

# Analysis of the NefigArd Part A study population confirms Nefecon suppresses circulating levels of BAFF, APRIL, and soluble BCMA in IgA nephropathy

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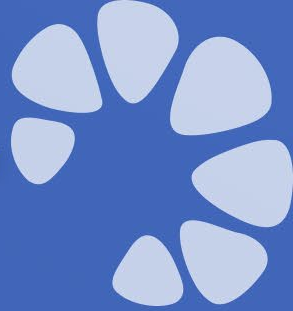
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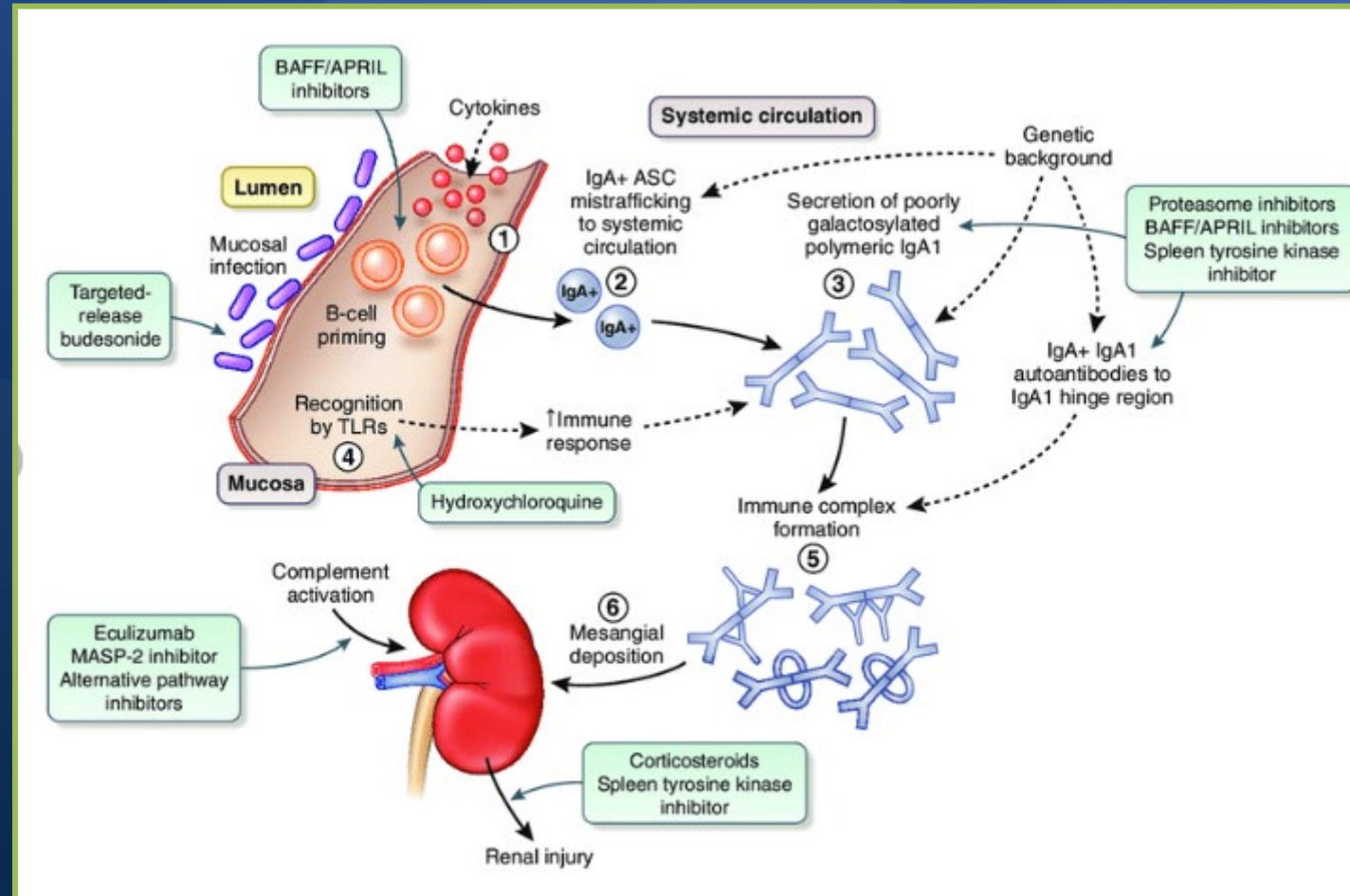
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# Background

## Pathogenesis of IgA nephropathy



APRIL, a proliferation-inducing ligand; ASC, antibody-secreting cells; BAFF, B-cell activating factor; IgA, immunoglobulin A; MASP-2, mannan-binding lectin-associated serine protease-2; TLR, toll-like receptor.

