

HSP nephritis: when to biopsy?



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Henoch-Schönlein Purpura – A 5-Year Review and Proposed Pathway

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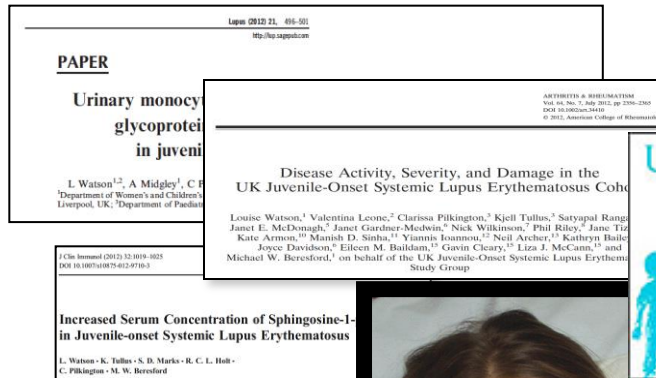
Abstract

Henoch-Schönlein Purpura (HSP) is the commonest systemic vasculitis of childhood typically presenting with a palpable purpuric rash and frequently involving the renal system. We are the first group to critically analyse and subsequently revise a nurse-led monitoring pathway for this condition. A cohort of 102 children presenting with HSP to a second-year level over a five-year period, were monitored using a nurse-led monitoring pathway. Using this cohort, we developed a revised pathway for the screening of poor renal outcome in HSP. This is based on a six-month monitoring period for all patients presenting with HSP, which incorporates prior data patients according to the wing findings.

HSP nephritis



HQIP Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership



Lupus nephritis

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The pro-inflammatory potential of T cells in systemic lupus erythematosus

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Urine biomarkers for monitoring juvenile lupus nephritis: a prospective longitudinal study

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Inflammatory renal disease

Outline

- Background
- When to refer to nephrology
- When would we do a renal biopsy
- What is the management of HSPN?
- Future advances

Henoch Schonlein Purpura (HSP)

Definition:

Vasculitis with IgA-1 dominant immune deposits affecting small vessels; often involving skin, GI tract, arthritis and associated with GN that is indistinguishable from IgA nephropathy

Clin Exp Immunol. 2011 May; 164(Suppl 1): 11–13.

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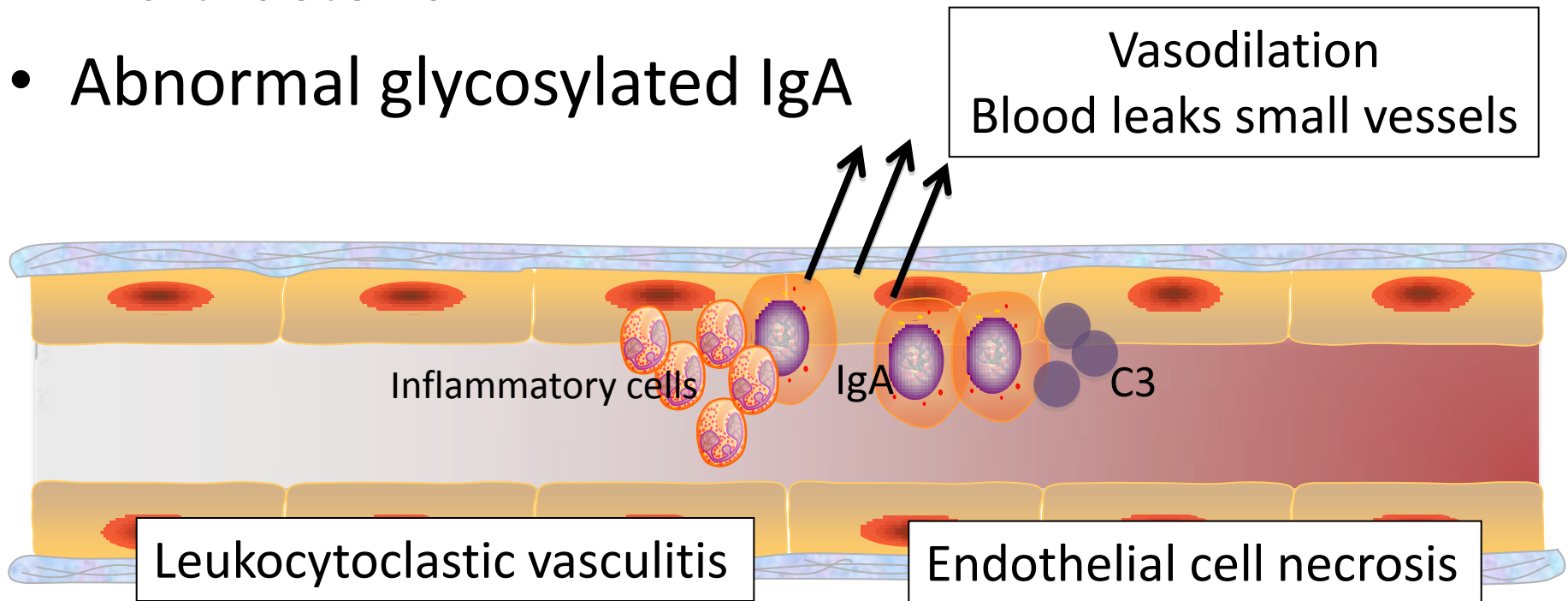
**Nomenclature and classification of vasculitis – update on the ACR/EULAR
Diagnosis and Classification of Vasculitis Study (DCVAS)**

