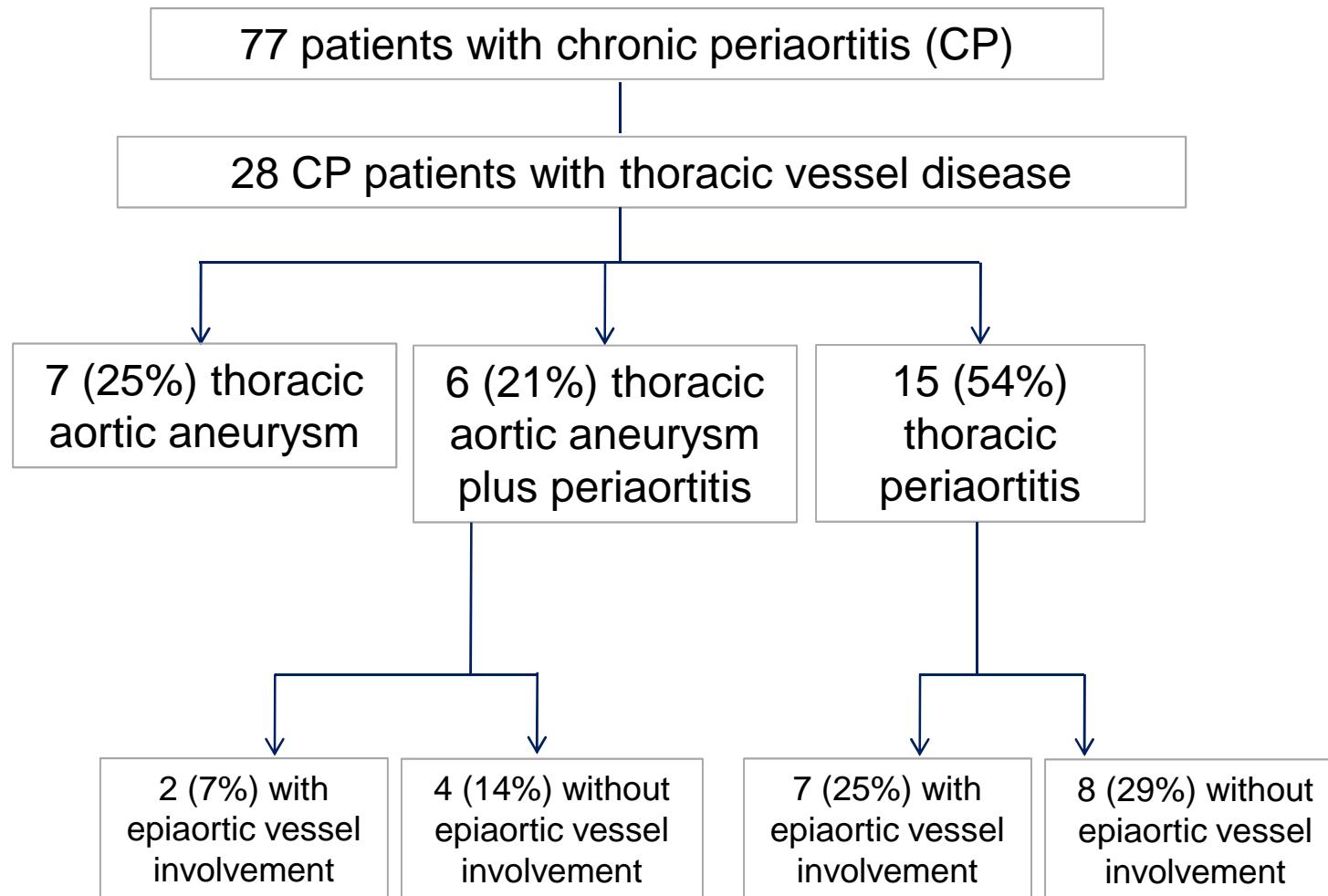
Uveitis⁷⁹

ANCA: anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies.

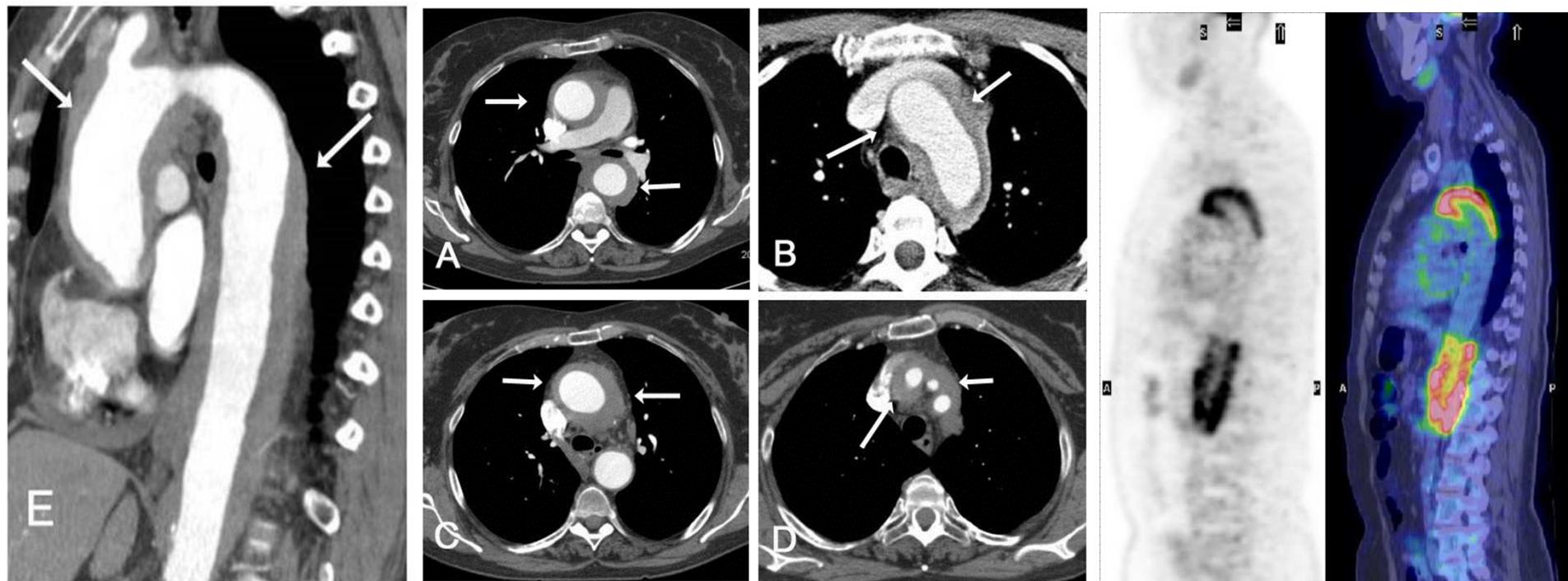
ASSOCIATION WITH ORGAN-SPECIFIC AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES

	CP patients	Controls	P value
	(n=73)	(n=71)	
Age (years)	55.4 (10.6)	55.0 (9.6)	0.85
Male n (%)	46 (63)	41 (58)	0.52
TSH mIU/L	1.23 (0.79-1.70)	1.50 (1.07-2.59)	0.86
FT4 ng/dL	1.22 (0.20)	0.93 (0.18)	<.0001
AbTPO positivity n (%)	18 (24.7)	7 (10.6)	0.03
AbTg positivity n (%)	12 (16.4)	5 (7.0)	0.11
Ultrasonographic evidence of HT n(%)	50 (69.4)	23 (32.4)	<.0001
Thyroid volume (mL)	11.42 (5.31)	10.00 (4.43)	0.12
Thyroid nodules n (%)	18 (25.3)	24 (33.8)	0.27
Thyroid nodules diameter (mm)	14 (8-15)	10 (8-15)	0.77
Boby Mass Index (kg/m ²)	26.90 (3.71)	27.44 (2.70)	0.38
Smoking (pack-years)	34.20 (26.20)	8.84 (10.32)	<.0001
CIRS score	3 (2-5)	0 (0-1)	<.0001

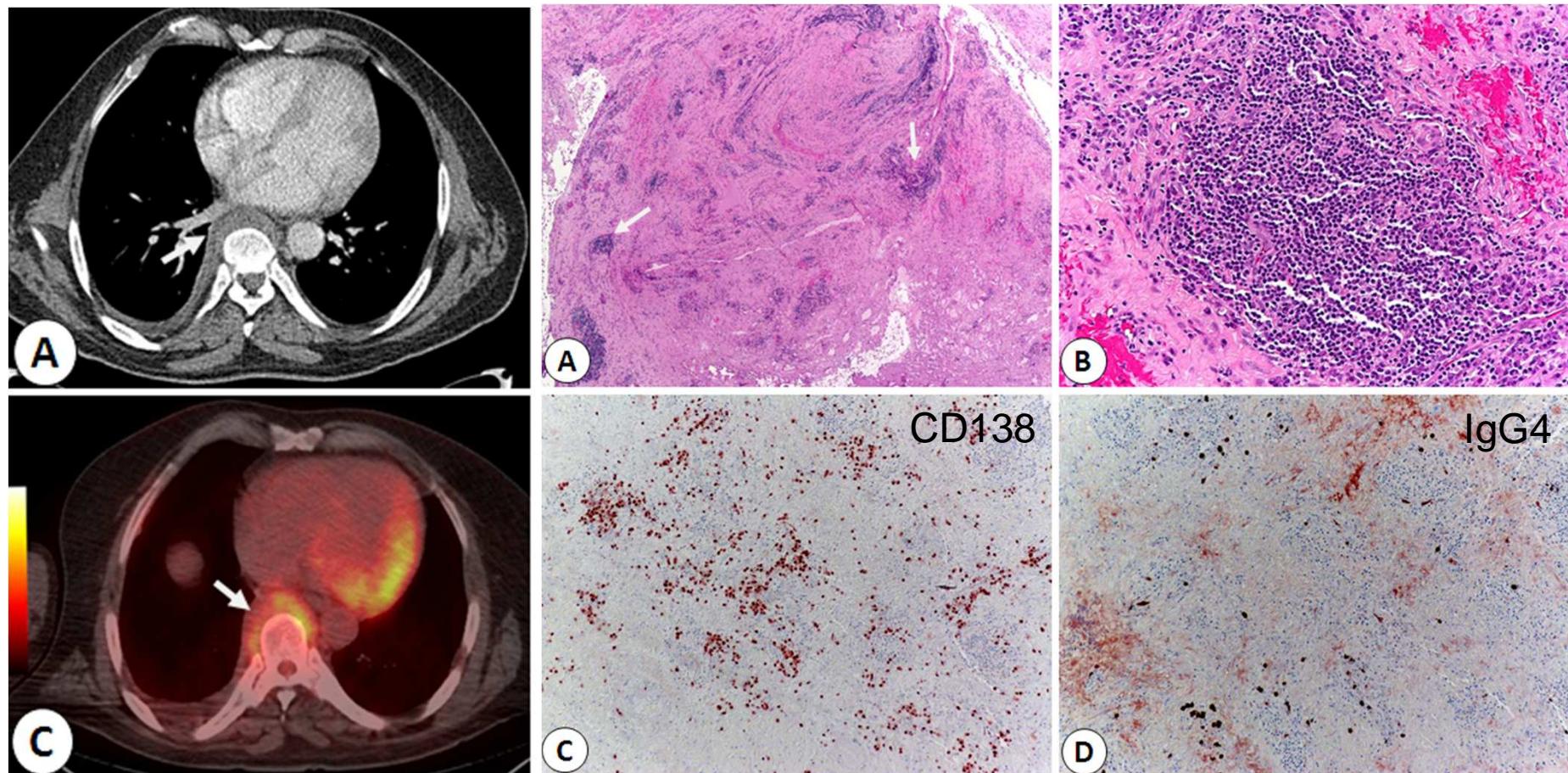
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ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER FIBRO-INFLAMMATORY DISORDERS



IDIOPATHIC MEDIASTINAL FIBROSIS: 3 out of 9 cases in our series were associated with CP

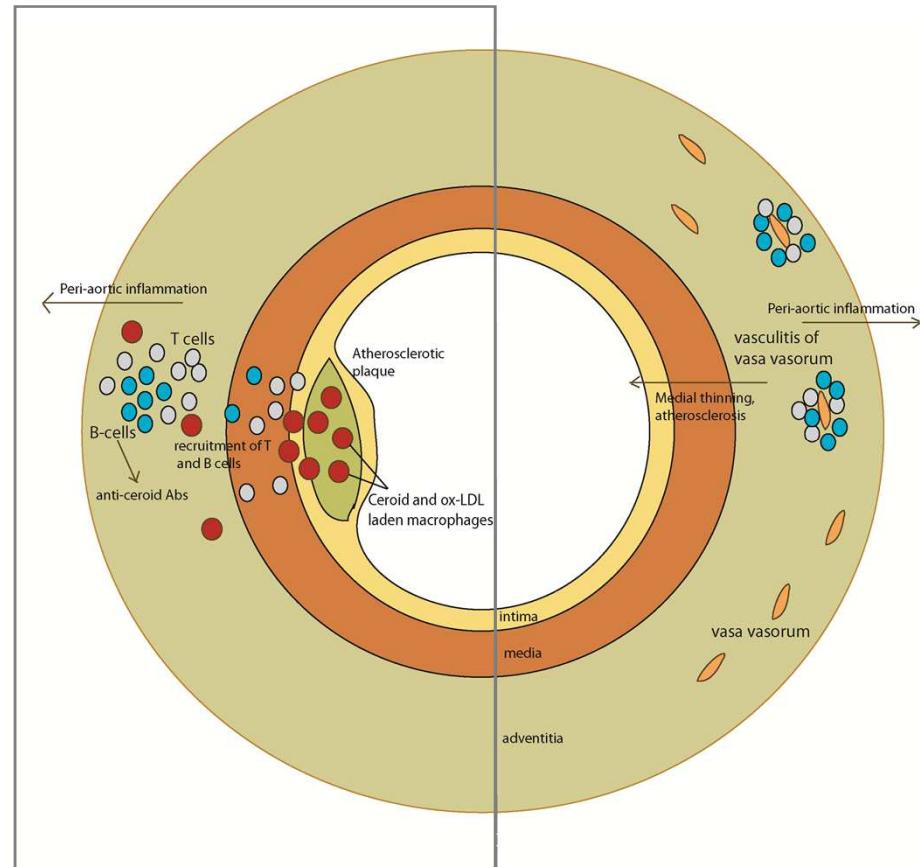
Immunopathogenetic model

PATHOGENESIS: DOES ATHEROSCLEROSIS LEAD TO PERIAORTITIS?