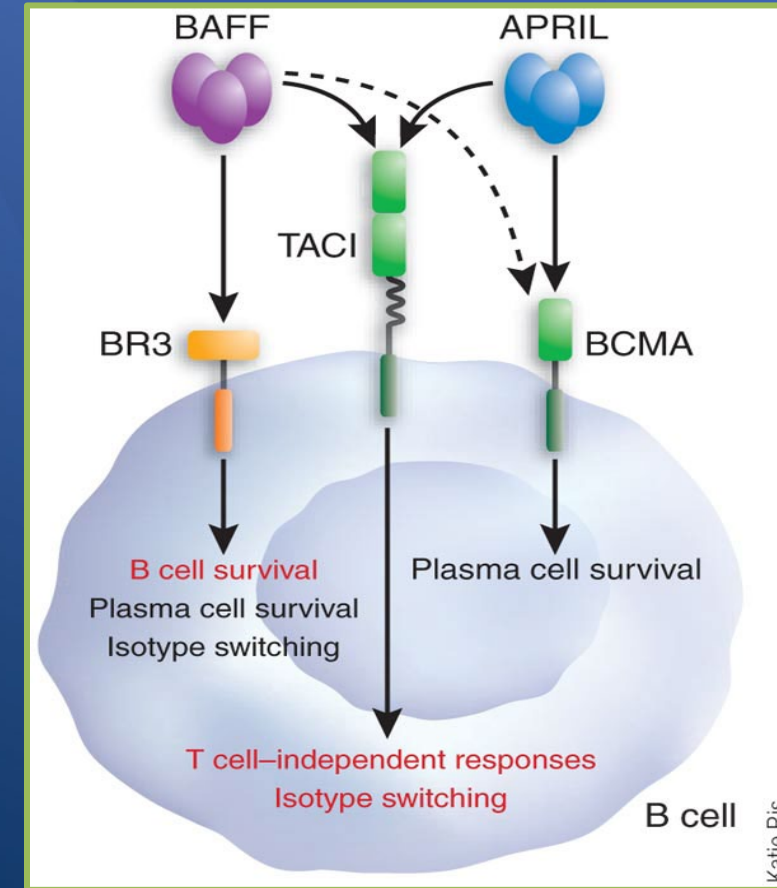
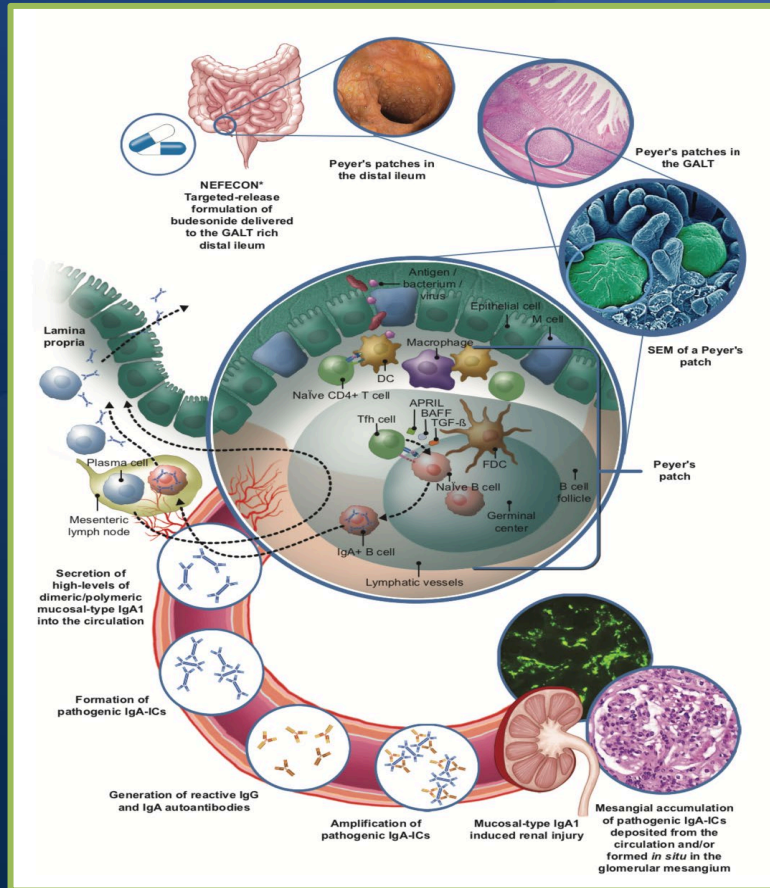
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The Peyer's patch and mucosal IgA synthesis