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“Immunoglobulin A vasculitis”

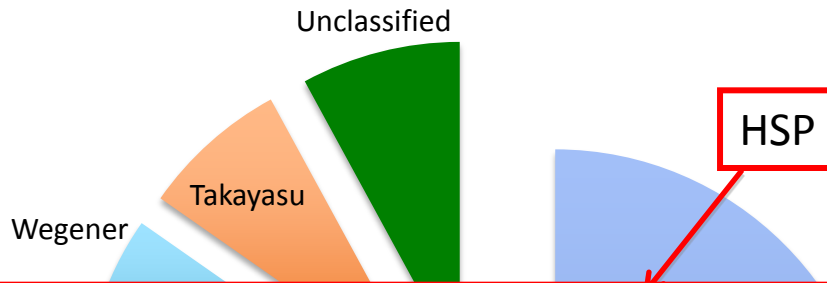
Pathophysiology

- Systemic small vessel vasculitis
- Multifactorial
- Abnormal glycosylated IgA



Most common childhood vasculitis

- Child: 3-27 cases/100,000
- Onset in Autumn-Winter



Average DGH;

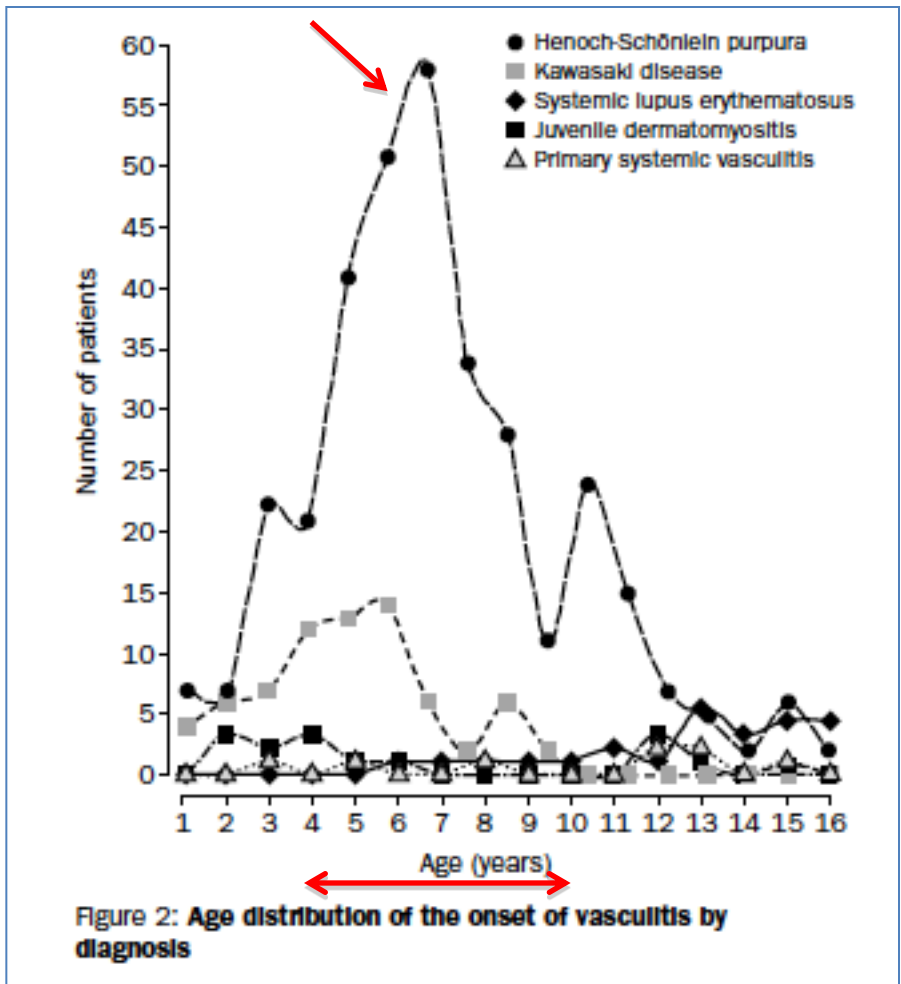
- Catchment population of 60,000 children
- $\approx$ 6-12 cases of HSP/year