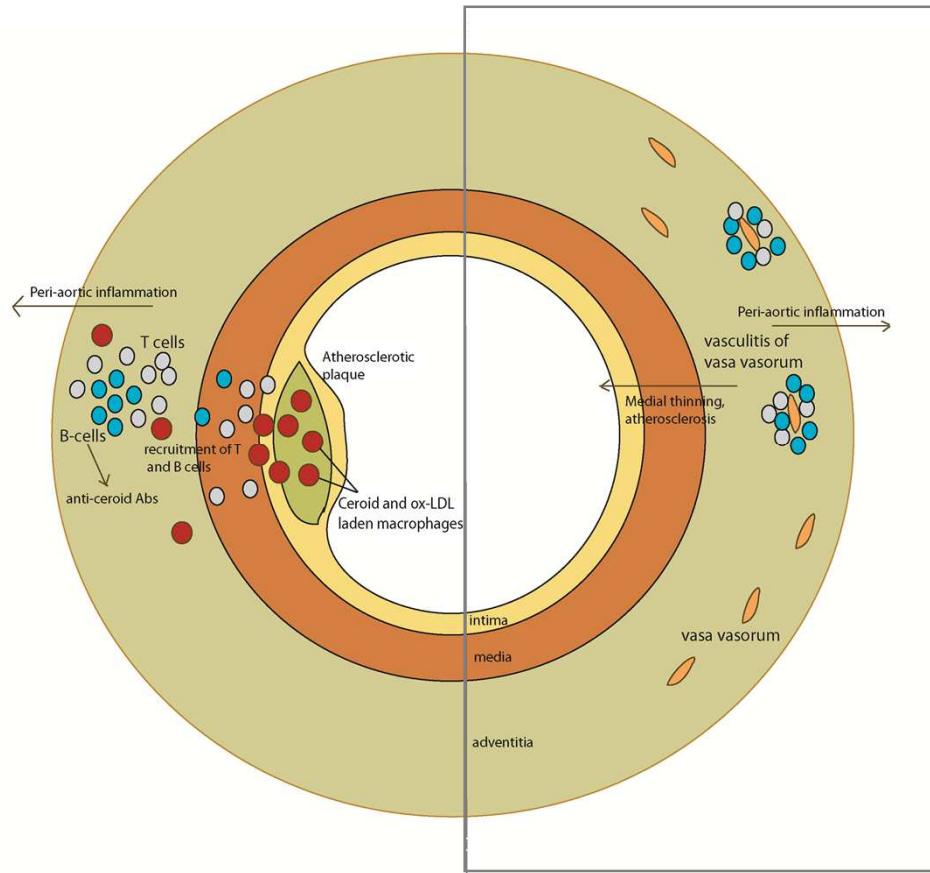
Atherosclerosis hypothesis

Local inflammatory reaction against antigens (oxidised LDL and ceroid) of the atherosclerotic plaques

- Serum Abs to oxLDL and ceroid
- IgG in close apposition to extracellular ceroid
- lipid-laden macrophages in nearby lymph nodes



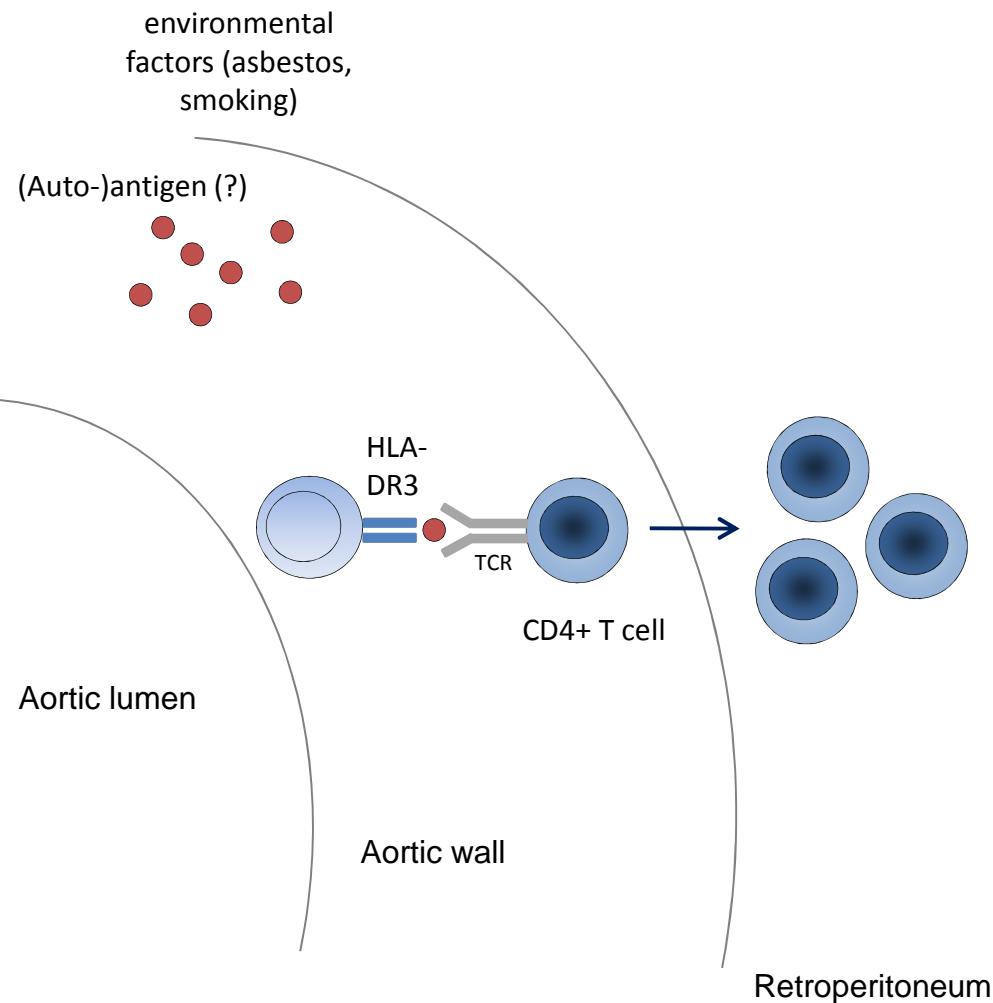
PATHOGENESIS: PRIMARY AORTITIS?



Aortitis hypothesis

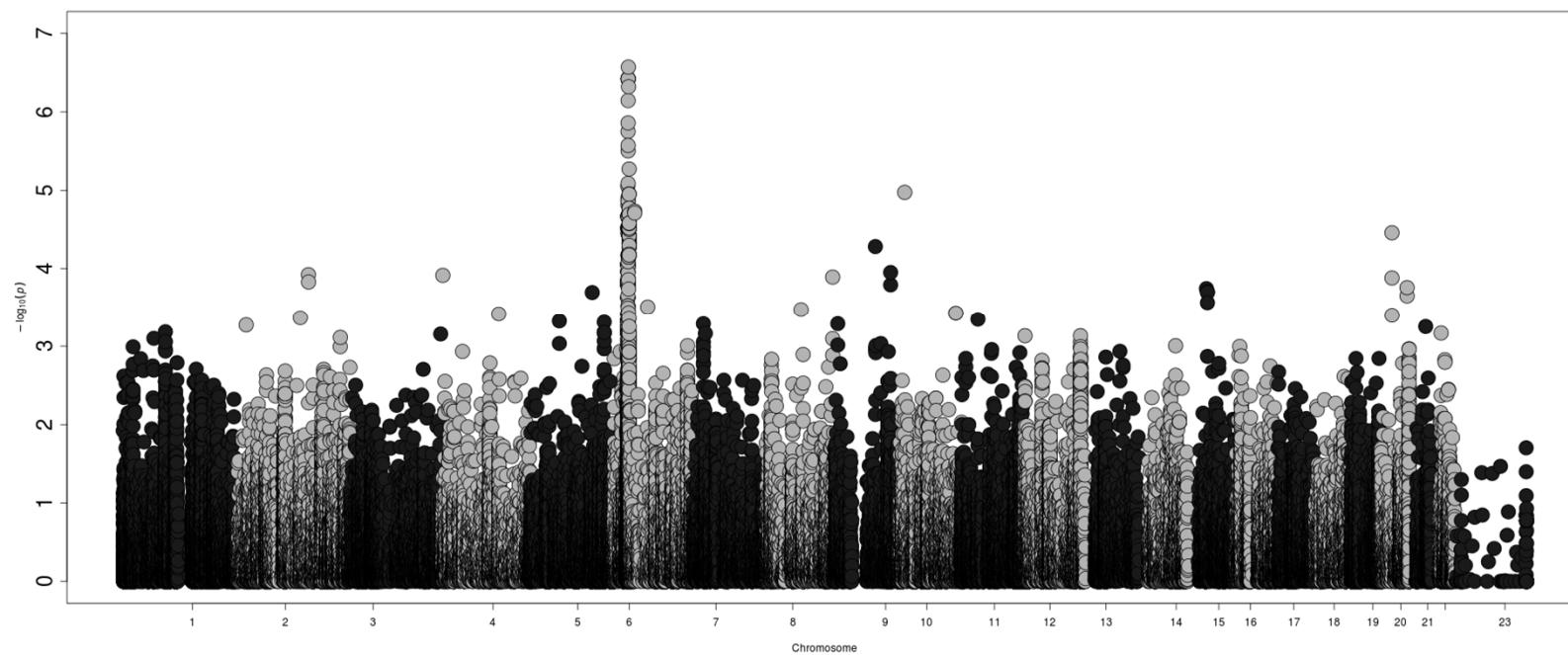
- Inflammation predominates in the adventitia (as in LVV)
- Adventitial germinal centres
- *Vasa vasorum* vasculitis
- Diffuse involvement of the aorta and its branches
- Periaortitis in arterial segments not involved by atherosclerosis

IMMUNOPATHOGENESIS OF CHRONIC PERIAORTITIS



PATHOGENESIS: GENETIC ASSOCIATIONS

- HLA DRB1*03
- CCR5 delta 32
- CCL11 haplotype
- FcGR2A

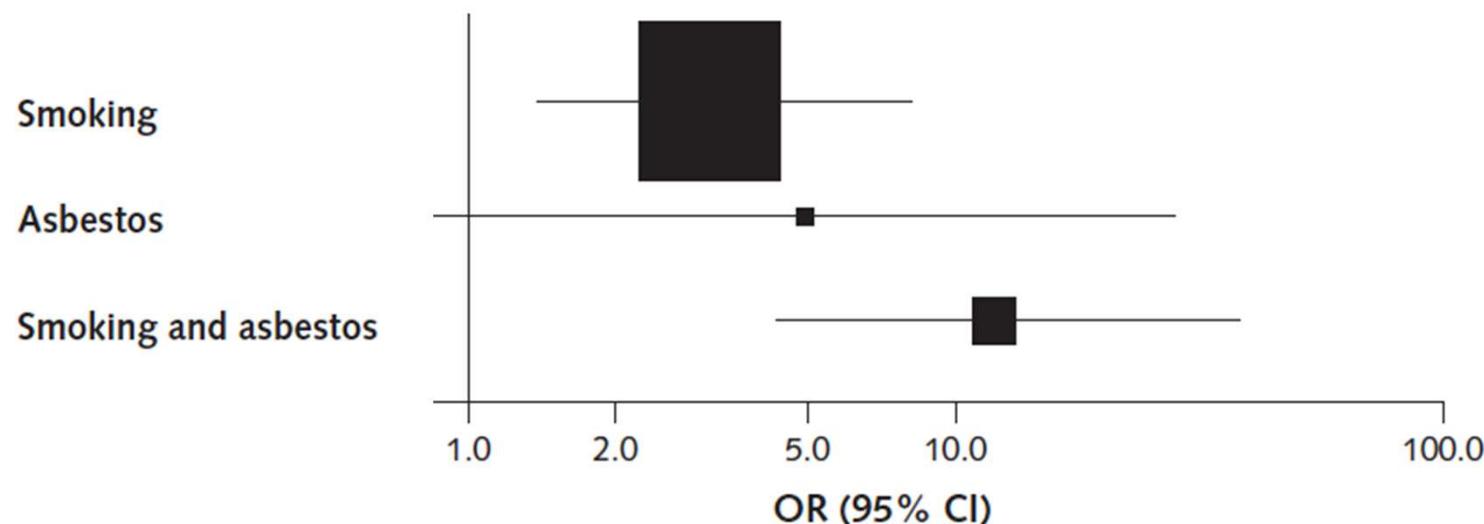


Immunochip platform; 270 cases/500 controls (in collaboration with J. Martin, Granada)

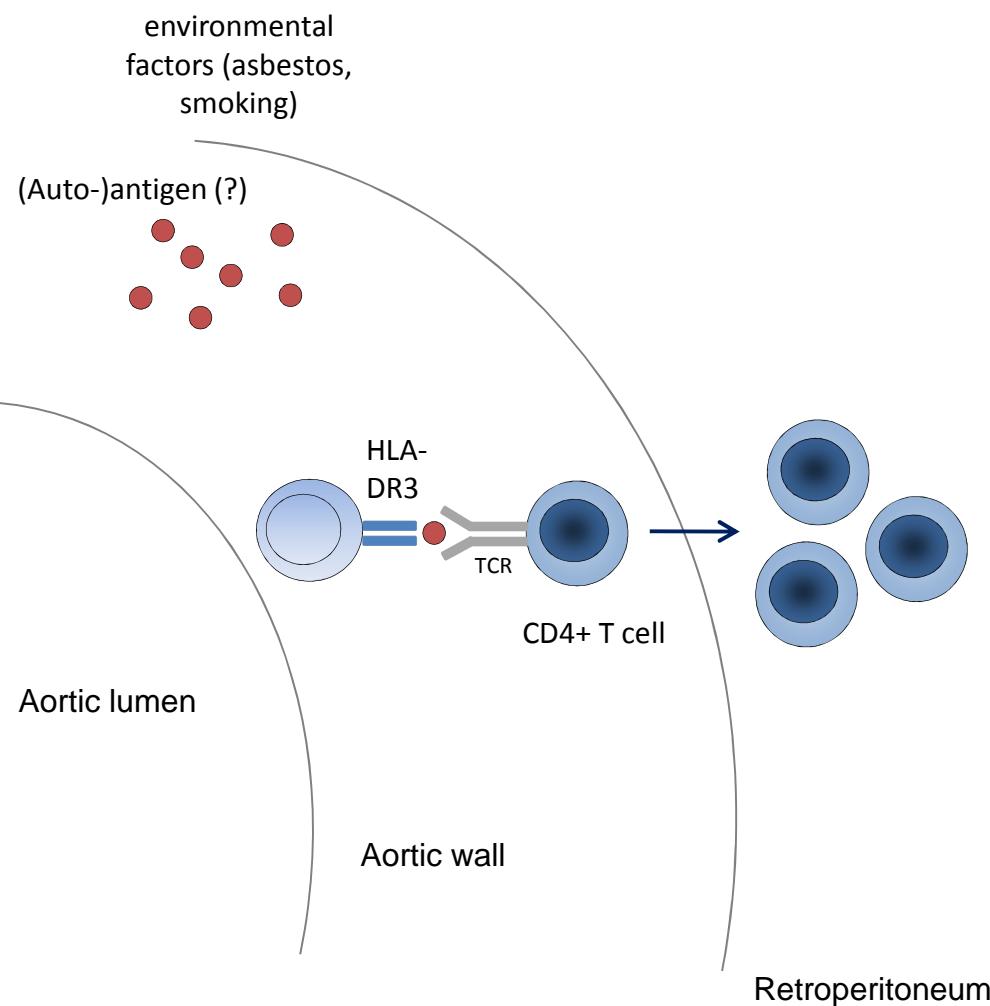
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PATHOGENESIS: ASBESTOS AND SMOKING

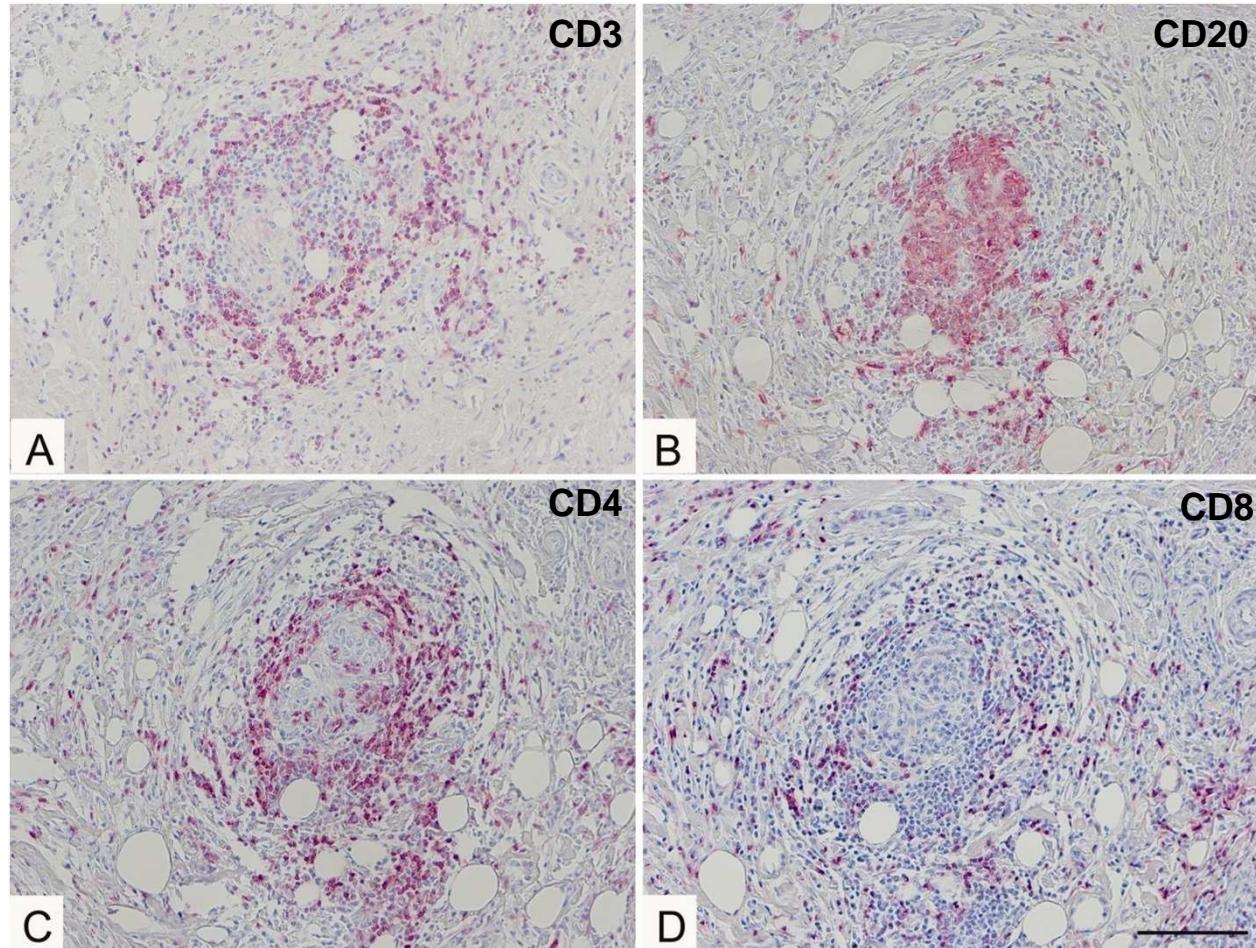
Exposure	Participants, <i>n</i>		OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value
	Control Group	Case Group		
Smoking	153	49	3.15 (1.40–8.11)	0.004
Asbestos	8	4	4.91 (0.78–28.02)	0.090
Smoking and asbestos	23	27	12.04 (4.32–38.28)	<0.001