Control of B cells/T cells in the Peyer's patches

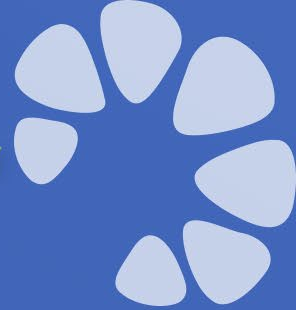


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APRIL, a proliferation-inducing ligand; BAFF, B-cell activating factor; BCMA, B-cell maturation antigen; BR3, B lymphocyte stimulator receptor 3; CD, cluster of differentiation; DC, dendritic cells; FDC, follicular dendritic cells; GALT, gut-associated lymphoid tissue; IgA, immunoglobulin A; IgG, immunoglobulin G; IgA-IC, immunoglobulin A immune complex; SEM, scanning electron micrograph; TACI, transmembrane activator and calcium modulating ligand interactor; TGF- $\beta$ ; transforming growth factor beta; Tfh, T follicular helper cell.

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**Serum BAFF is elevated in patients with IgA nephropathy and associated with clinical and histopathological features**

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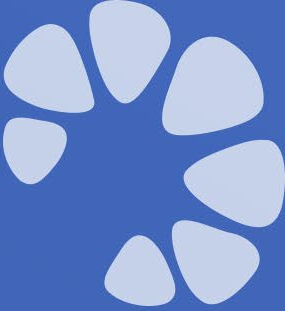
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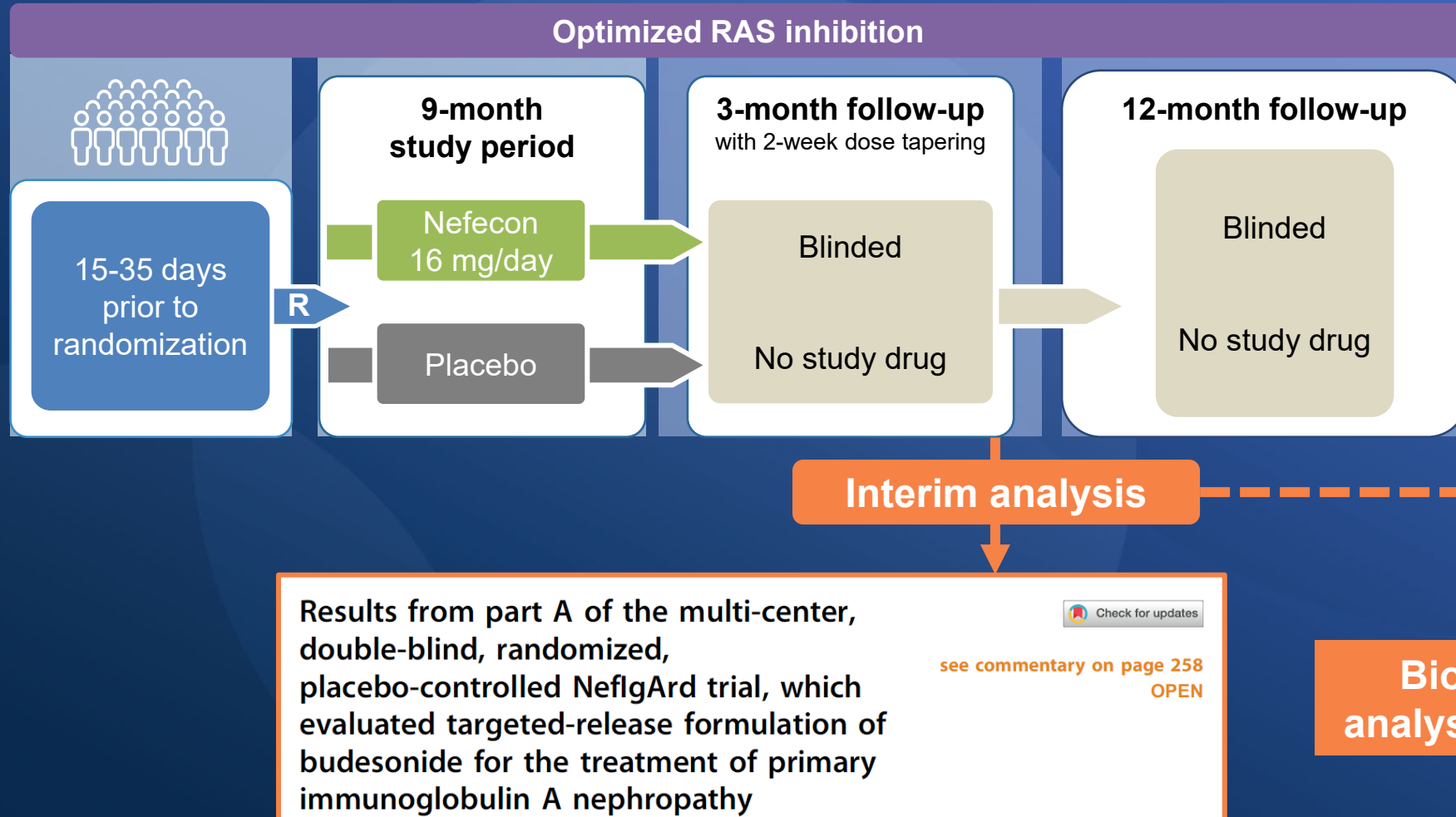
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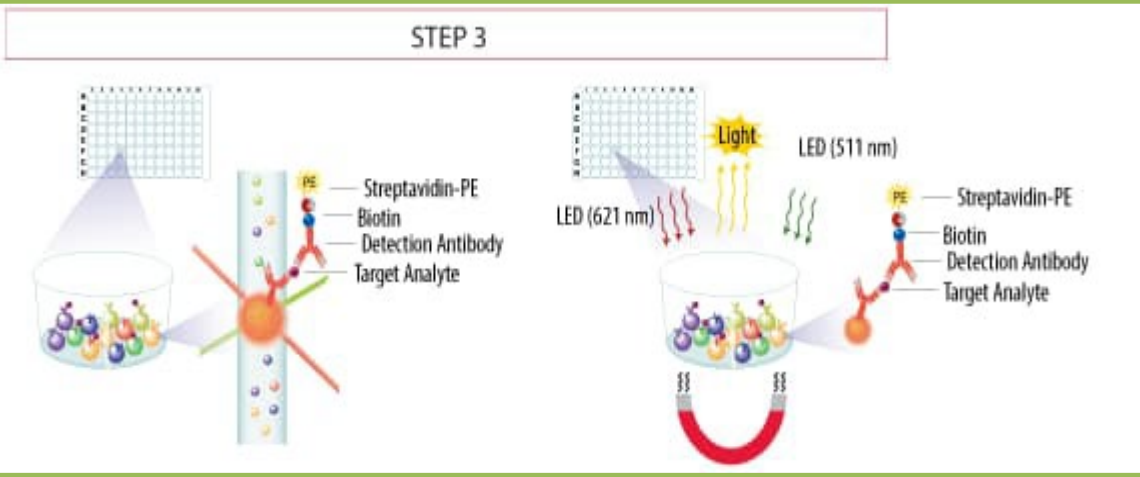
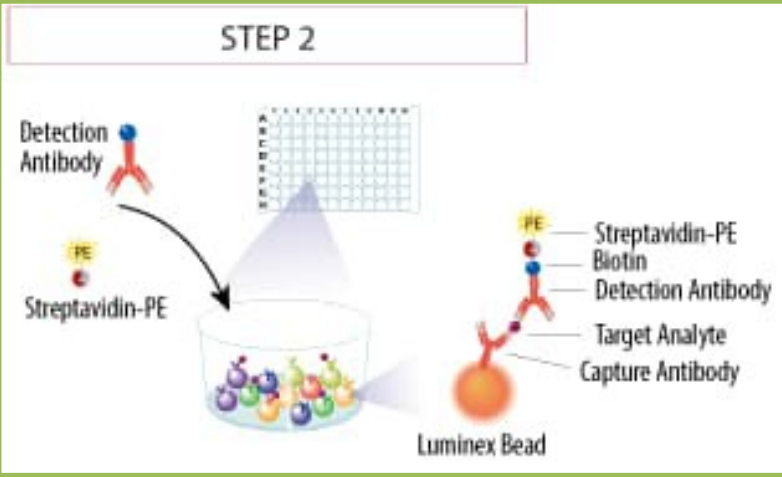
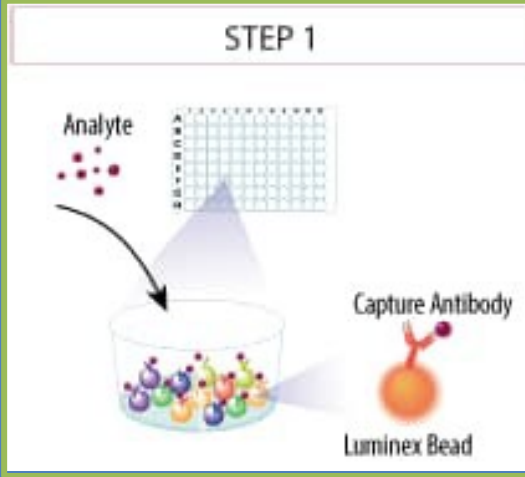
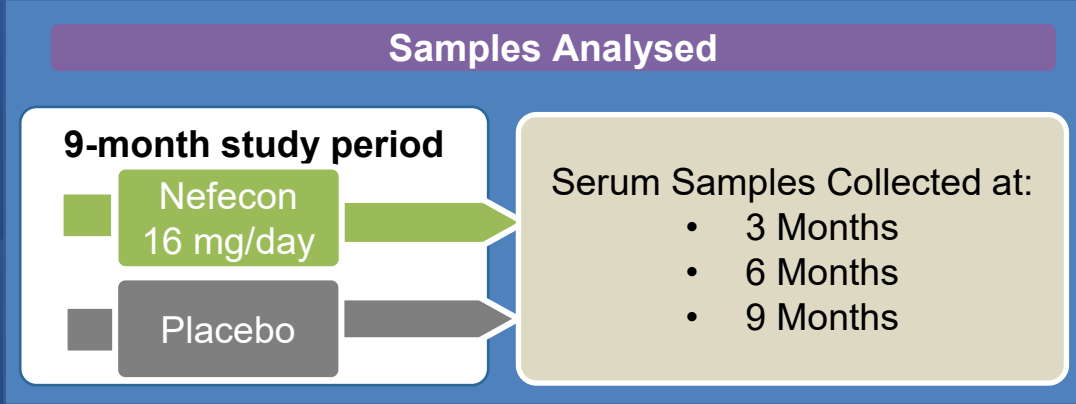
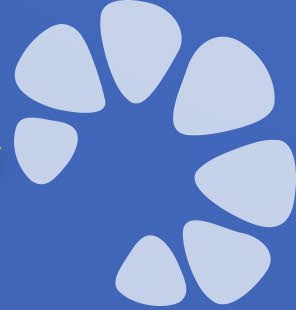
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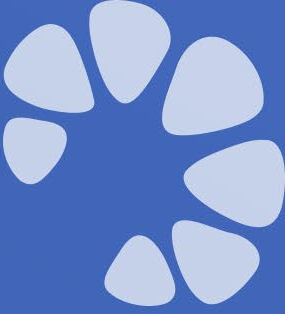