Rare for GP population

- 1 case for approx. every 36 GP's

Typical patient

Males>Females
1.5>1



Presents with a rash

- Non-erosive arthritis, arthralgia
- Abdominal pain, bleeding, intussusception
- Scrotal involvement
- Renal involvement
- Rarely neurological, lung



Diagnosis & monitoring



EULAR/PreS Classification of childhood HSP

Table 1 Final EULAR/PRINTO/PRES HSP criteria (with glossary) and classification definition (sample 973)

Criterion	Glossary	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	AUC (%)
Purpura (mandatory criterion)	Purpura (commonly palpable and in crops) or petechiae, with lower limb predominance, * not related to thrombocytopenia	89	86	87.5
1. Abdominal pain	Diffuse abdominal colicky pain with acute onset assessed by history and physical examination. May include intussusception and gastrointestinal bleeding	61	64	62.2
2. Histopathology	Typically leucocytoclastic vasculitis with predominant IgA deposit or proliferative glomerulonephritis with predominant IgA deposit	93	89	91.1
3. Arthritis or arthralgias	Arthritis of acute onset defined as joint swelling or joint pain with limitation on motion Arthralgia of acute onset defined as joint pain without joint swelling or limitation on motion	78	42	59.9
4. Renal involvement	Proteinuria >0.3 g/24 h or >30 mmol/mg of urine albumin/creatinine ratio on a spot morning sample Haematuria or red blood cell casts: >5 red blood cells/high power field or red blood cells casts in the urinary sediment or ≥2+ on dipstick	33	70	51.4
HSP EULAR/PRINTO/PRES Ankara 2008 classification definition: κ 0.90 (95% CI 0.84 to 0.96)	Purpura or petechiae (mandatory) with lower limb predominance* and at least one of the four following criteria: Abdominal pain Histopathology Arthritis or arthralgia Renal involvement	100	87	93.5

*For purpura with atypical distribution a demonstration of an IgA deposit in a biopsy is required.

AUC, area under the curve; EULAR, European League Against Rheumatism; HSP, Henoch-Schönlein purpura; PRES, Paediatric Rheumatology European Society, PRINTO, Paediatric Rheumatology International Trials Organisation.

Disease prognosis

- 1/3 symptoms 2 weeks
- 1/3 symptoms 1 month
- 1/3 recurrence

2 years: 94% complete recovery

- Early morbidity – GI related
- Late morbidity – renal related
 - Hospital admission related to GI or renal disease

Renal monitoring

HSP nephritis (HSPN)

Only long term consequence, asymptomatic

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Individual Guidelines

Nottingham Children's Hospital guidelines

Guidelines for the children's renal unit at Nottingham Children's Hospital are available for general use. They can be accessed directly by clicking on the individual guideline title.