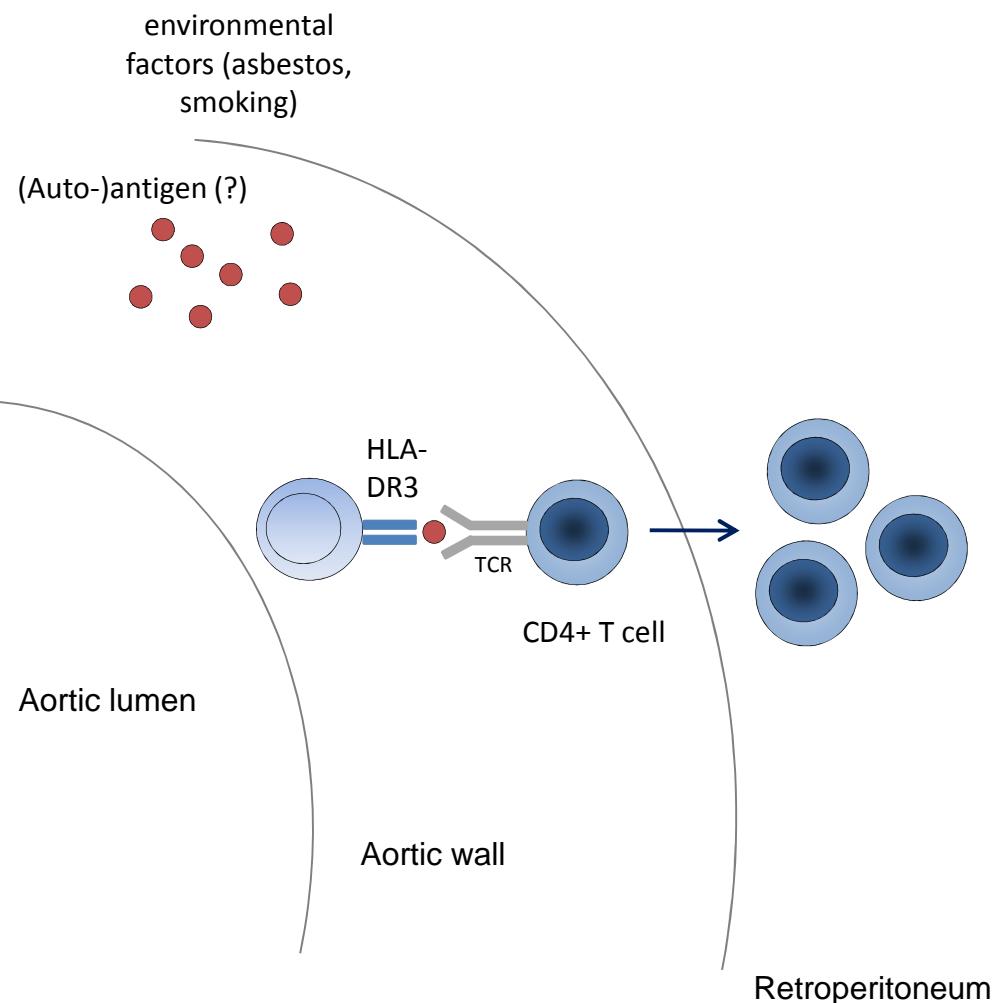
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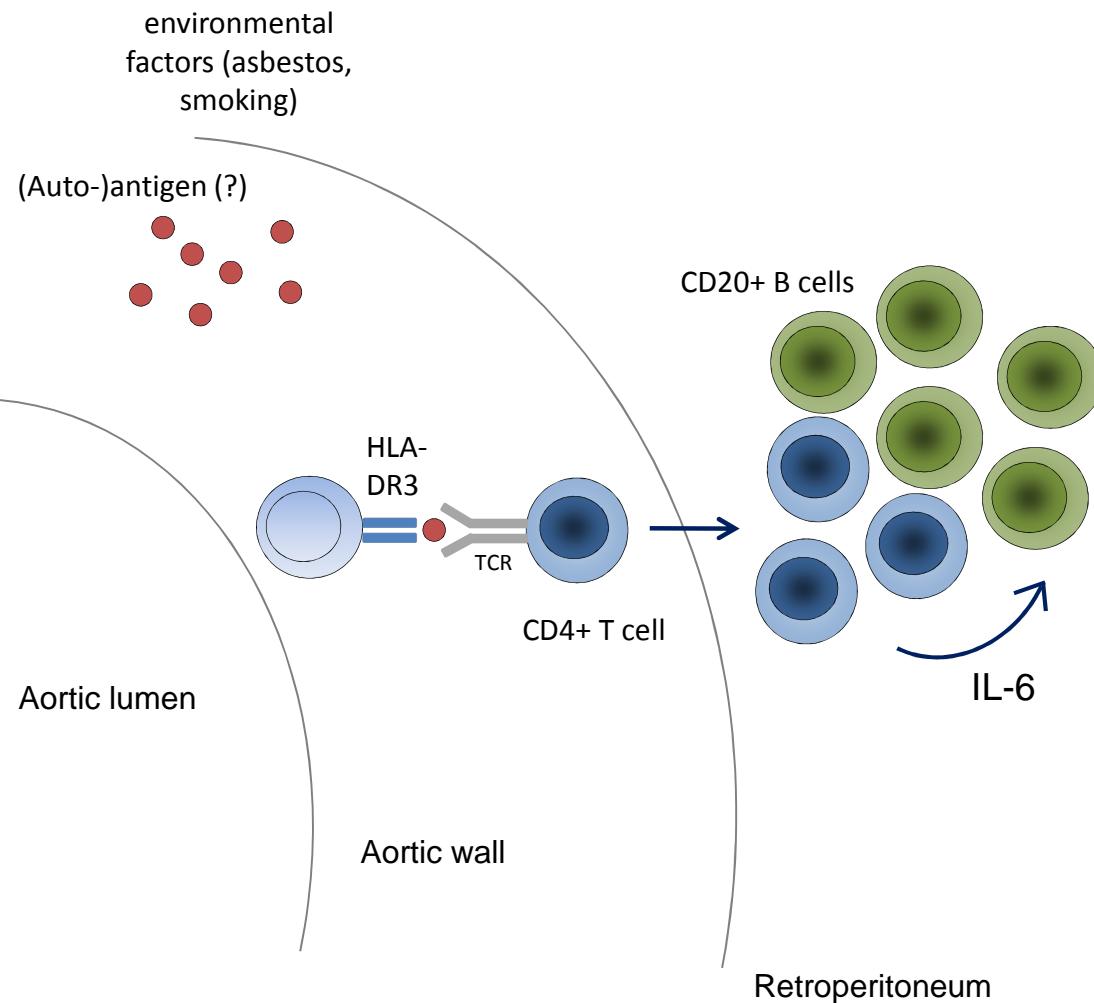
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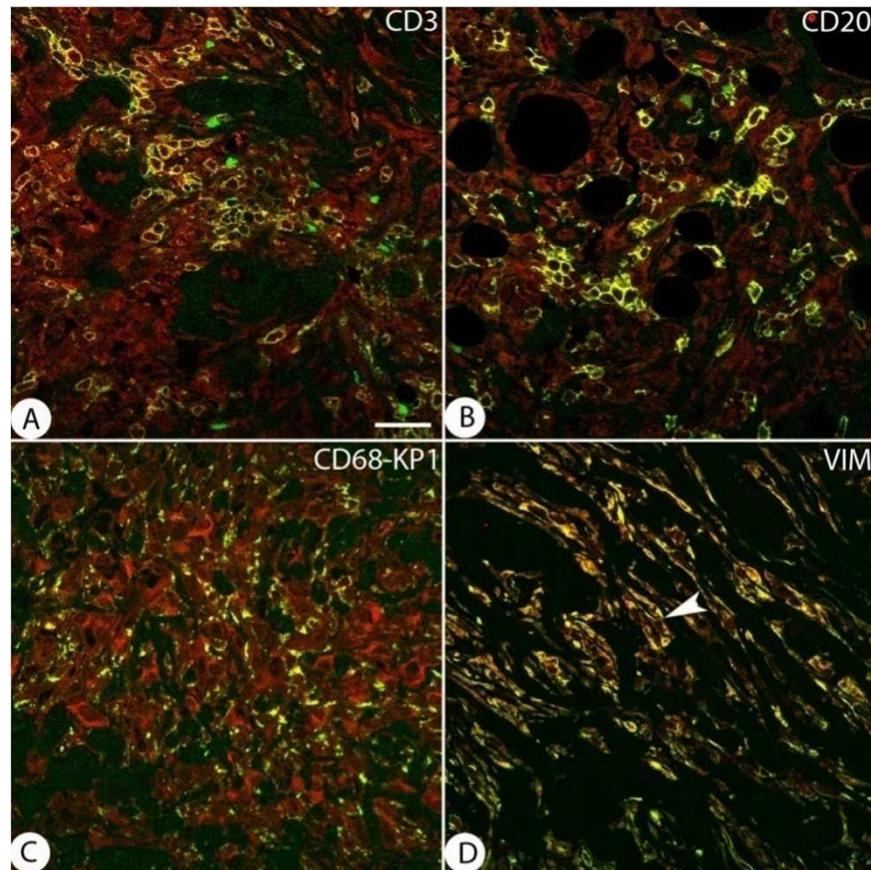
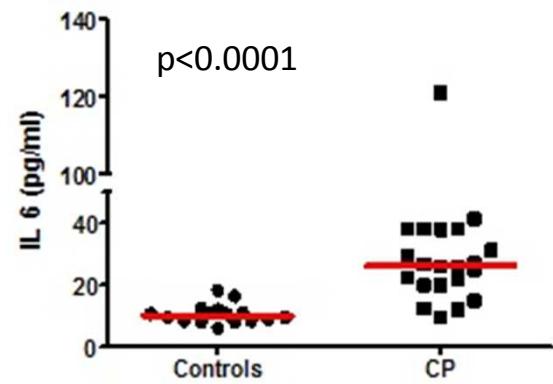
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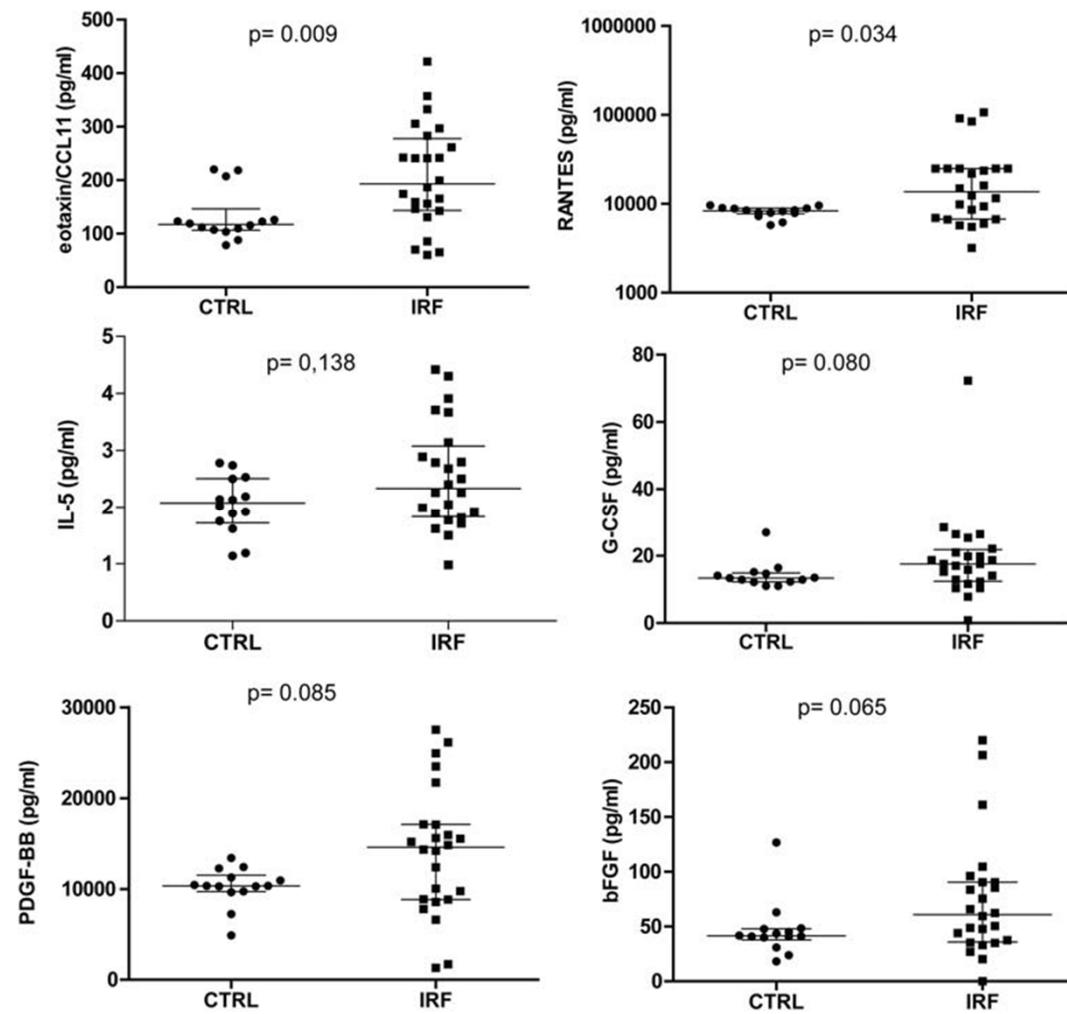
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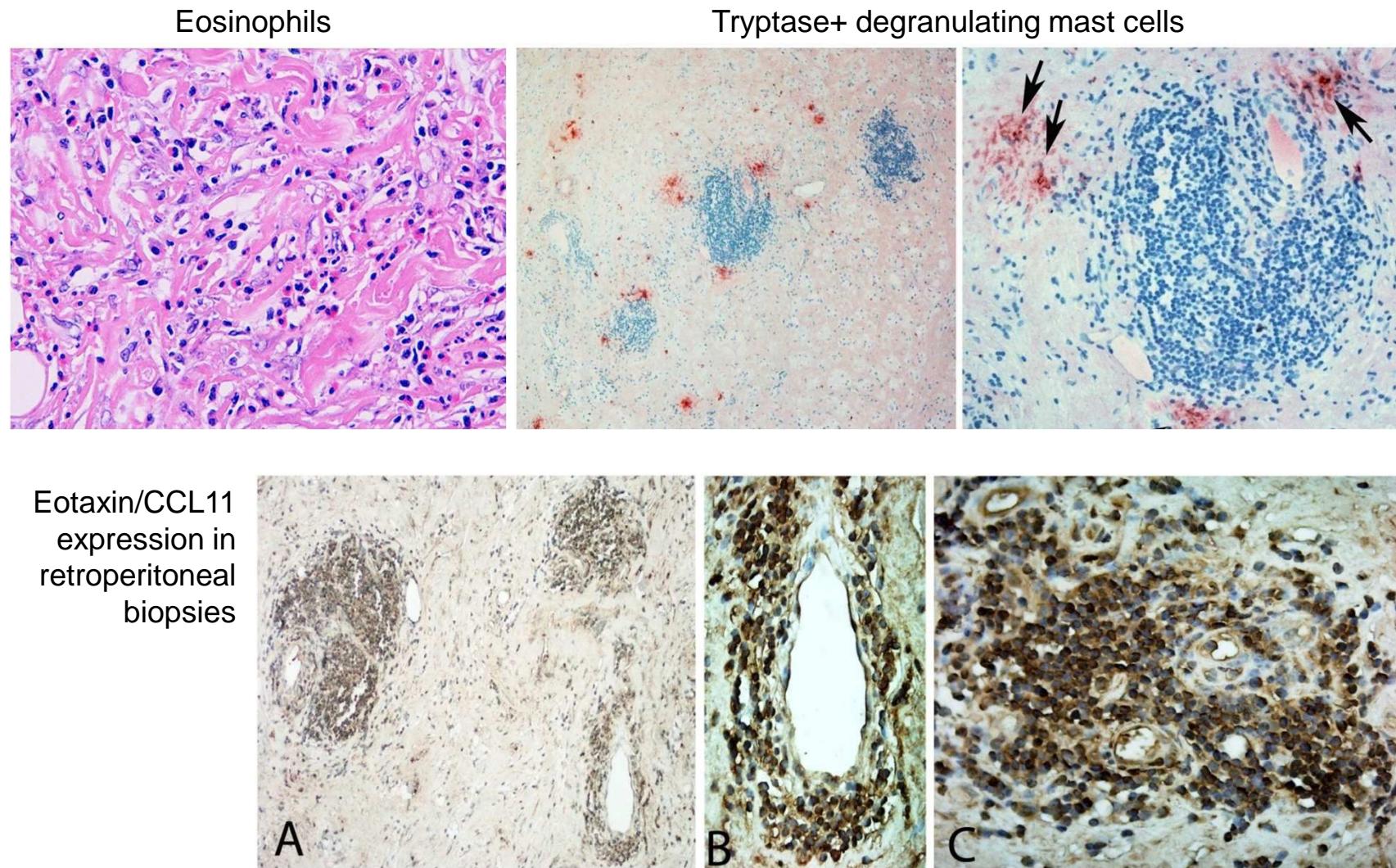
INTERLEUKIN-6 IN CP