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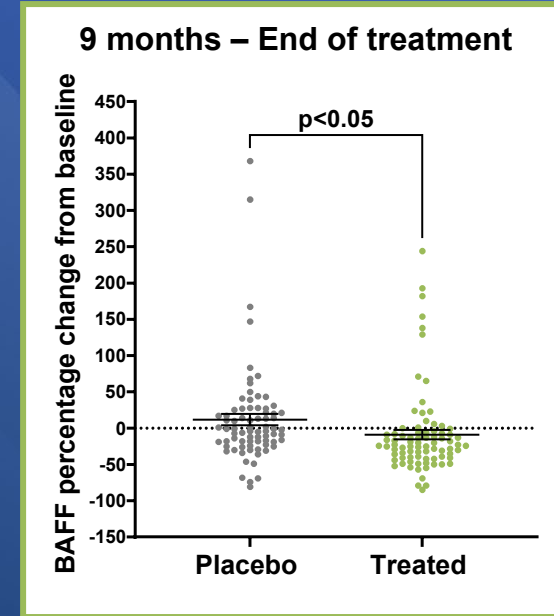
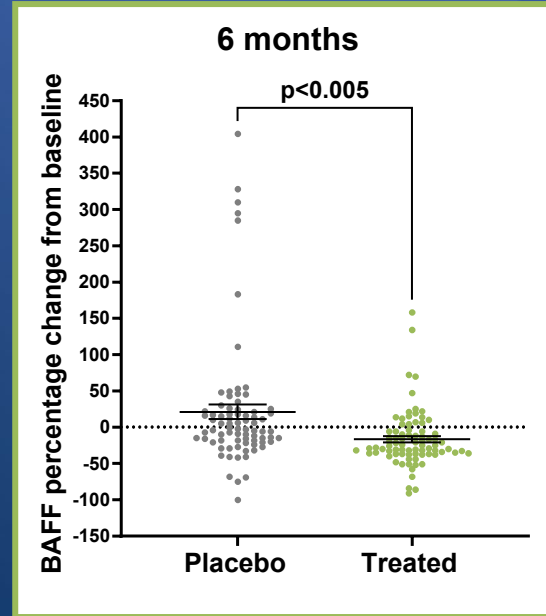
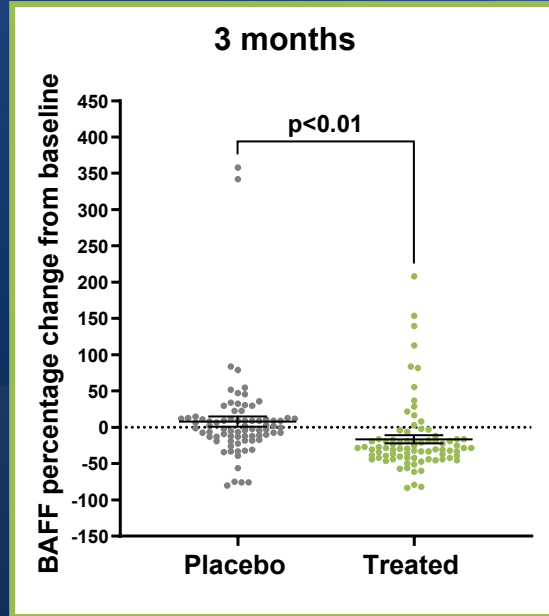