The list of current guidelines includes:

1. Abnormal GFR referral
2. Acute glomerulonephritis
3. Acute kidney injury
4. Acute peritoneal dialysis
5. Antenatally detected renal tract abnormalities
6. Anti-coagulation in chronic kidney disease
7. Chronic peritoneal dialysis
8. Fluid management in renal disorders
9. Haemodialysis access
10. Haemodialysis in CKD
11. Henoch-Schonlein purpura
12. Hyperkalaemia
13. Hypertension
14. Intravenous iron
15. Nephrotic syndrome
16. PD-associated peritonitis
17. Transplantation
18. Urinary tract infection

Renal monitoring in primary care

- Availability of BP cuffs
 - GP practices, 4 mile radius of RMCH, n=95
 - 40 (42%) had cuff suitable for a child; small adult cuff
- Confidence in interpreting BP

Self perceived confidence levels	Without normal ranges (mean, 95% CI)	With normal ranges (mean, 95% CI)	p value
Interpreting Children's BP	3.8 (3.3-4.3)	7.4 (6.9-7.9)	p<0.01*

*statistically significant

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Short report

Unmet needs in the measurement of blood pressure in primary care

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Abstract
Background Blood pressure (BP) monitoring in UK children at risk of hypertension takes place predominantly in secondary and tertiary care.
Objectives To investigate (i) the availability of paediatric BP equipment in primary care (PC) and (ii) the confidence of PC professionals in measuring and interpreting children's BP.
Methods 103 PC practices were approached to complete a questionnaire. BP equipment availability and confidence with BP measurement and interpretation were recorded (interval

Audit of attendance/compliance

Proposed consensus indications for renal biopsy in first 6 months

1. Proteinuria

- UPCR >200mg/mmol, repeat increasing trend
- >4 weeks after diagnosis
- Spot early morning urine protein:creatinine ratio

2. Nephrotic syndrome

- Low albumin, oedema, heavy proteinuria

3. Nephritic syndrome

- Hypertension, haematuria, renal impairment

4. Any of; hypertension, macroscopic haematuria only if with proteinuria

Renal histology

ISKDC grade	Pathoanatomical findings	CKD PROGRESSION
I	Minimal alterations	15%
II	Mesangial proliferation	
III A	Focal proliferation or sclerosis with <50% crescents	15%
III B	Diffuse proliferation or sclerosis with <50% crescents	
IV A	Focal proliferation or sclerosis with 50–75% crescents	37%
IV B	Diffuse proliferation or sclerosis with 50–75% crescents	
V A	Focal proliferation or sclerosis with >75% crescents	70%
V B	Diffuse proliferation or sclerosis with >75% crescents	
VI	Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis	

ISKDC=International Study of Kidney Diseases in Children.