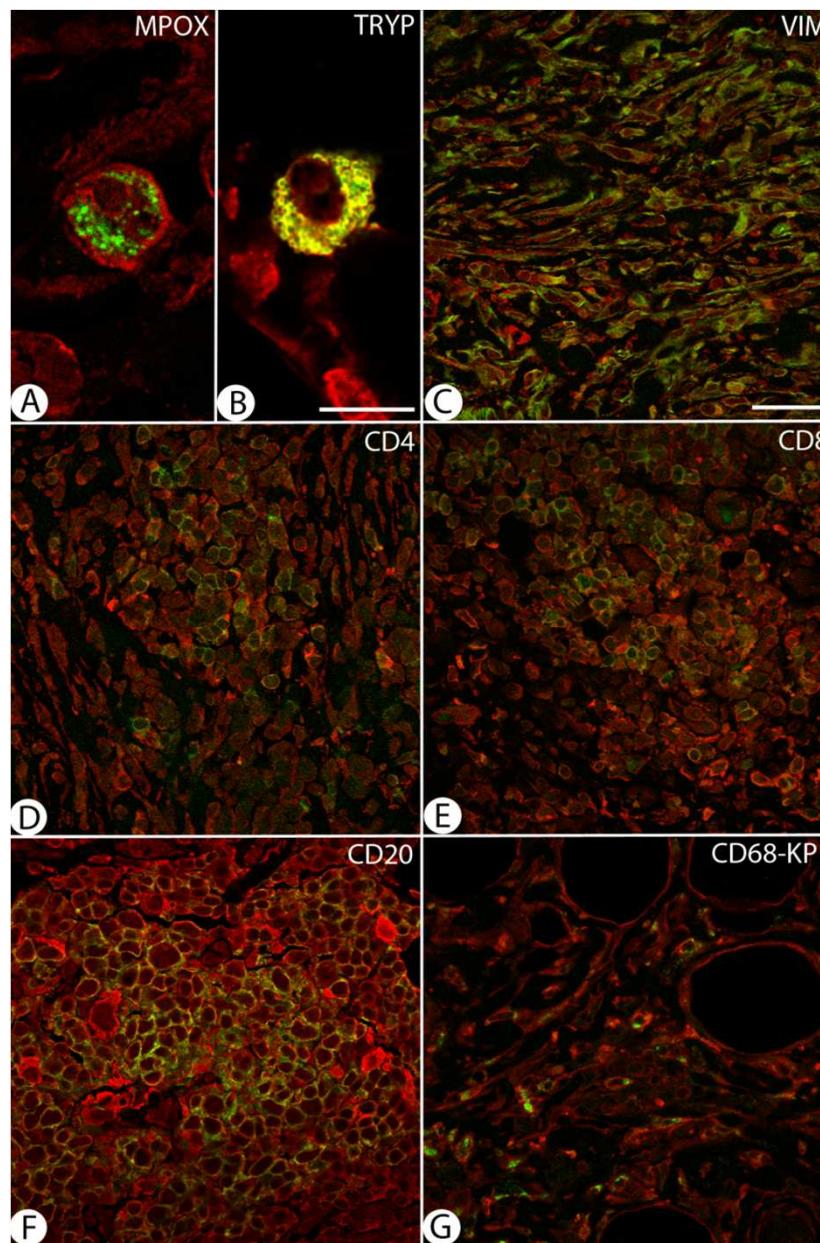
CP PATHOGENESIS: EOTAXIN-1



CP PATHOGENESIS: EOSINOPHILS, MAST CELLS AND EOTAXIN-1

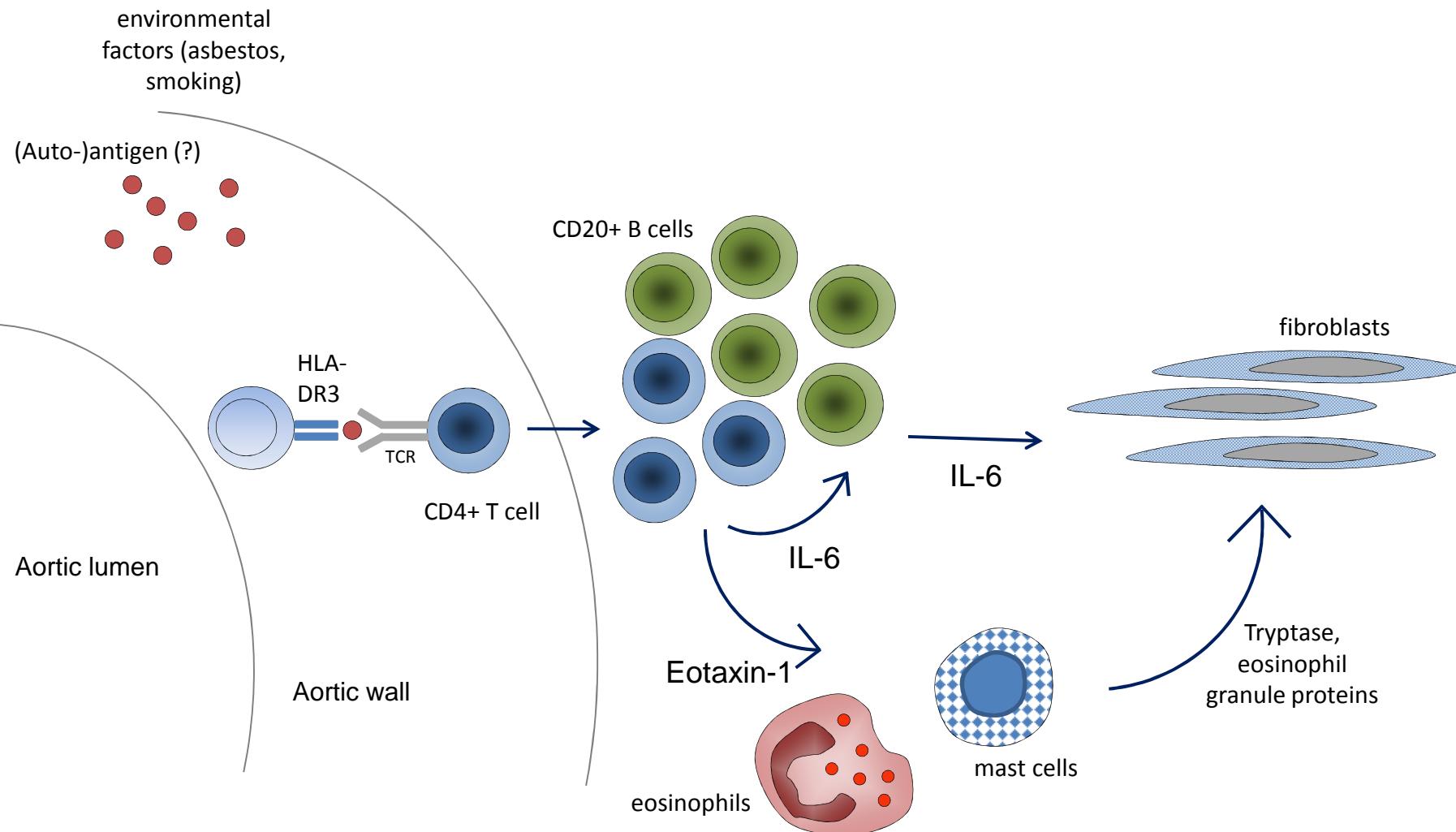


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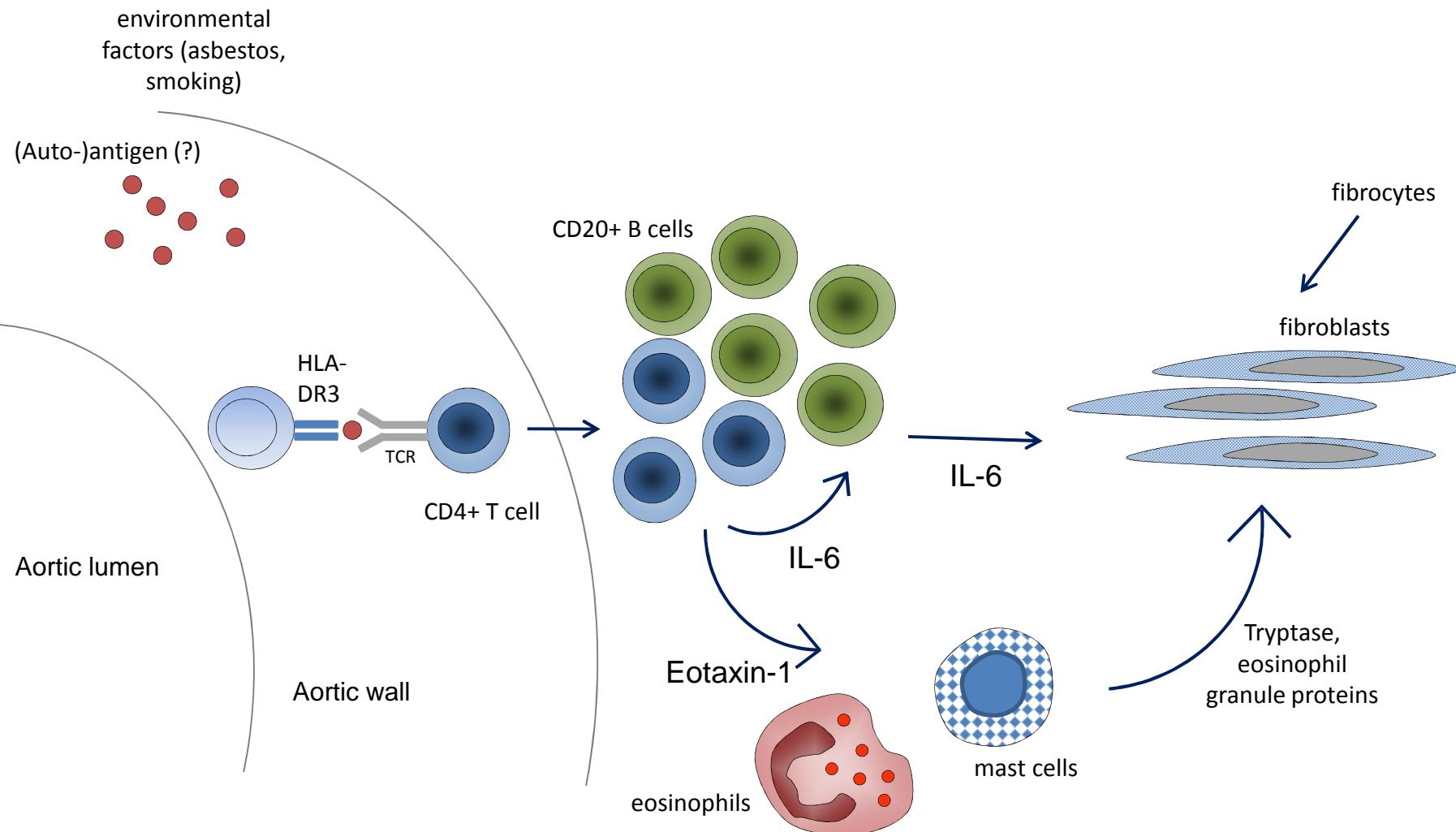


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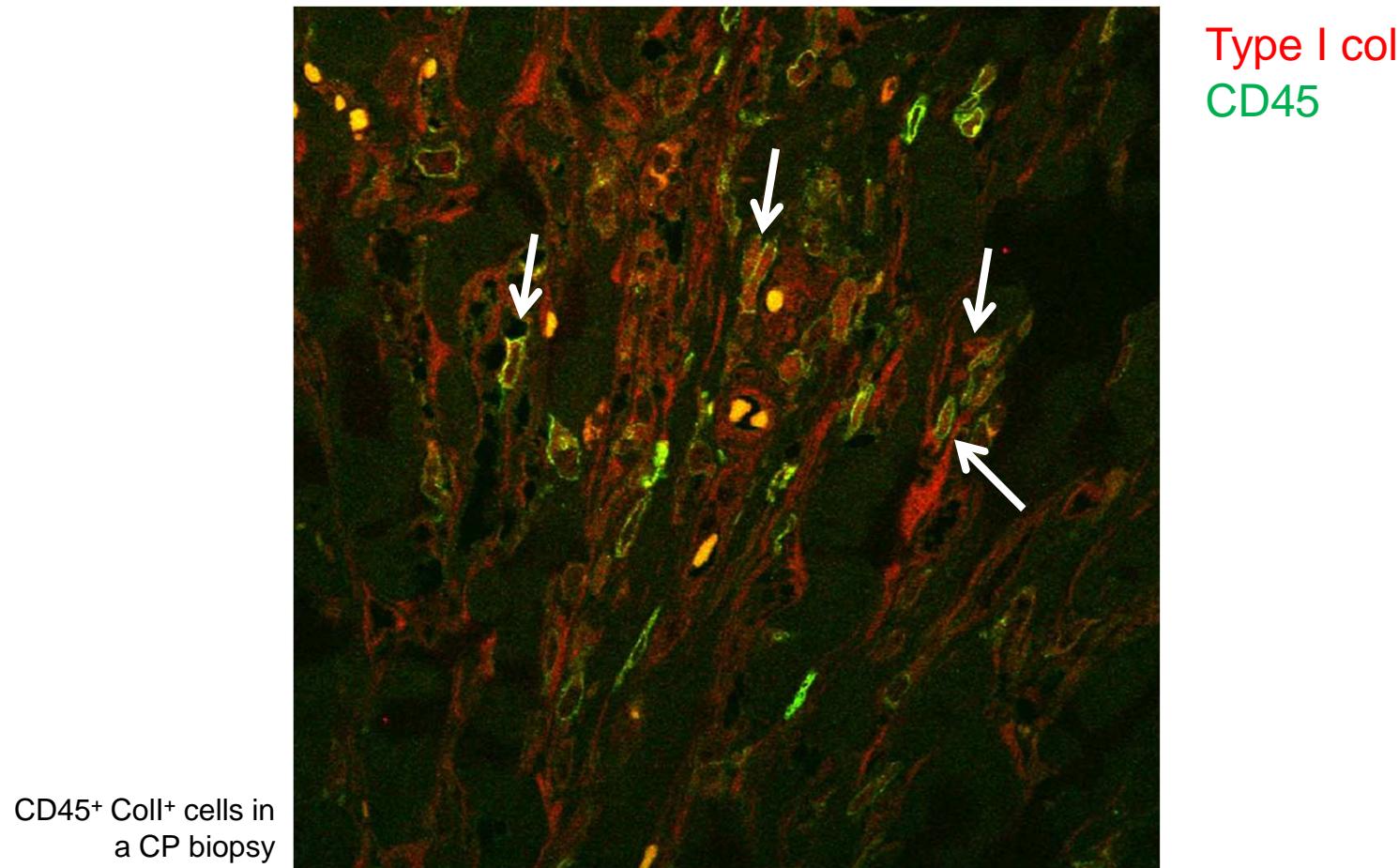