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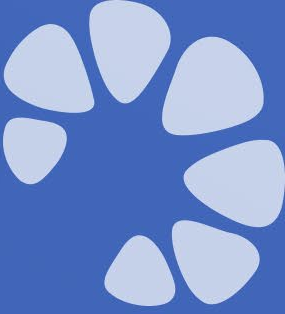


# Nefecon supresses BAFF levels

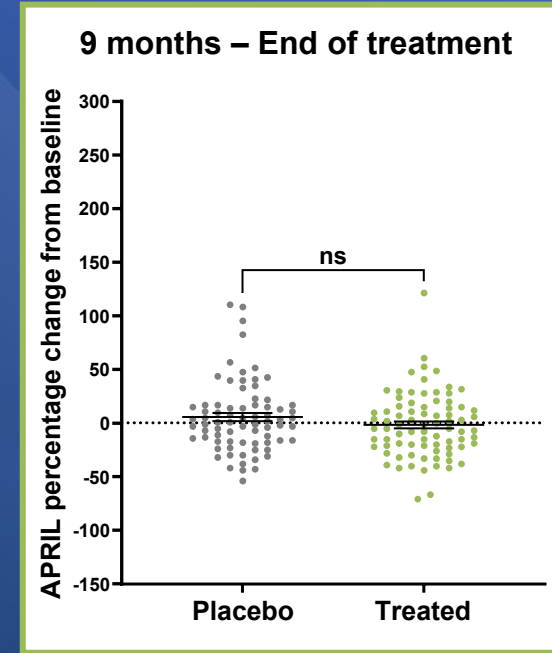
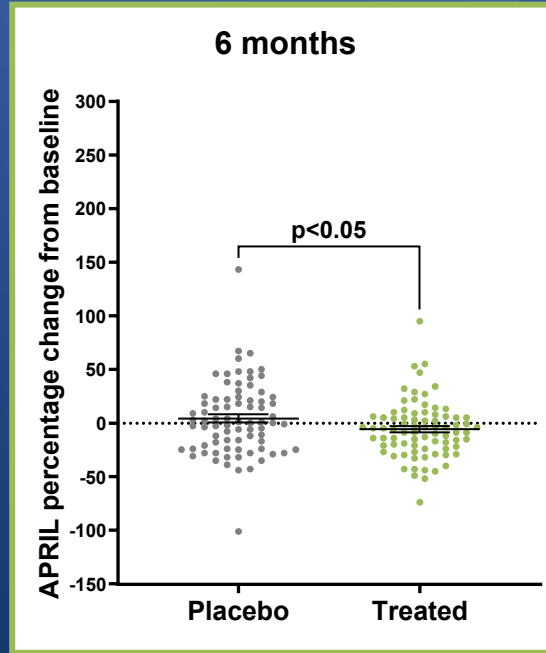
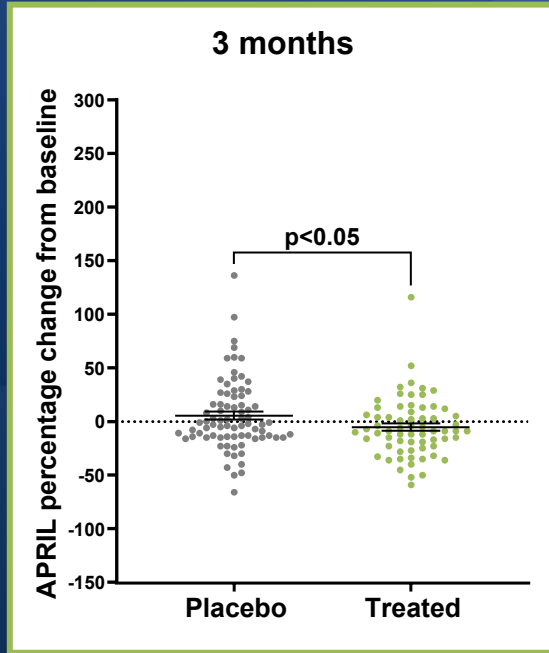


Reduction in levels of BAFF

