

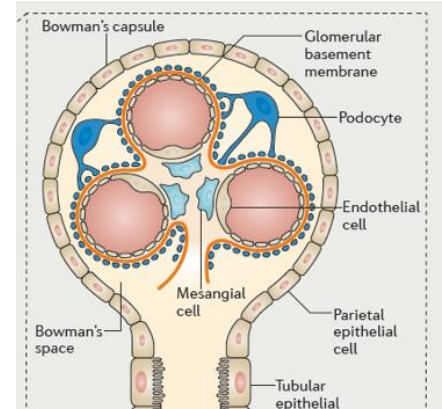
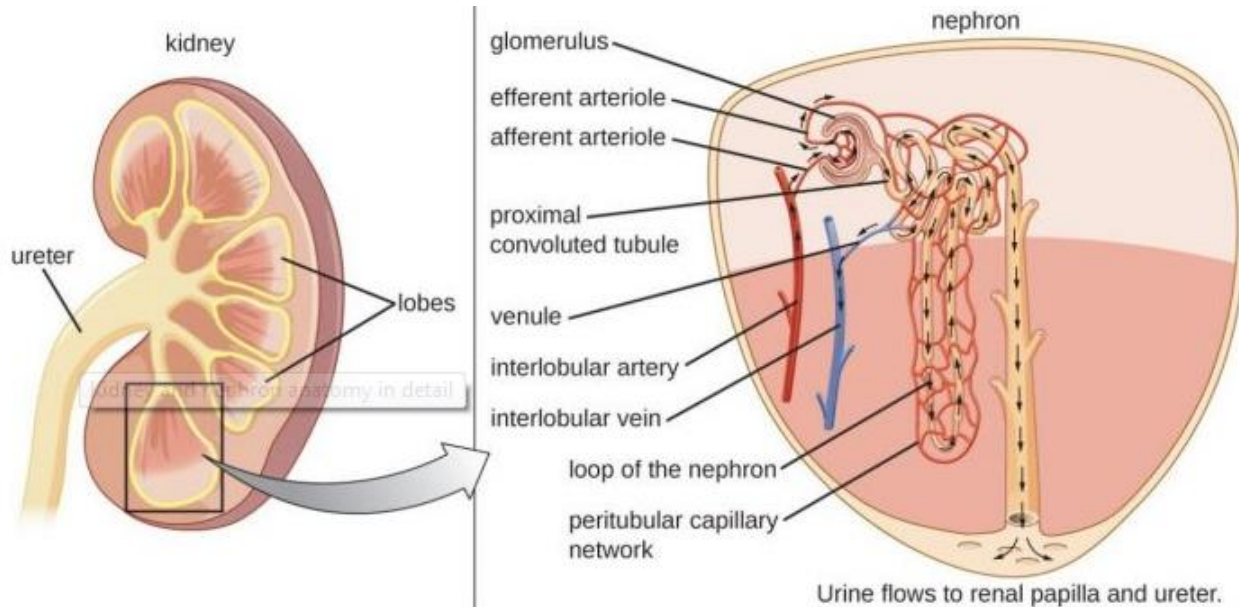
Atypisch hemolytisch uremisch syndroom aHUS

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Hemolytisch uremisch syndroom

- Versnelde afbraak van rode bloedcellen = hemolyse
- Tekort aan bloedplaatjes in bloed
- Slechte nierfunctie – acuut nierfalen = uremie
- Stolsels / kleine bloedpropjes in de bloedvaatjes van de nier = thrombotische micro-angiopathie (TMA)