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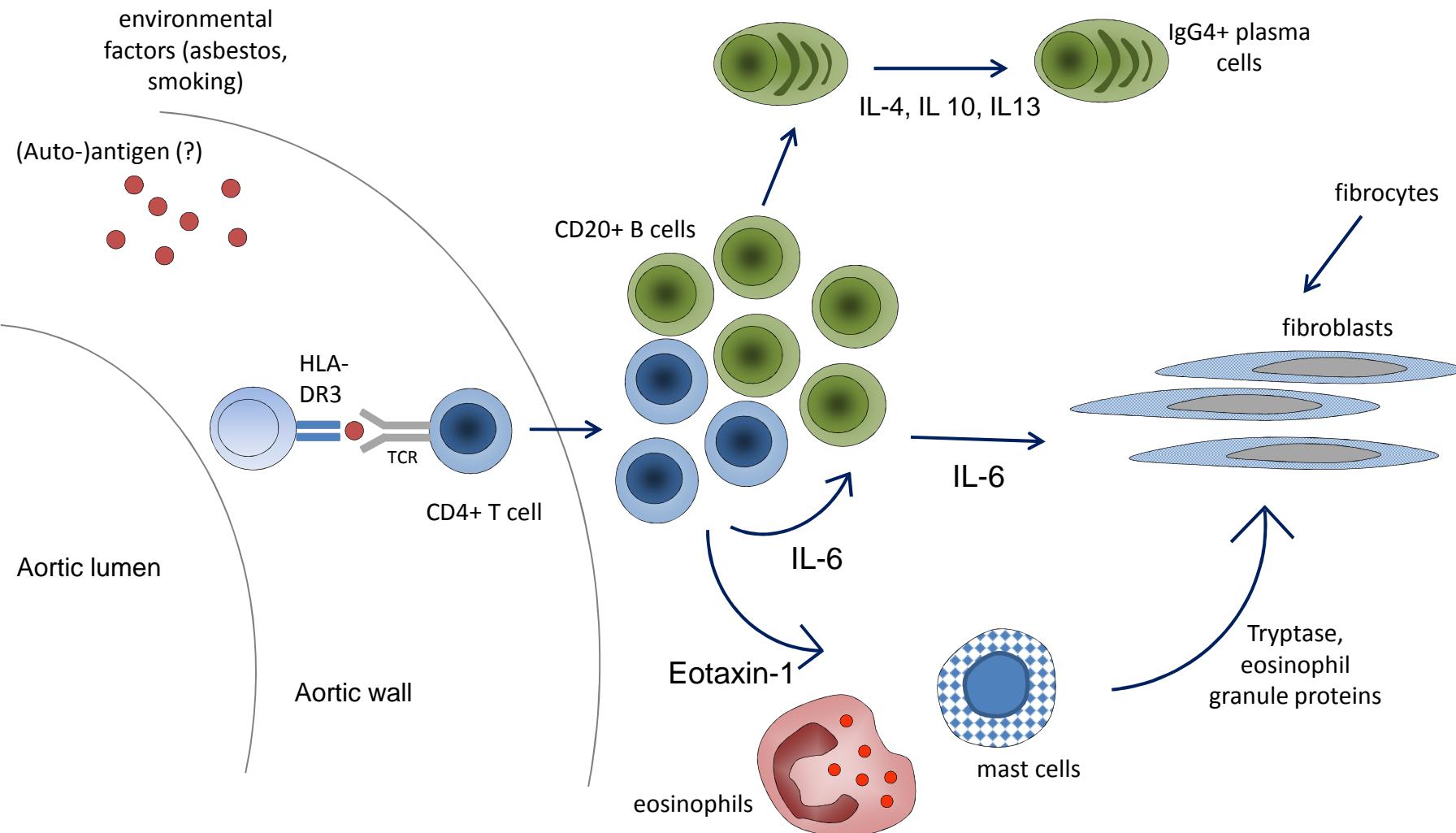


FIBROCYTES

Fibrocytes are a rare population of (circulating) precursors of tissue fibroblasts, which stain positive for CD45 and type I Col



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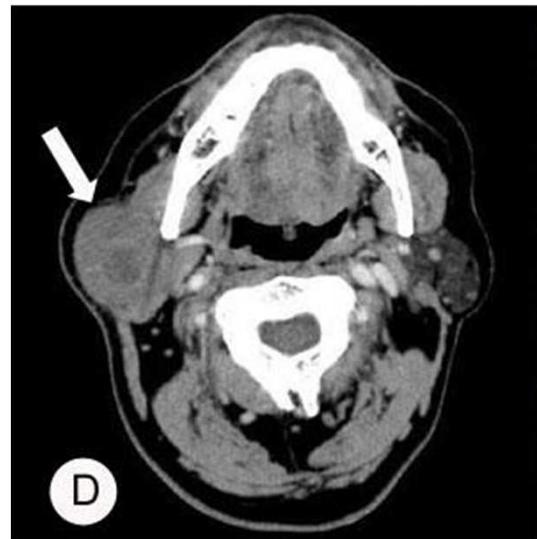


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Chronic periaortitis and
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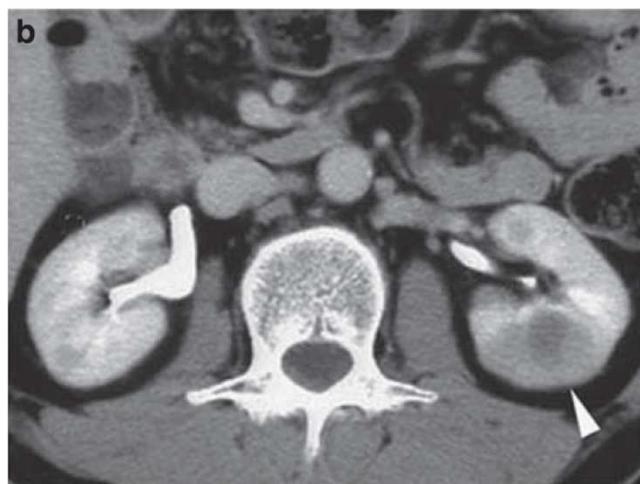
ASSOCIATION WITH IgG4-RELATED (SYSTEMIC) DISEASE

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tumour of
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RPF

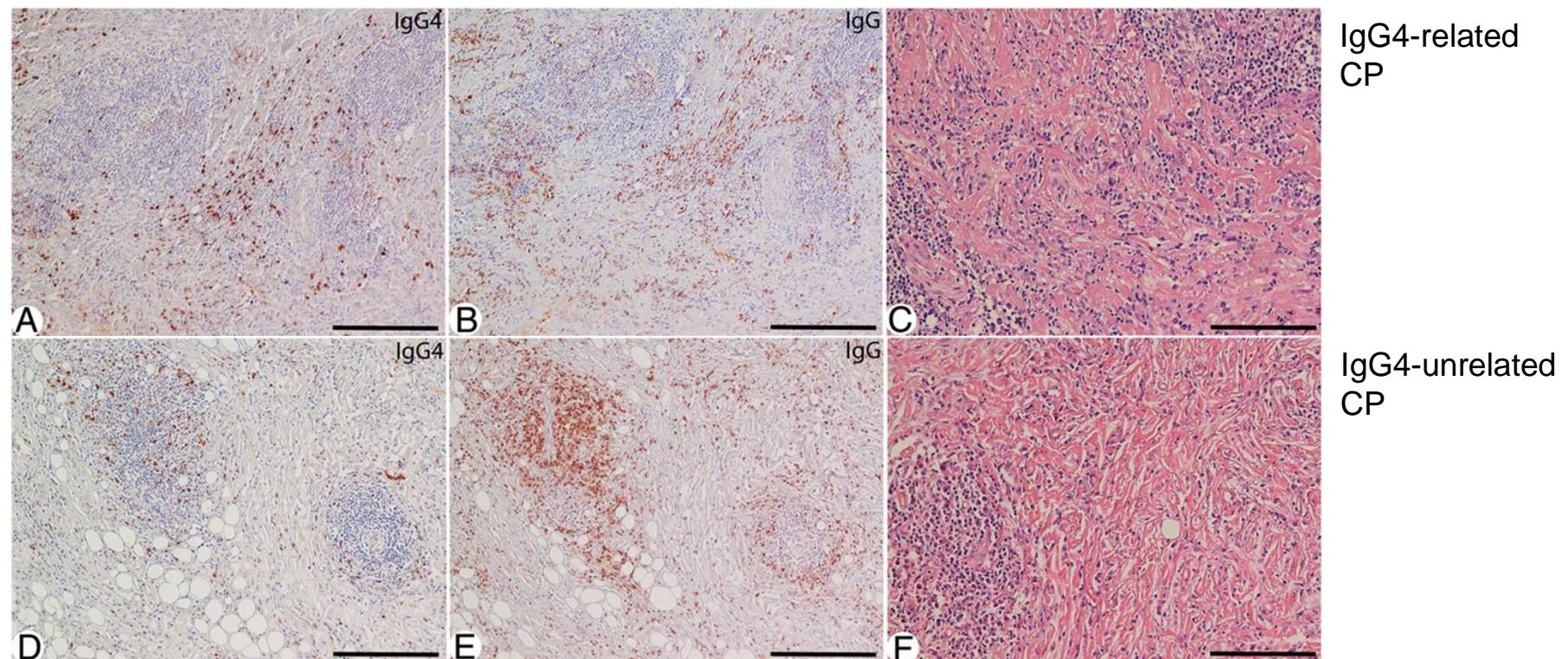
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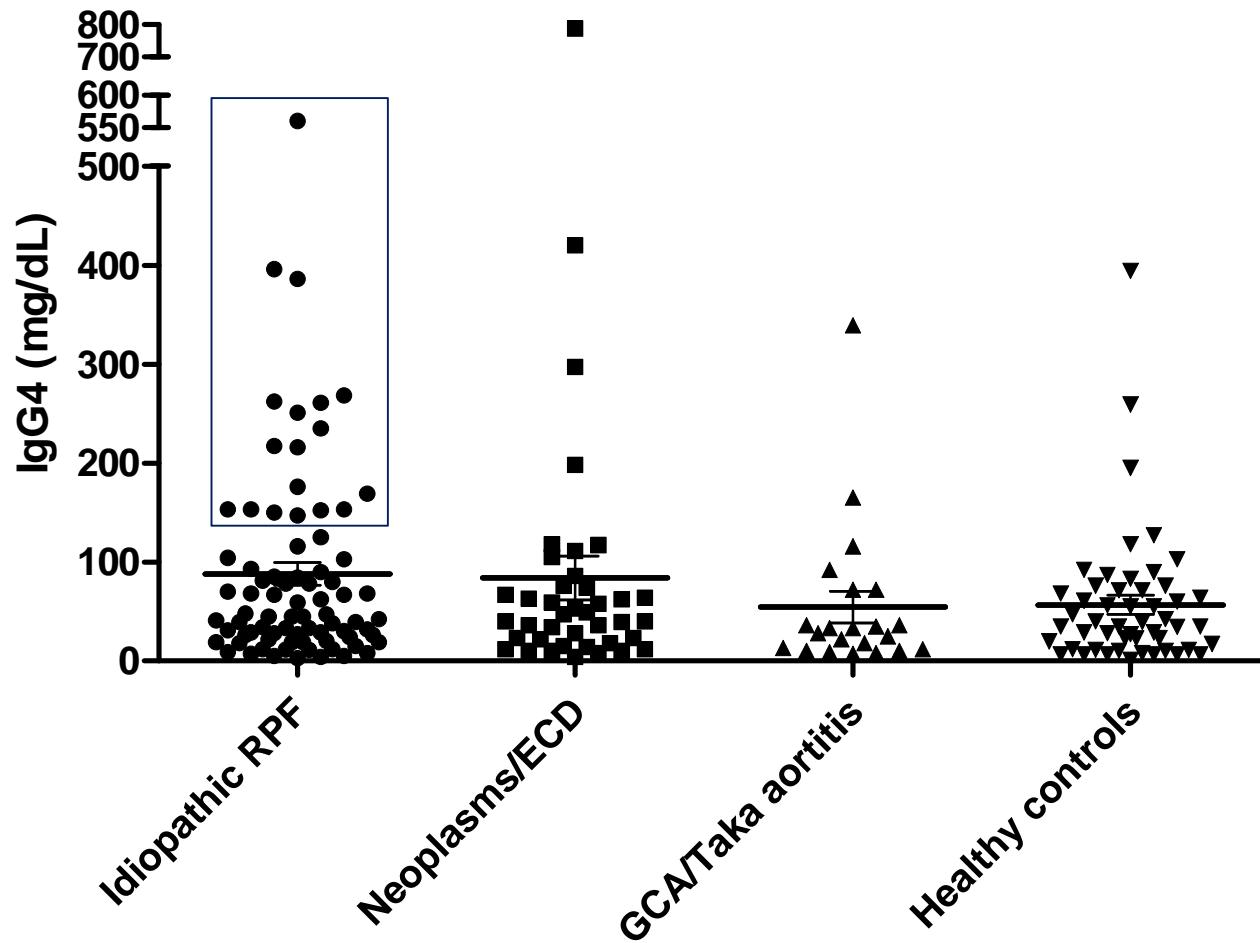
Sclerosing
pancreatitis

IgG4-RELATED DISEASE

1. Typical organ involvement (often tumour-like)
2. IgG4 >135 mg/dL
3. Tissue IgG4+ plasma cells >40% of IgG+ plasma cells and >10/hpf



SERUM IgG4 in CHRONIC PERIAORTITIS



IgG4-RELATED vs -UNRELATED CP

TABLE 3. Radiologic Features of the IgG4-Related RPF and Non-IgG4-Related RPF Groups

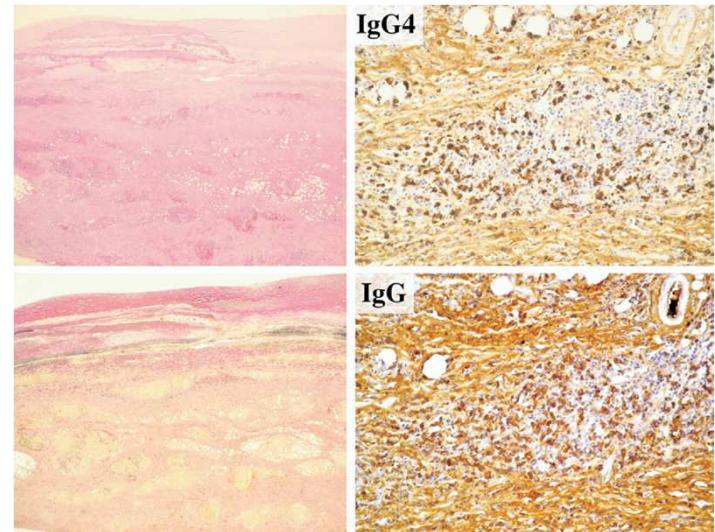
RPF Characteristic	IgG4-Related RPF Group No. (%)	Non-IgG4-Related RPF Group No. (%)	P
Location mass			
Periaortic	10/12 (83)	8/9 (89)	1.0
Periliac	8/12 (67)	7/9 (78)	0.7
Pericaval	2/12 (17)	0/10 (0)	1
Presacral	1/12 (8)	1/9 (11)	1
Retrovesicular	1/12 (8)	0/9 (0)	1
Perirectal	1/12 (8)	1/9 (11)	1
Pelvic side-wall	1/12 (8)	3/9 (33)	0.3
Periureteral			
Unilateral	5/12 (33)	2/9 (22)	0.6
Bilateral	1/12 (8)	3/9 (33)	0.3
Mass maximal thickness, cm	0.9 ± 0.5	1.0 ± 0.6	
Abdominal aortic dilation	2/12 (17)	0/9	1
Hydronephrosis			
Unilateral	3/12 (25)	2/9 (22)	1
Bilateral	1/12 (8)	3/9 (33)	0.3
Renal atrophy	2/12 (17)	1/9 (11)	1
Localized lymphadenopathy	1/12 (8)	1/9 (11)	1
Diffuse lymphadenopathy	0/12	1/9 (11)	1
Mesenteric mass	0/12	2/9 (22)	0.2
Imaging type	12 CT	7 CT; 2 MRI	