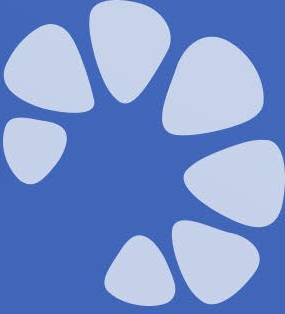




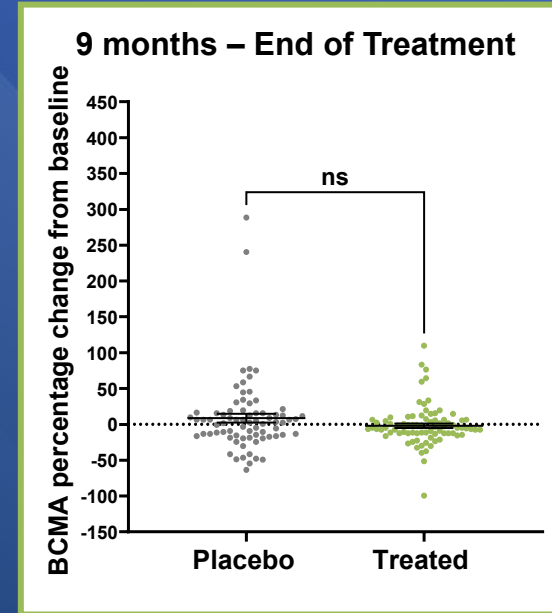
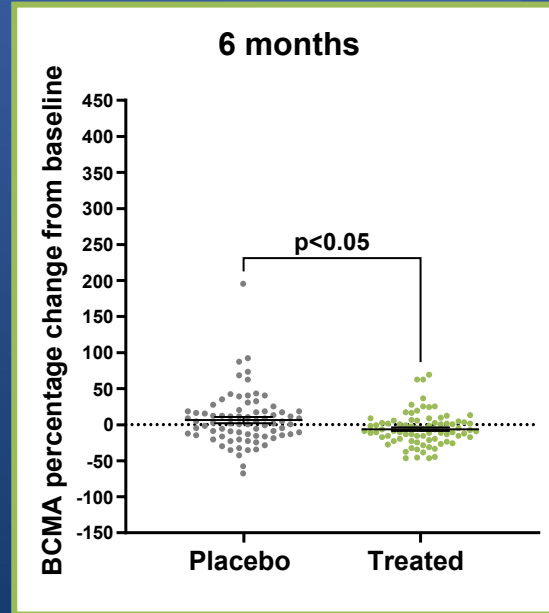
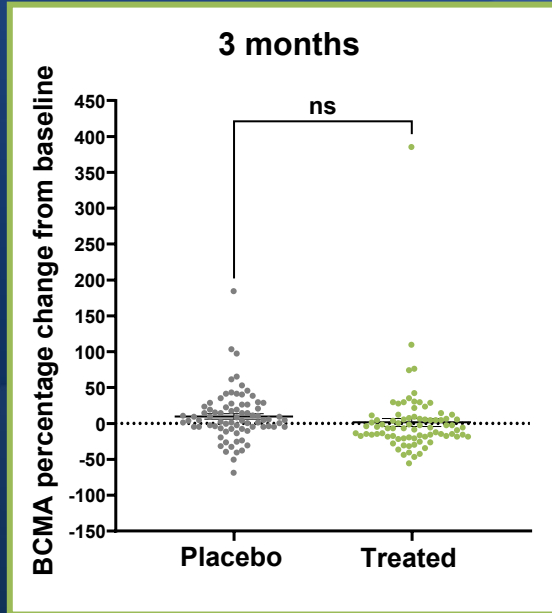
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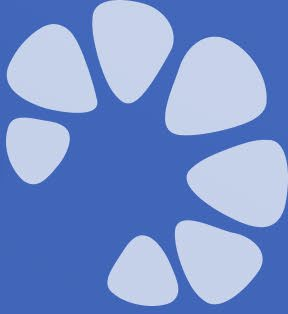
Reduction in levels of APRIL