Poor prognostic features

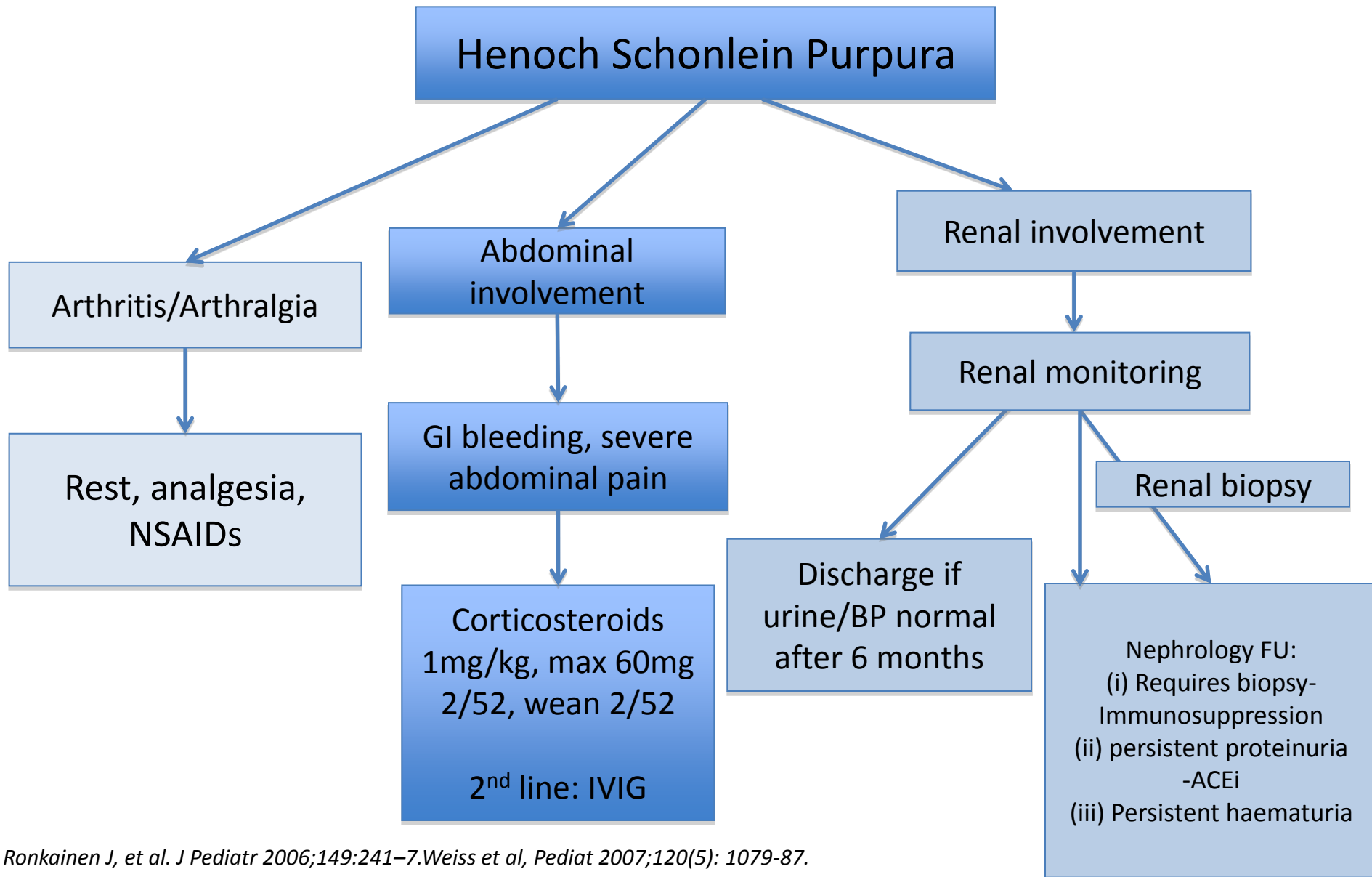
Long term study 49.3 months. End point: eGFR <60ml/min/m², >30% reduction renal function, ESRF

- >50% glomeruli containing crescents
- Endocapillary hypercellularity, tubular atrophy, interstitial fibrosis

Management & prognosis



General management



Ronkainen J, et al. *J Pediatr* 2006;149:241–7. Weiss et al, *Pediat* 2007;120(5): 1079-87.

Chartapisak et al, *Cochrane*, 2010

Treatment of HSPN

Cochrane review (2015): no difference in prevention

- 8 studies, n=746 children
- Early corticosteroids V's placebo, total n=379
- Heparin did reduce kidney disease, 1 study, n=228

Treatment of severe disease

- Cyclophosphamide V's supportive, n=56
- Cyclosporin+MP V's MP, n=15 no difference 6.3 years
- Cyclophosphamide + methylprednisolone, n=12
- Azathioprine + steroids, n=21
- MMF v AZA no difference
- Cochrane: Few RCTs, small numbers, no proven benefit

Suggested treatment:

Severe (renal failure):

- IV MP, cyclophosphamide +/- PEX

Moderate (proteinuria):

- IV MP then oral prednisolone or just prednisolone
- Plus a DMARD
 - AZA/MMF/Cyclophosphamide/Ciclosporin

Biologics and emerging treatments

Target inflammatory injury pathways

- Rituximab: HSP case reports beneficial
 - IgA1 immune complexes
- Complement inhibition: Eculizumab
 - C3 deposits with IgA
- Fostamatinib: ITP, IgA nephropathy P2 trials
 - Inhibitor of spleen tyrosine kinase (Syk), blocks IgG receptor signaling in macrophages and B cells