Nier – Zuiverings-eenheid - glomerulus





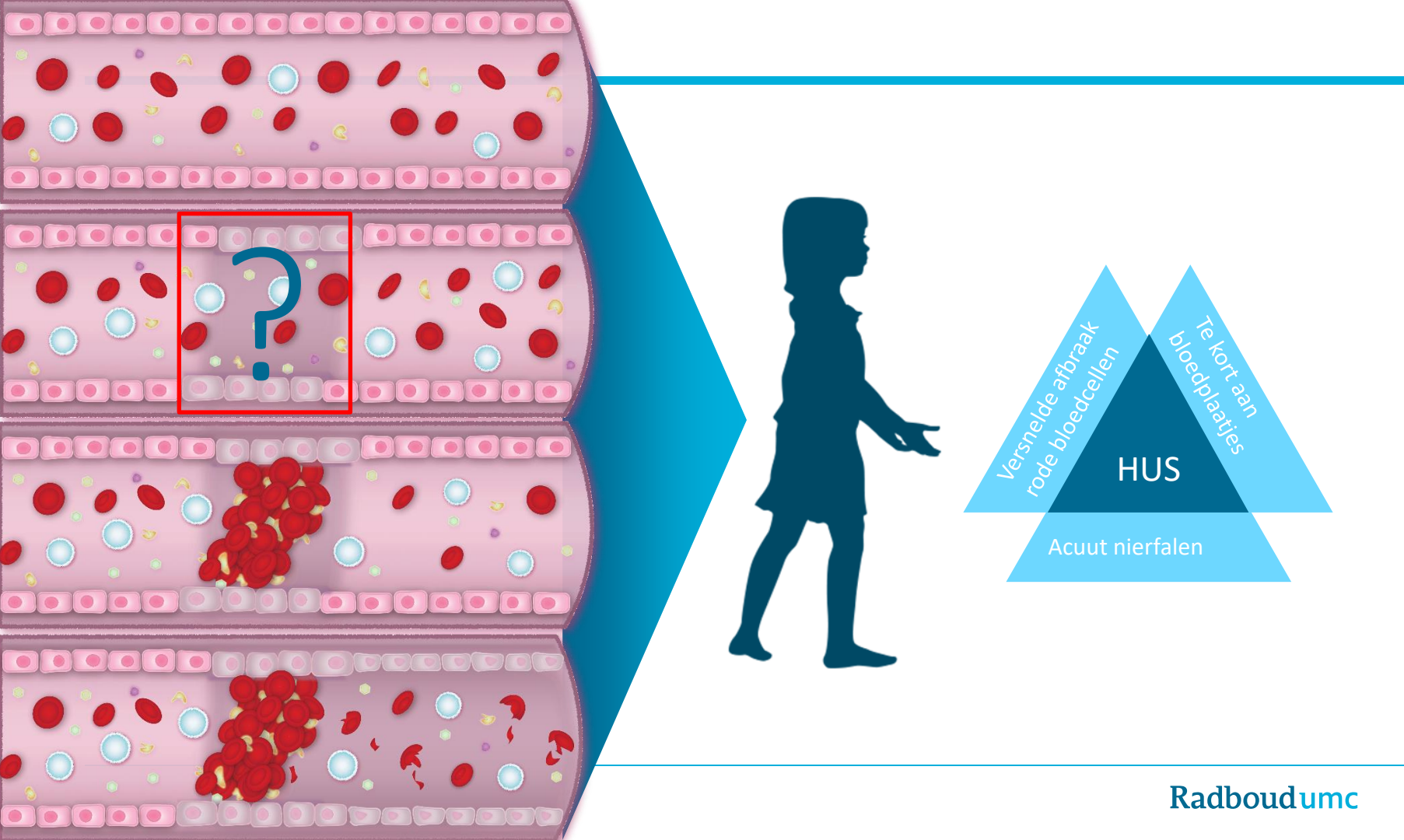


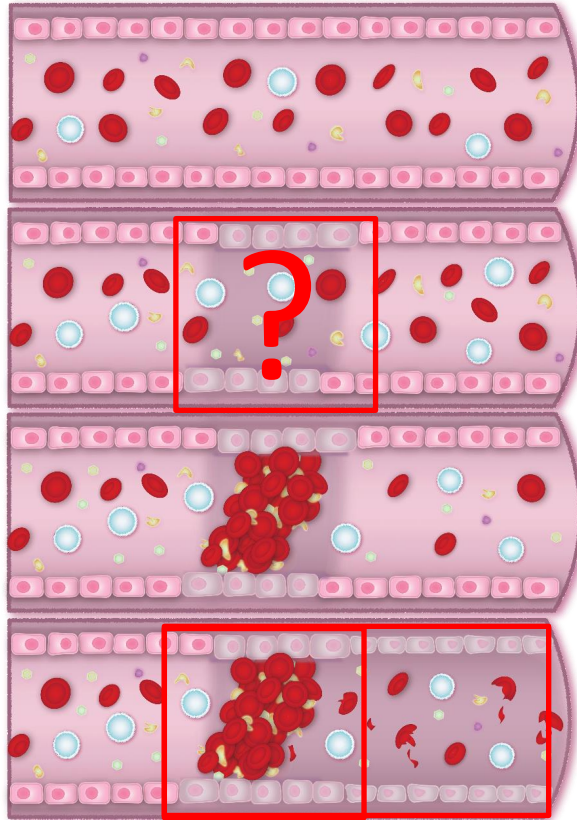
aHUS – 5-8 nieuwe patiënten per jaar

A large crowd of white 3D human figures, seen from behind, filling the frame. In the center, a single red 3D human figure stands out, facing away from the viewer and slightly towards the background. The figures are arranged in a grid-like pattern, receding into the distance.