IgG4-RELATED vs -UNRELATED CP

	All patients	Serum IgG4 level at presentation		<i>P</i> value
		Normal range	Elevated ^a	
No. of patients, <i>n</i>	59	35	24	
First presentation/recurrence	53/6	30/5	23/1	0.38
Age, years	61.0 (57.0–69.0)	62.0 (54.5–69.0)	61.0 (58.0–66.8)	0.71
Male gender, <i>n</i> (%)	39 (66.1)	21 (60.0)	18 (75.0)	0.27
Duration of symptoms, months	4.5 (2.0–11.0)	4.0 (2.0–11.0)	5.0 (3.0–10.0)	0.58
Visual analog scale score, mm				
Pain	70.0 (44.8–85.0)	70.0 (43.0–80.0)	70.0 (42.5–90.0)	0.47
Discomfort	60.0 (39.5–77.5)	55.0 (33.0–70.0)	60.0 (50.0–85.0)	0.40
Weight loss, kg	4.0 (0.0–7.0)	4.0 (0.0–8.0)	1.0 (0.0–7.0)	0.84
Acute-phase reactant levels				
ESR, mm/h	39.5 (20.8–62.5)	34.5 (16.0–56.3)	46.0 (32.3–64.0)	0.08
CRP, mg/L	7.0 (5.0–23.5)	6.0 (5.0–23.5)	9.0 (5.0–26.0)	0.44
Renal function				
Creatinine, µmol/L	92.0 (74.0–122)	86.0 (73.0–114.0)	99.5 (77.8–137.0)	0.16
Hydro-ureteronephrosis, <i>n</i> (%)	31 (54.2)	18 (51.4)	14 (58.3)	0.79
D-J splint or PNS, <i>n</i> (%)	16 (27.1)	9 (25.7)	7 (29.1)	0.77
Abdominal CT findings				
Thickness RPF mass, mm	29.5 (20.3–48.0)	32.0 (17.0–49.5)	29.0 (22.0–45.0)	0.73
Abdominal infrarenal aortic diameter, mm	22.0 (19.3–29.8)	24.5 (18.0–33.8)	21.5 (20.0–24.5)	0.19
Atypical retroperitoneal localization, <i>n</i> (%)	11 (18.6)	6 (17.1)	5 (20.8)	0.74
Locoregional lymphadenopathy, <i>n</i> (%)	17 (28.8)	7 (20.0)	10 (41.7)	0.08
Extra-retroperitoneal localization, <i>n</i> (%)	10 (16.9)	4 (11.4)	6 (25.0)	0.28
Success tamoxifen therapy ^b , <i>n</i> (%)	27/47 (57.4)	19/31 (61.3)	8/16 (50.0)	0.54

IgG4-RELATED vs –UNRELATED ANEURYSMAL CP (IAAA)

	<i>Inflammatory AAA</i>		
	<i>IgG4-related</i> (n = 13)	<i>Non-IgG4-related</i> (n = 10)	P value
Age (years)	70 (59-76)	69 (59-81)	.863
Gender (male/female)	11/2	9/1	.704
Aneurysmal diameter (mm)	58 (33-87)	52 (28-100)	.550
Symptoms			
Low grade fever	5 (38%)	4 (40%)	.942
Abdominal or back pain	1 (8%)	5 (50%)	.025
Rupture	0	3 (30%)	.038
Death immediately after surgery	2 (15%)	0	.194



	<i>Inflammatory AAA</i>		
	<i>IgG4-related</i> (n = 13)	<i>Non-IgG4-related</i> (n = 10)	P value
Smoking habit	7 (54%)	7 (70%)	.442
Hypertension	2 (15%)	4 (40%)	.192
Ischemic heart diseases	3 (23%)	5 (50%)	.189
Diabetes	1 (8%)	1 (10%)	.849
Hyperlipidemia	3 (23%)	1 (10%)	.412
Autoimmune diseases	7 (54%)	1 (10%)	.025
Drug allergy	5 (38%)	1 (10%)	.123
Bronchial asthma	4 (31%)	1 (10%)	.232

IgG4-RELATED vs -UNRELATED CP

	No. pts	IgG4+ cases, n(%)	Criteria to differentiate IgG4+ vs IgG4- CP	Main findings (in the IgG4+ subset)
Castelein T, 2015	17	9 (53)	Serum IgG4 level	Multifocal involvement, male predominance
Kasashima S, 2008	23	13 (56)	Histology and IHC	Higher incidence of autoimmune diseases
Khosroshahi A, 2013	23	13 (56)	Histology and IHC	Multifocal involvement
Koo B, 2014	19	9 (47)	Histology and IHC	Higher relapse rate
Yamashita M, 2008	15	6 (30)	Histology and IHC	Multifocal involvement
Zen Y, 2009	17	10 (59)	Histology and IHC	Multifocal involvement, male predominance

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IgG4-unrelated

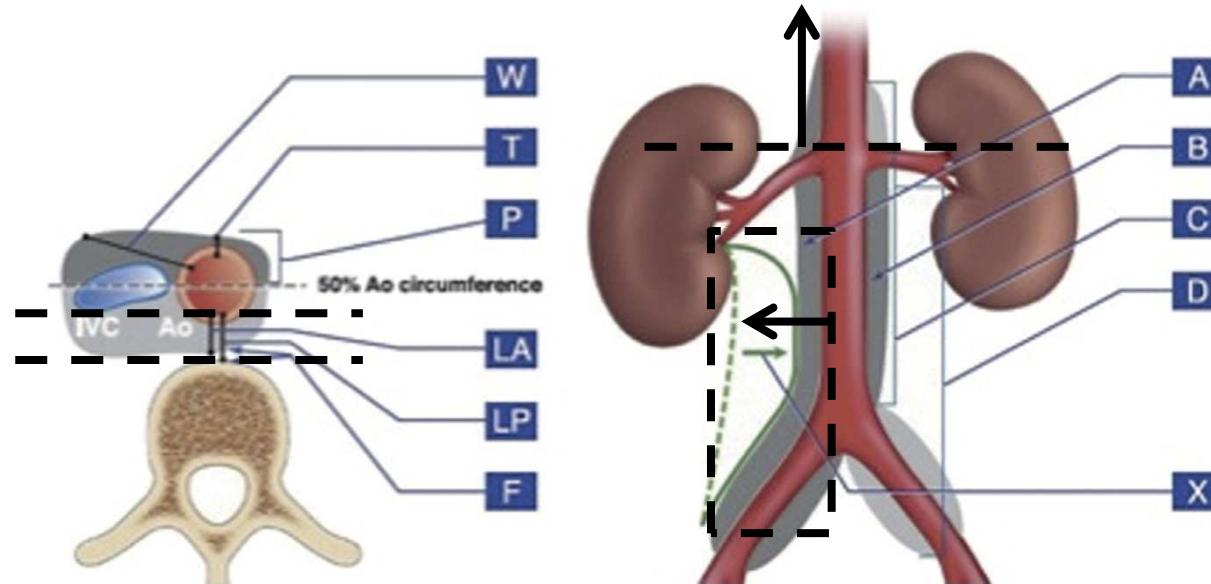
IgG4-related

Differential diagnosis

DIAGNOSIS- EXCLUSION OF SECONDARY FORMS

- Drugs (eg, ergotamine, methysergide, pergolide, methyldopa)
- Malignancies (eg, carcinoid, lymphomas, sarcoma, carcinoma of the GI tract, breast, prostate)
- Infections (eg, TB, actinomycosis, histoplasmosis)
- Radiotherapy
- Surgery (eg, colectomy, hysterectomy, lymphadenectomy)
- Others (eg, Erdheim-Chester disease, amyloidosis, trauma)

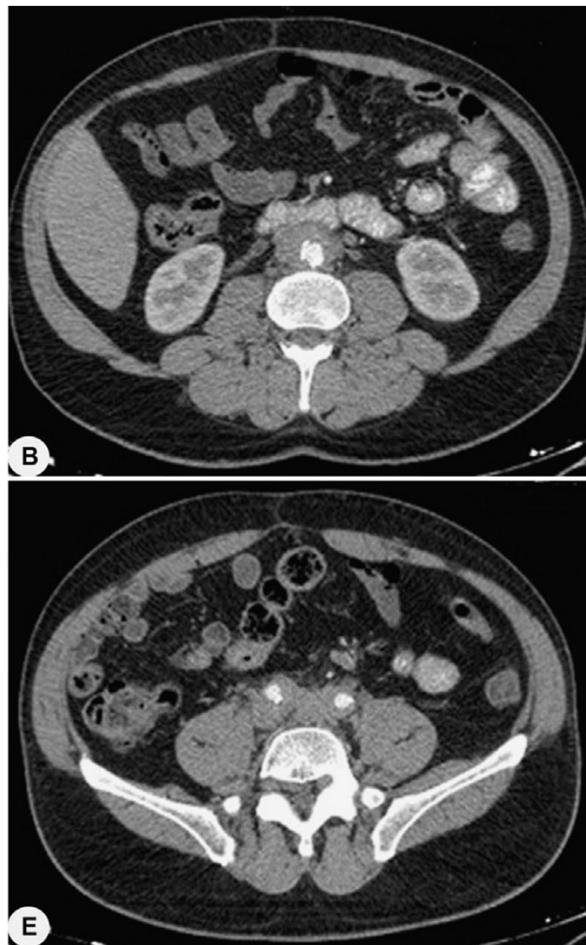
DIAGNOSIS- MALIGNANT VS. IDIOPATHIC CP



CT/MRI characteristics of IDIOPATHIC forms

- Homogeneous, muscle-isodense tissue surrounding the antero-lateral sides of the abdominal aorta
- Extension from the origin of the renal arteries to below the aorto-iliac bifurcation
- No anterior displacement of the aorta or bone erosions
- Usually less “bulky” than malignant forms

DIAGNOSIS- IMAGING STUDIES



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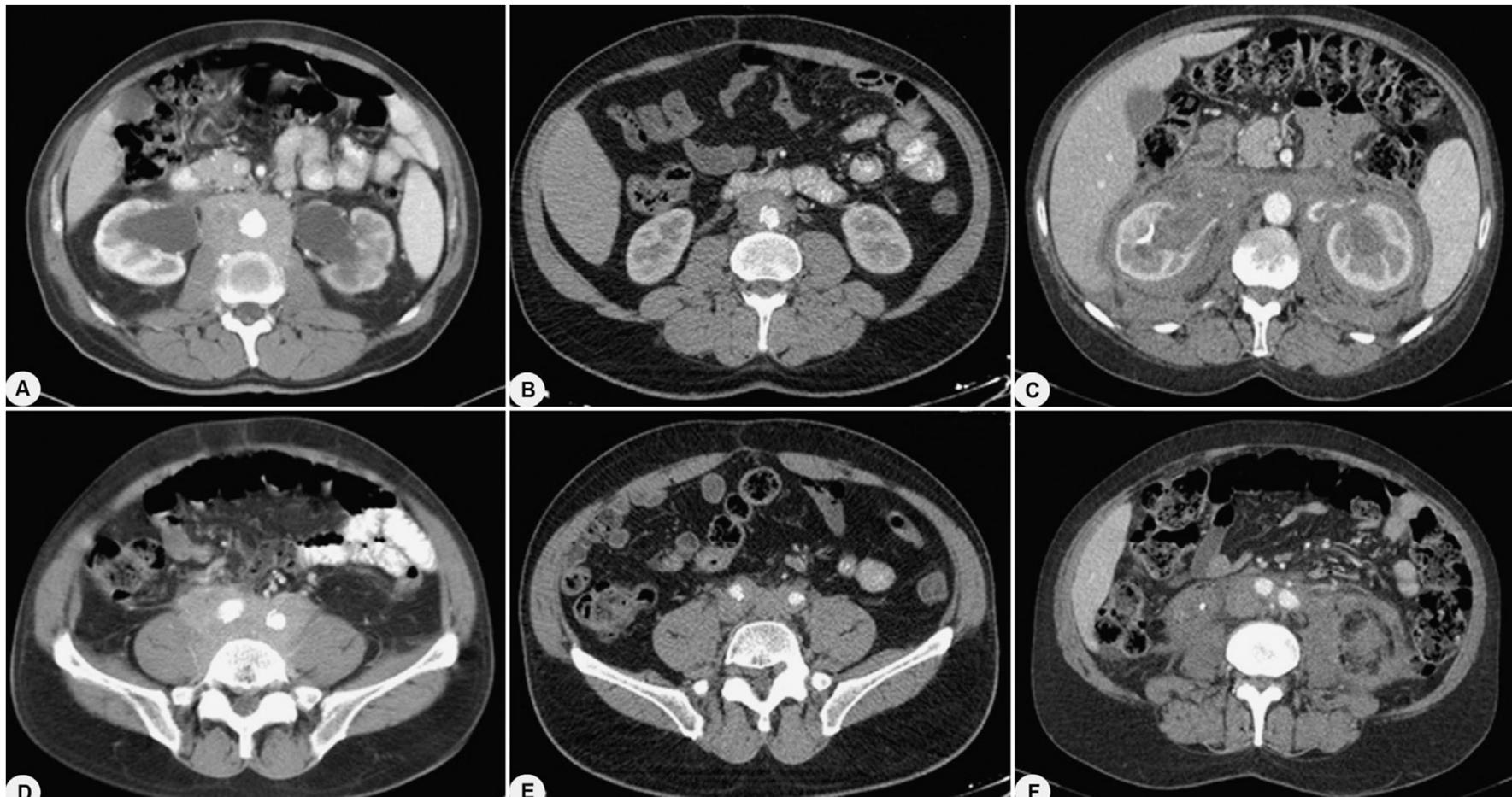