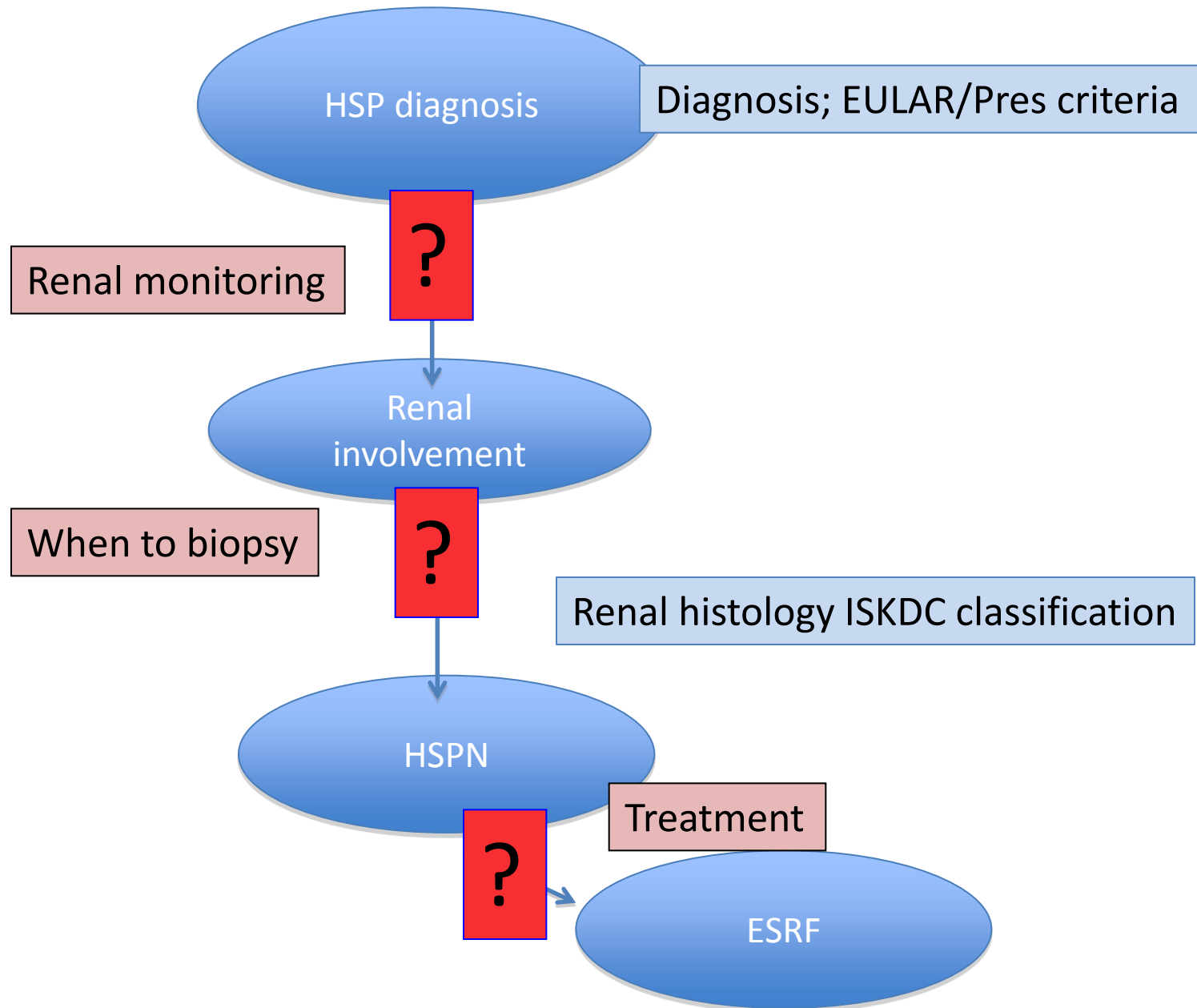
Renal prognosis

- 25–60% will have renal involvement:
 - 76% onset < 4 weeks
 - 97% onset < 3 months
- Isolated microscopic haematuria is benign.
- 82% have normal renal function after 23yr.
- 1.6-3% of all UK childhood ESRF
- Mixed nephritic and nephrotic syndrome 20% progress to ESRF
 - 44–50% develop hypertension or CKD.