# Nefecon supresses BCMA levels



Reduction in levels of soluble BCMA

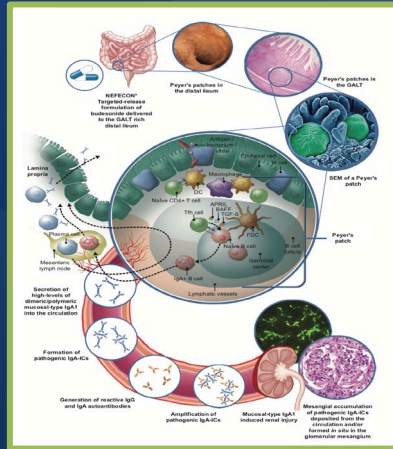


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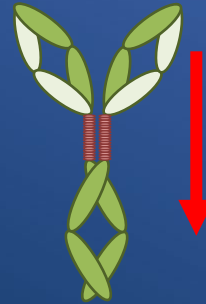
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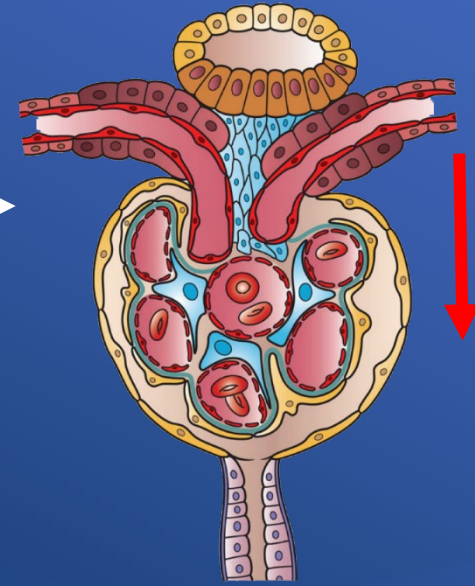
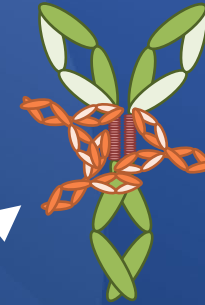


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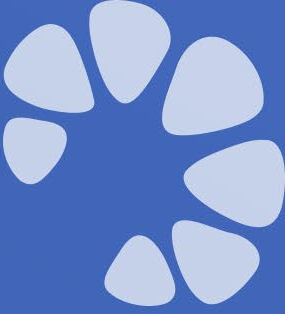
Anti-glycan antibodies

Immune complex formation



Renal injury

\*Galactose-deficient IgA1 data were presented at ASN 2022. ASN, American Society of Nephrology; IgA1, immunoglobulin A type 1.



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