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Treatment of Refractory Glomerular Diseases: Challenges and Solutions

Message from the Guest Editor

Glomerular diseases other than diabetic nephropathy account for approximately 25% of chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients worldwide. Given the long duration of glomerular disease and the complications and prognosis associated with underlying disease and treatment, it is critical to optimize management to control and prevent progressive kidney disease. Recently, the KDIGO 2021 clinical practice guidelines for the management of glomerular disease were published and are expected to improve the prognosis and complications of glomerular disease. However, the treatment of glomerular disease still primarily consists of corticosteroids with or without several immunosuppressants, and there are only a few established treatments for the molecules involved in onset and progression, such as biological agents.

This issue focuses on primary glomerular diseases (idiopathic nephrotic syndrome, membranous nephropathy, IgA nephropathy, etc.), secondary glomerular diseases other than diabetic nephropathy (IgA vasculitis, lupus nephritis, ANCA-associated vasculitis, etc.) and hereditary glomerular disorders (Alport syndrome, Fabry disease, etc.).

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