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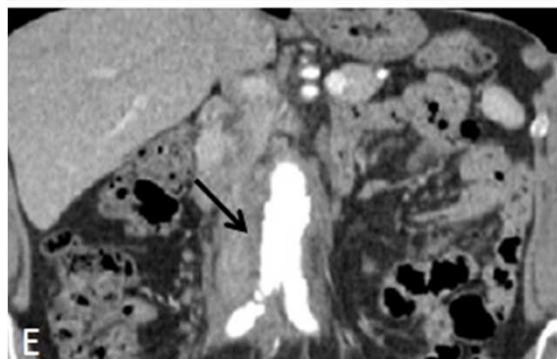
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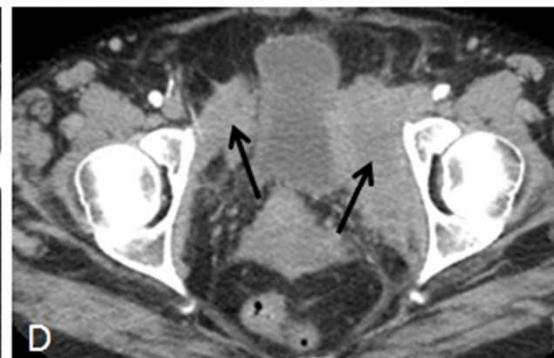
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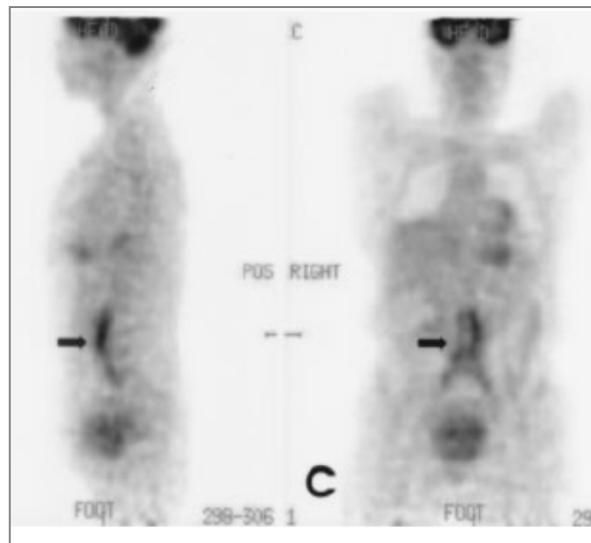
Typical CP
(Idiopathic
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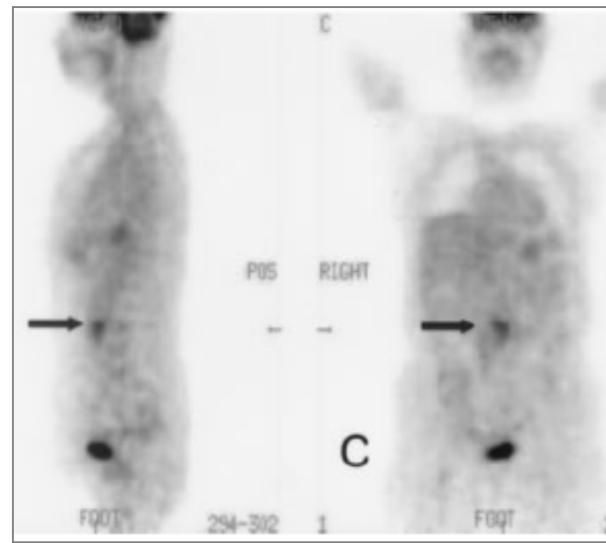
Atypical
Idiopathic
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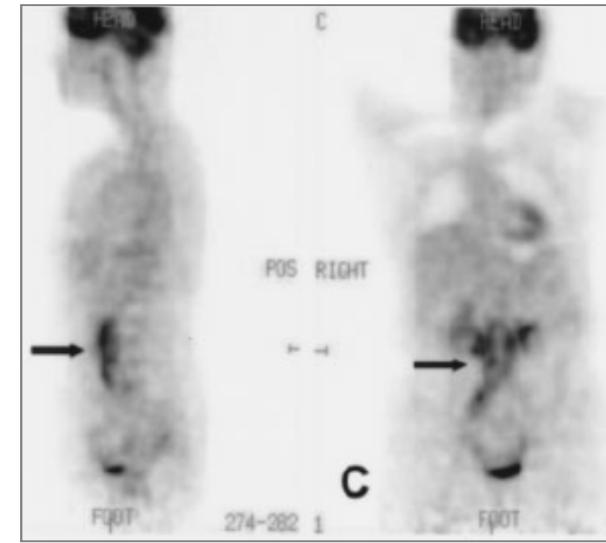
18F-FDG PET IN CP



Disease onset

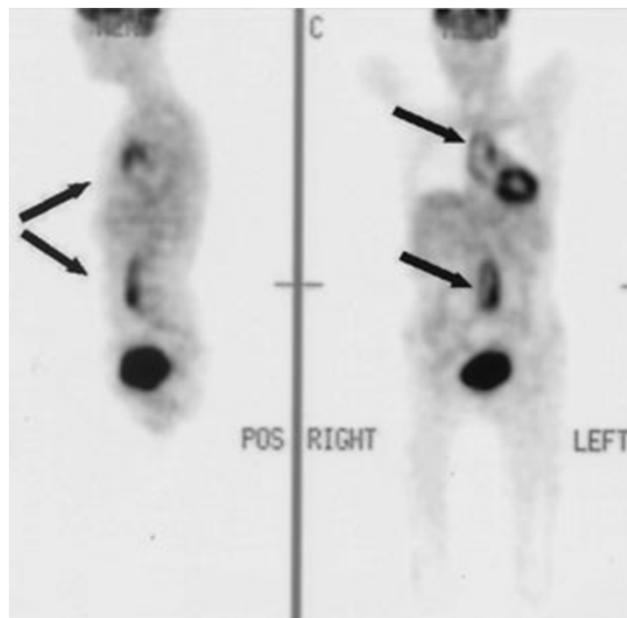


After 4 months of
prednisone

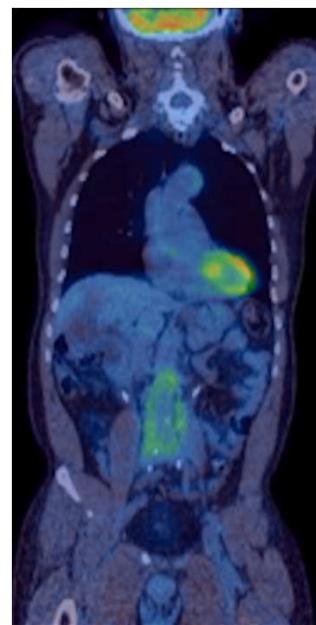


Disease relapse

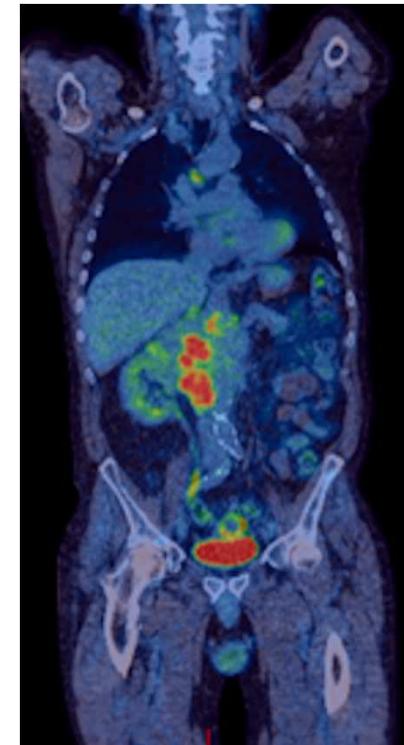
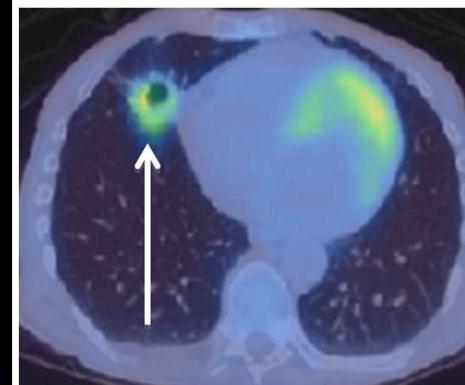
18F-FDG PET IN CP



Thoracic and abdominal CP



CP in a patient with GPA



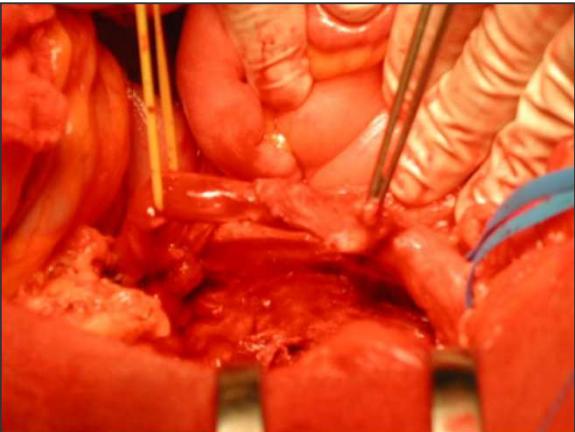
NHL

18F-FDG PET IN CP

FDG-PET findings	Response to steroids, n (%)	NO response to steroids, n (%)
Negative (n=14)	0 (0)	14 (100)
Low-grade positive (n=24)	3 (12)	21 (88)
High-grade positive (n=11)	9 (82)	2 (18)

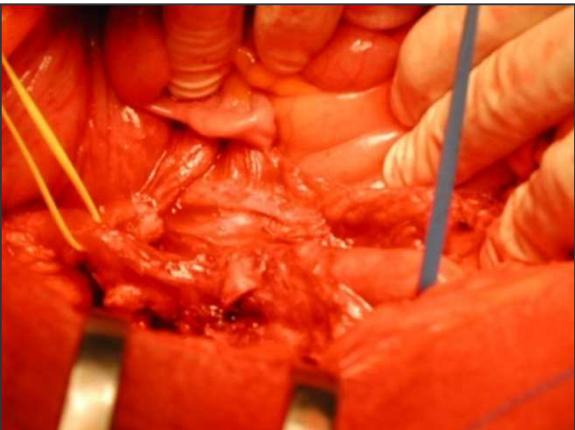
Treatment and
outcome

TRADITIONAL SURGERY (back to Albarrán...)



Surgical ureterolysis

- Ureterolysis (\pm intraperitonealisation) + omental wrapping
- Allows multiple biopsies
- 50% relapse if treated with surgery alone vs 10-30% with surgery+medical therapies

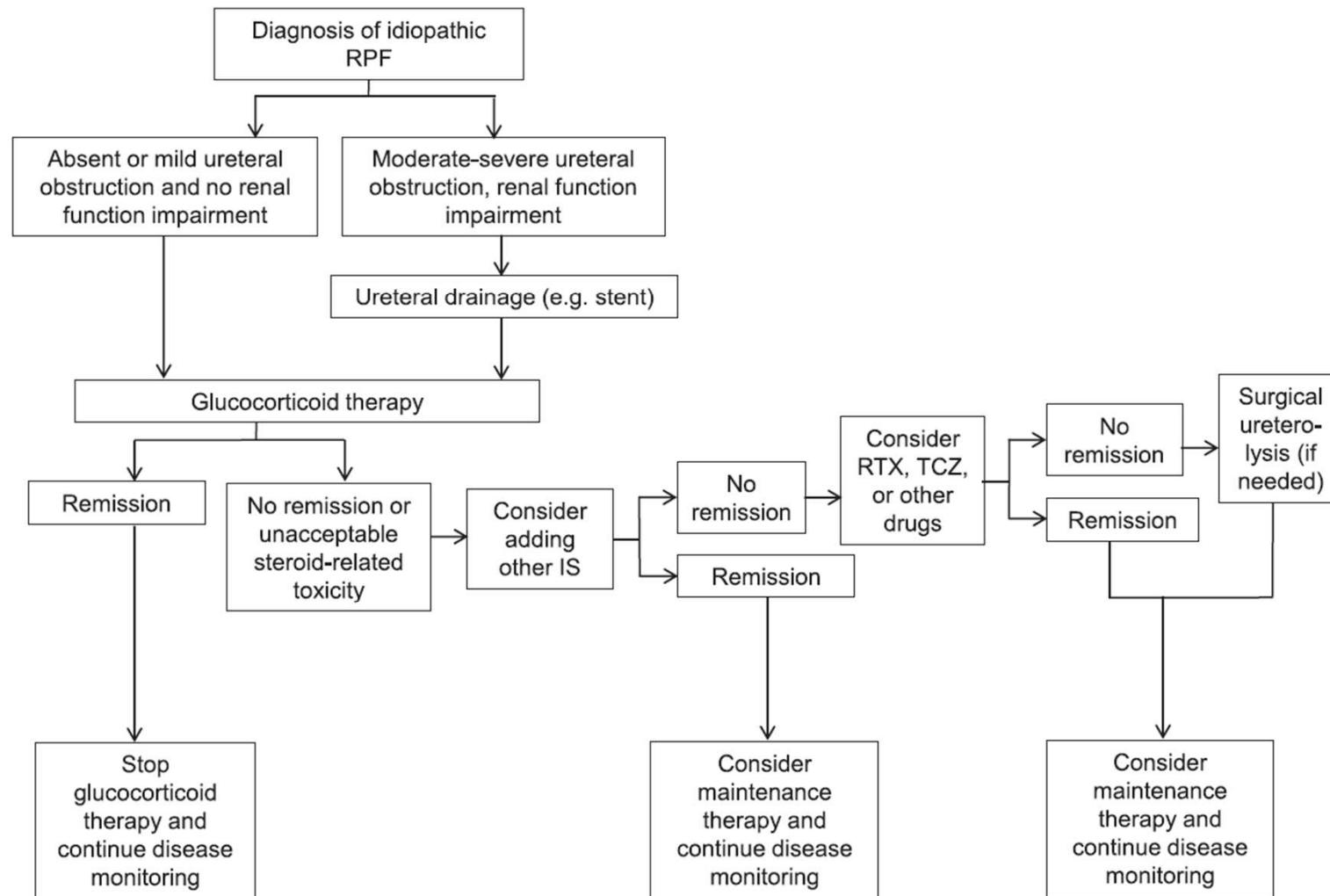


Laparoscopy vs Open

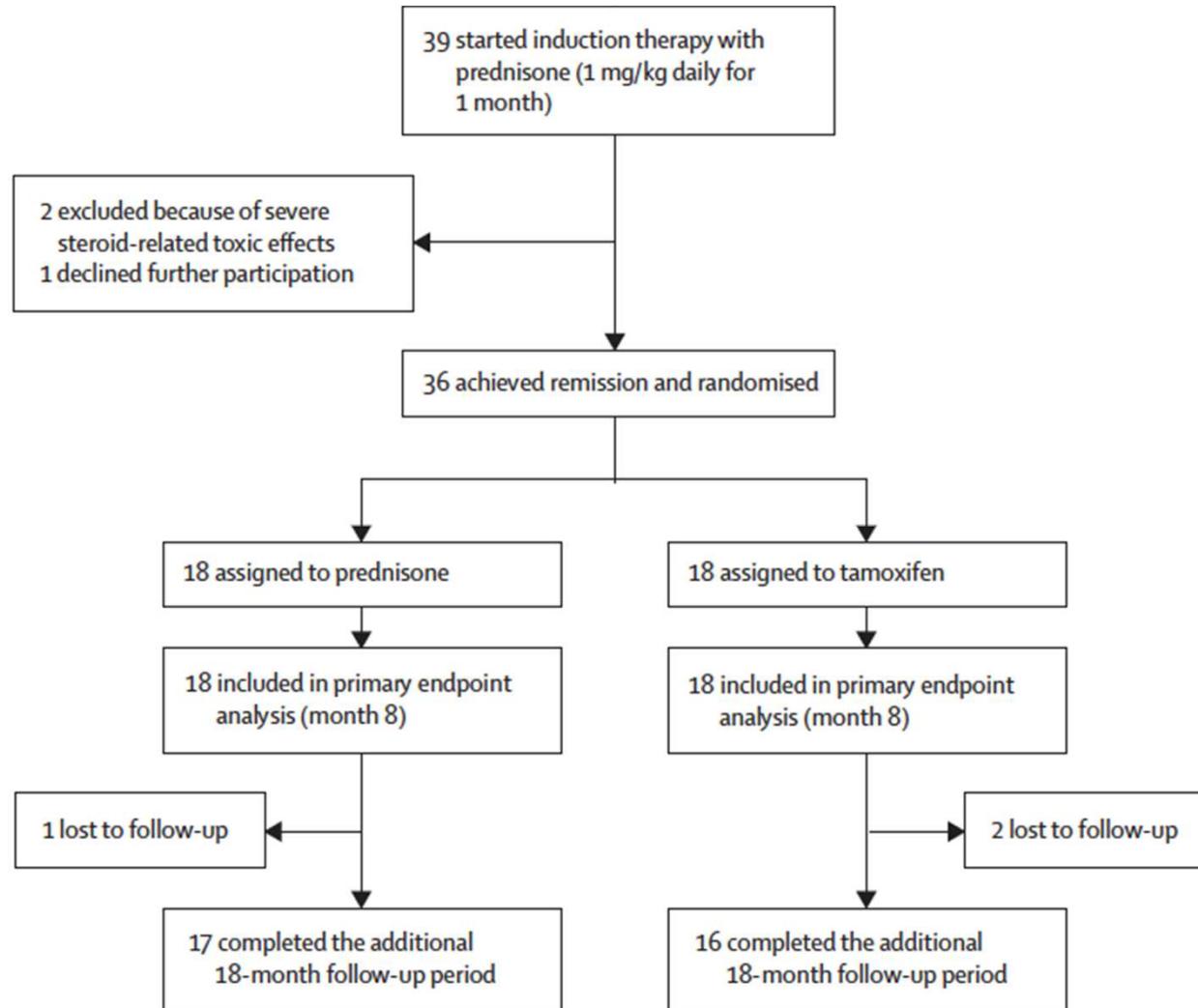
- Shorter hospital stay and lower transfusion rates
- Conversion rate to open approx 20%