The future



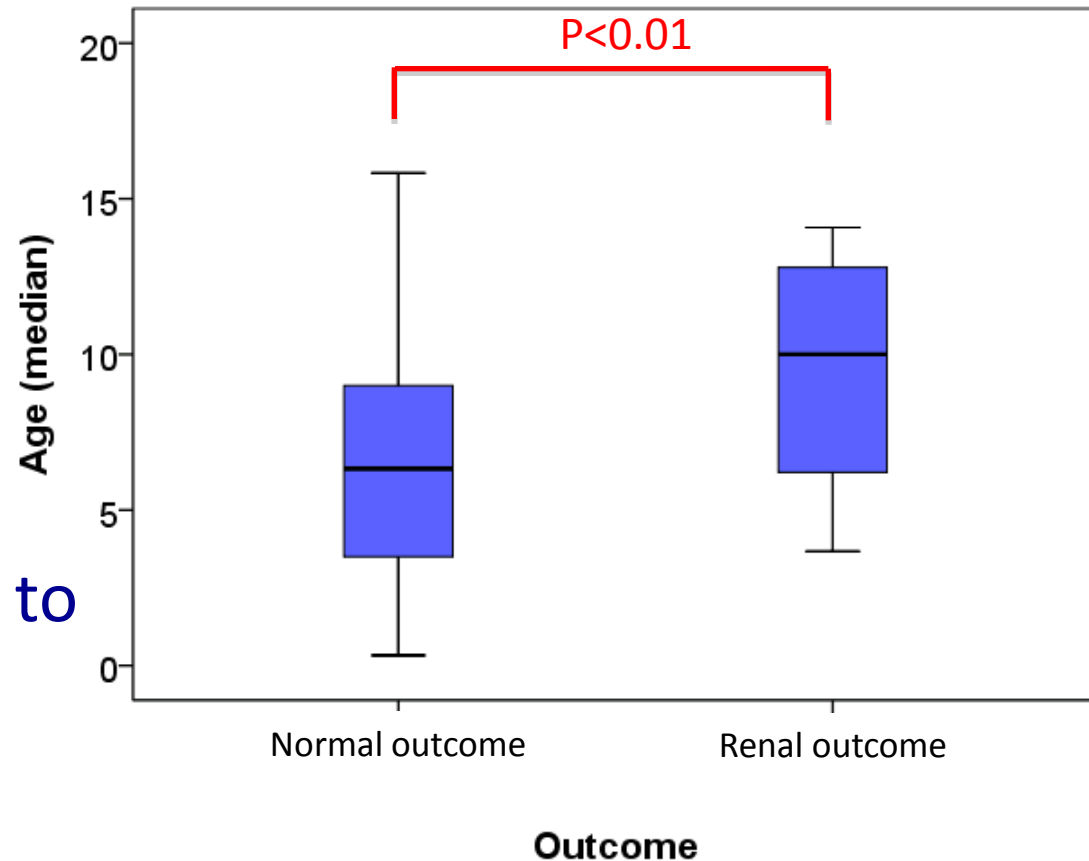
Lots of uncertainty....



Some high risk groups...

Characteristics	Number
Male sex	48%
Caucasian	90%
Age (median)	6.3 years
Cohort recruitment	5.7 years
Cohort size	104
Did not attend	2
Cohort with adequate data	102

Older children more likely to develop HSP nephritis



Challenges...

Self-limiting course

Trials difficult

Not an adult disease

One-off episode



Lack of
evidence

No animal models

Multi-systemic disease

Presents to numerous centres

No standardised management

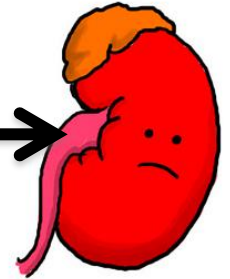
Majority excellent outcome

The future...



‘Watch and wait’

‘Predict, pre-empt and prevent’



- Stratify patients
- Better disease biomarkers
- Clinical trials: early intervention
- Listen to our patients & lead adult colleagues

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We are delighted to announce that after the huge success of the Vasculitis Patient Symposium in 2015, that we have agreed to arrange another one - which will take place on **Saturday 4th March 2017 in Manchester**, at the Mercure Piccadilly Hotel.

In 2015 the very first Vasculitis Patient Symposium was held at the London Business Design Centre. The Patient Symposium was held the day prior to the Vasculitis International Conference.

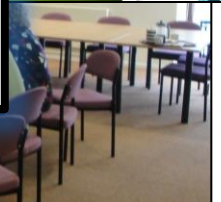
In March 2017 Innov8 Conference Services along with Vasculitis UK will be holding the second National Vasculitis Patient Symposium

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the future



Summary

- HSP common childhood vasculitis
 - Rare for primary care
- Majority self limiting disease, excellent outcome
- Monitoring for HSPN is essential
- Renal biopsy: proteinuria, nephrotic/nephritic
- Histology guides immunosuppression
- Future...can only improve!

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