courtesy of S. Ferretti, Urology, Parma

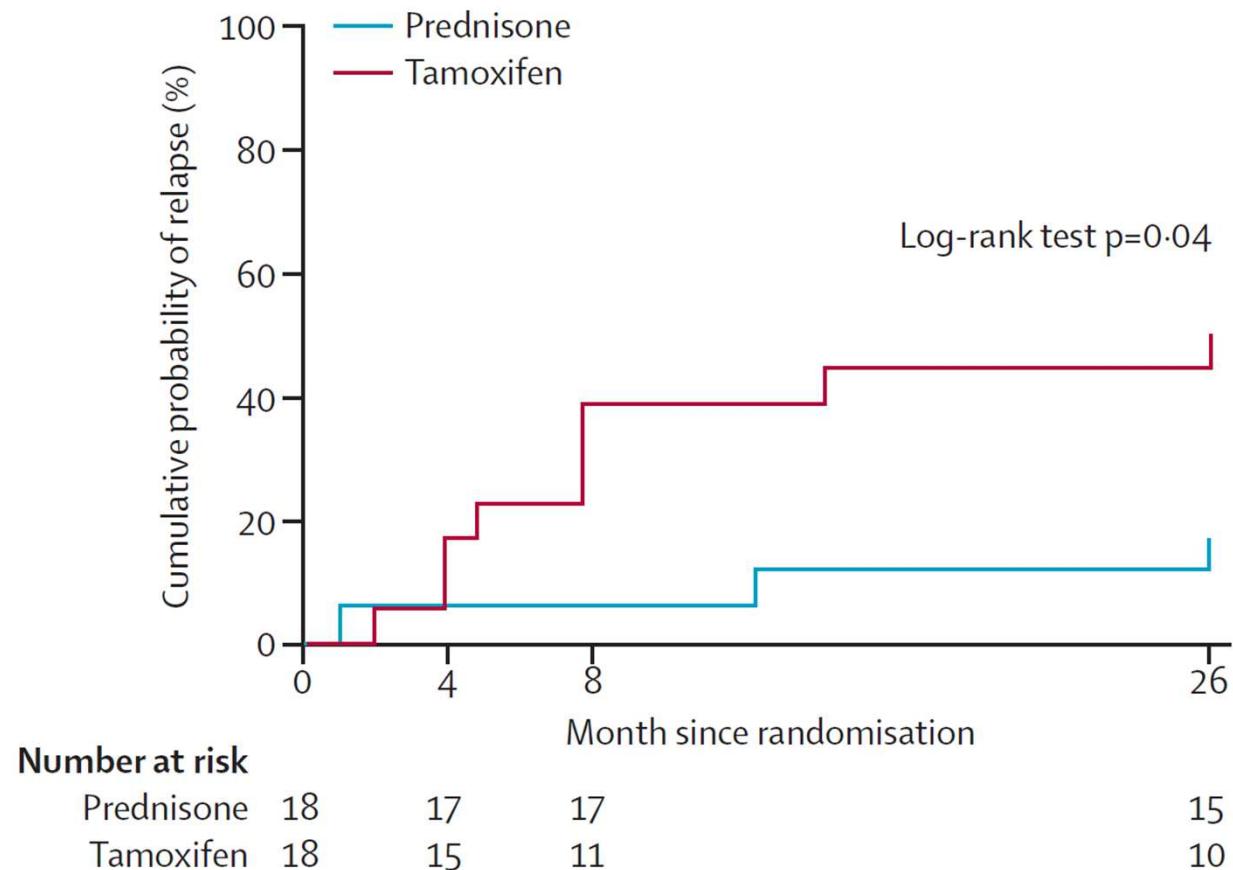
TREATMENT ALGORITHM



GLUCOCORTICOIDS AS FIRST-LINE THERAPY



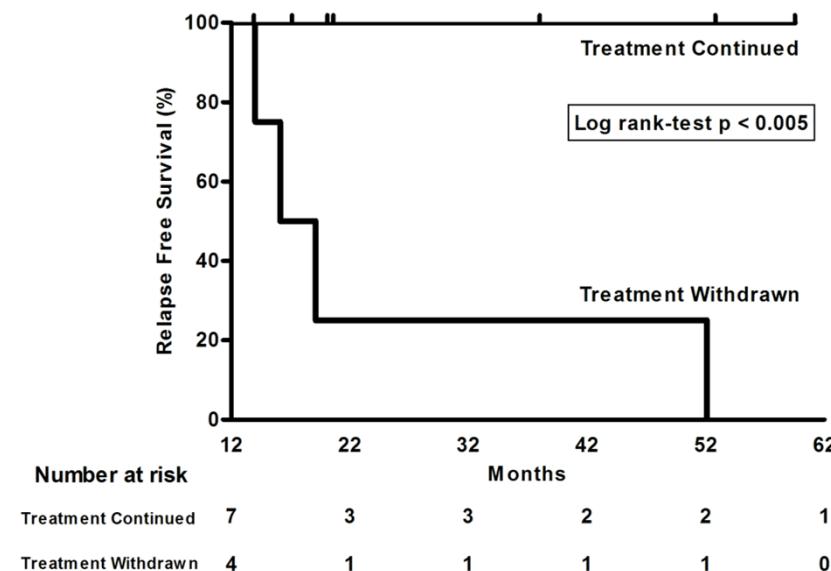
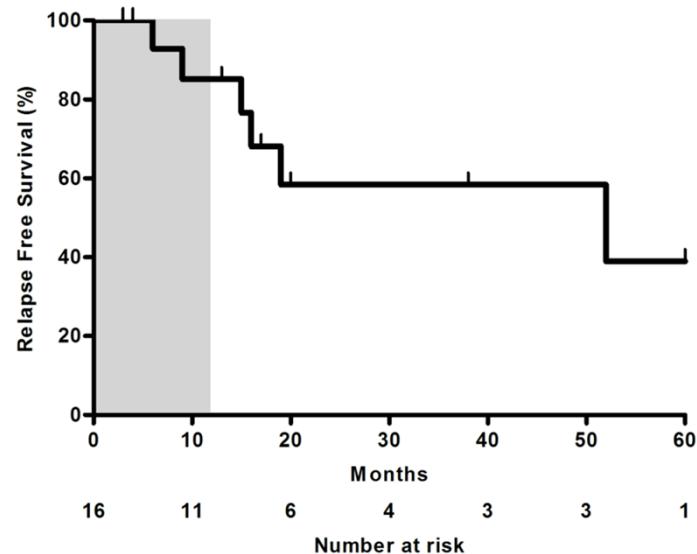
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TREATMENT OF RELAPSING DISEASE

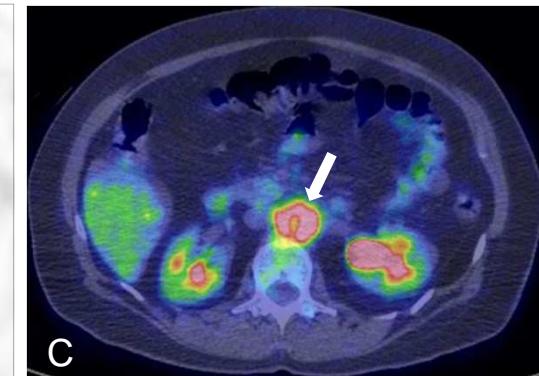
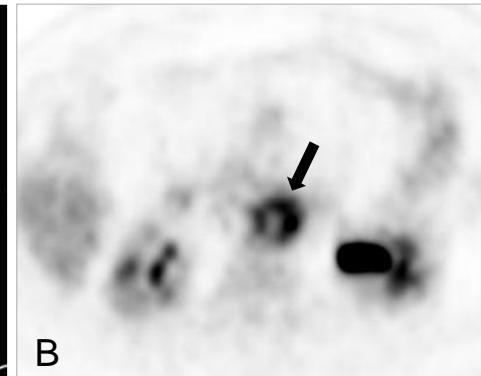
16 consecutive *relapsing* CP patients

MTX (15-20 mg/week) + PDN for 12 months (followed by observation or treatment continuation)

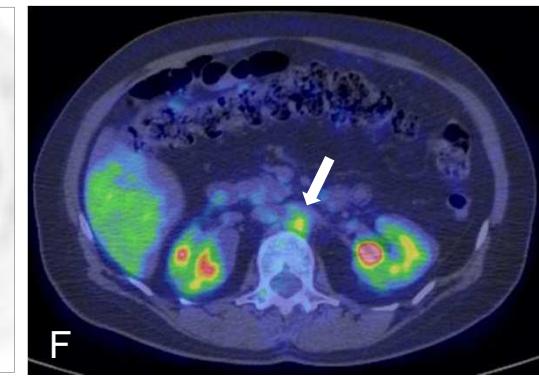
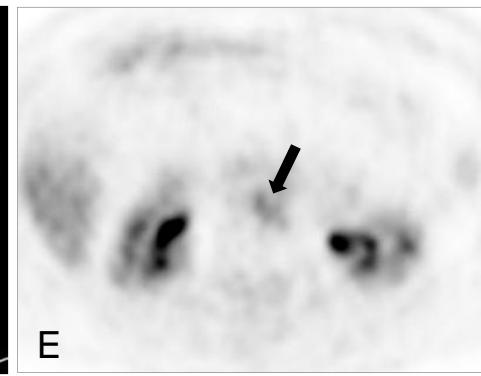
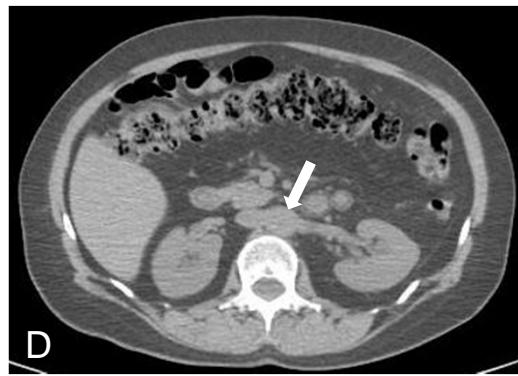


RITUXIMAB FOR RELAPSING-REFRACTORY DISEASE

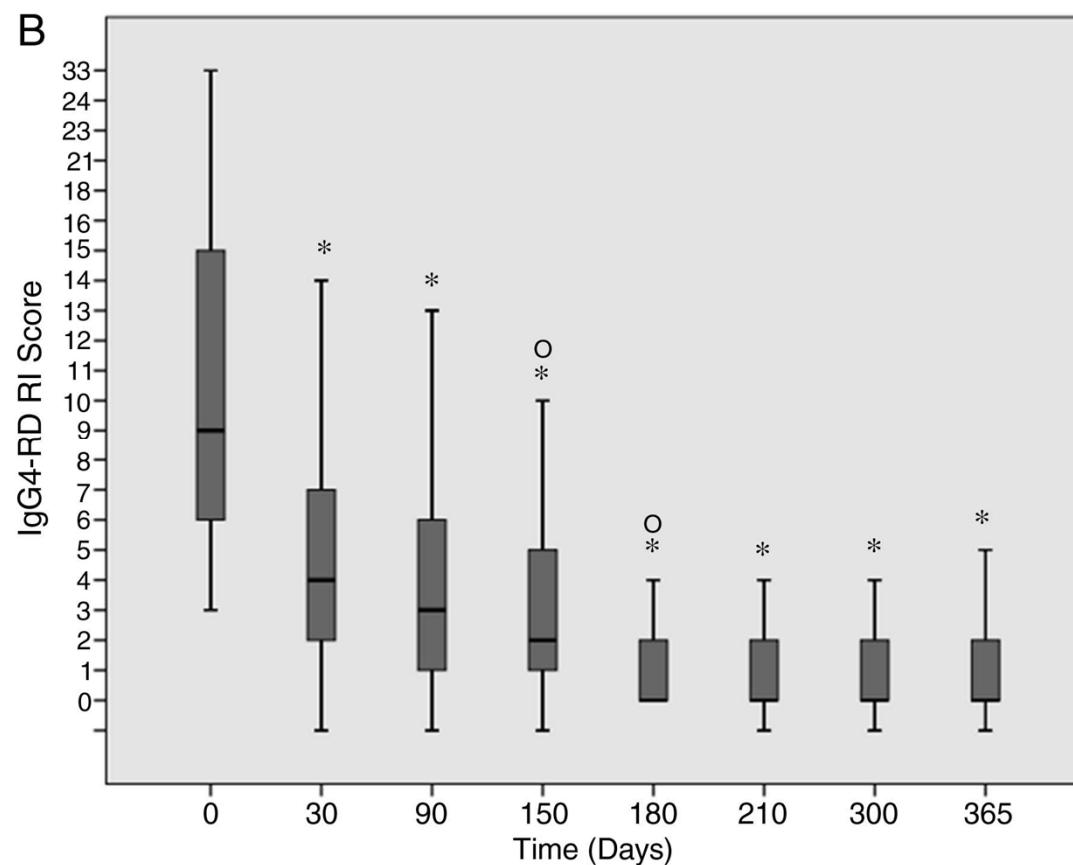
Before
Rituximab



After
Rituximab



RITUXIMAB FOR IgG4-RD

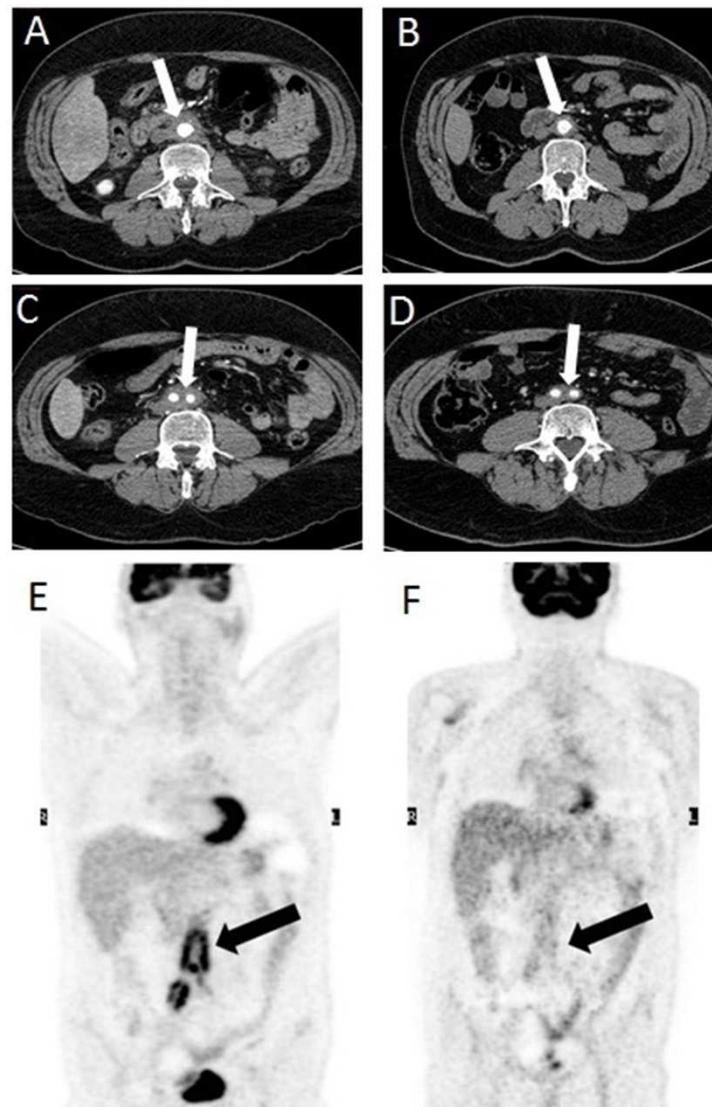


RITUXIMAB FOR (IgG4-negative) CP

- 16 patients with difficult-to-treat CP
 - 12 relapsing-refractory
 - 4 contraindications to standard-dose GCs
- 14/16 had normal serum IgG4
- No one had evidence of (systemic) IgG4RD
- 13 RTX+low-dose GCs (<12.5 mg/d)
- 3 RTX monotherapy
RTX: 375 mg/m²/w x4 weeks or 1 g x2 two weeks apart
- At m6, **15/15 evaluable patients had PET response** and symptom remission
- CP shrinkage on CT/MRI was less common
- 2/2 patients responded to RTX retreatment for relapse

TOCILIZUMAB FOR RELAPSING-REFRACTORY DISEASE

Before and
after
Tocilizumab



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