aHUS – 5-8 nieuwe patiënten per jaar

Diabetes mellitus – 50.000 nieuwe patiënten per jaar





Hemoglobine ↓
 Thrombocyten ↓
 LDH ↑
 Haptoglobin ↓
 Schistocytes ↑

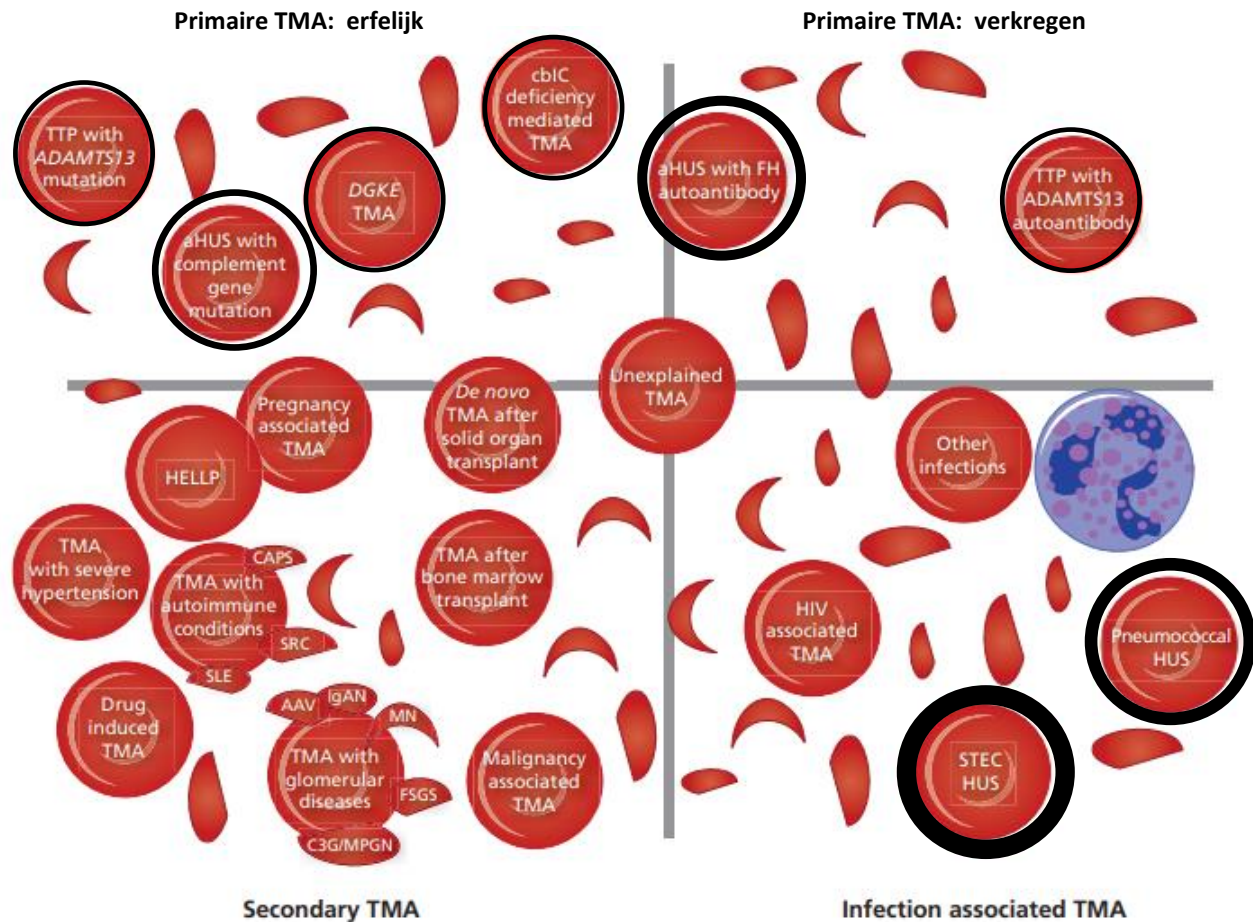
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Anemie
Thrombocytopenie**

Thrombotische Microangiopathie

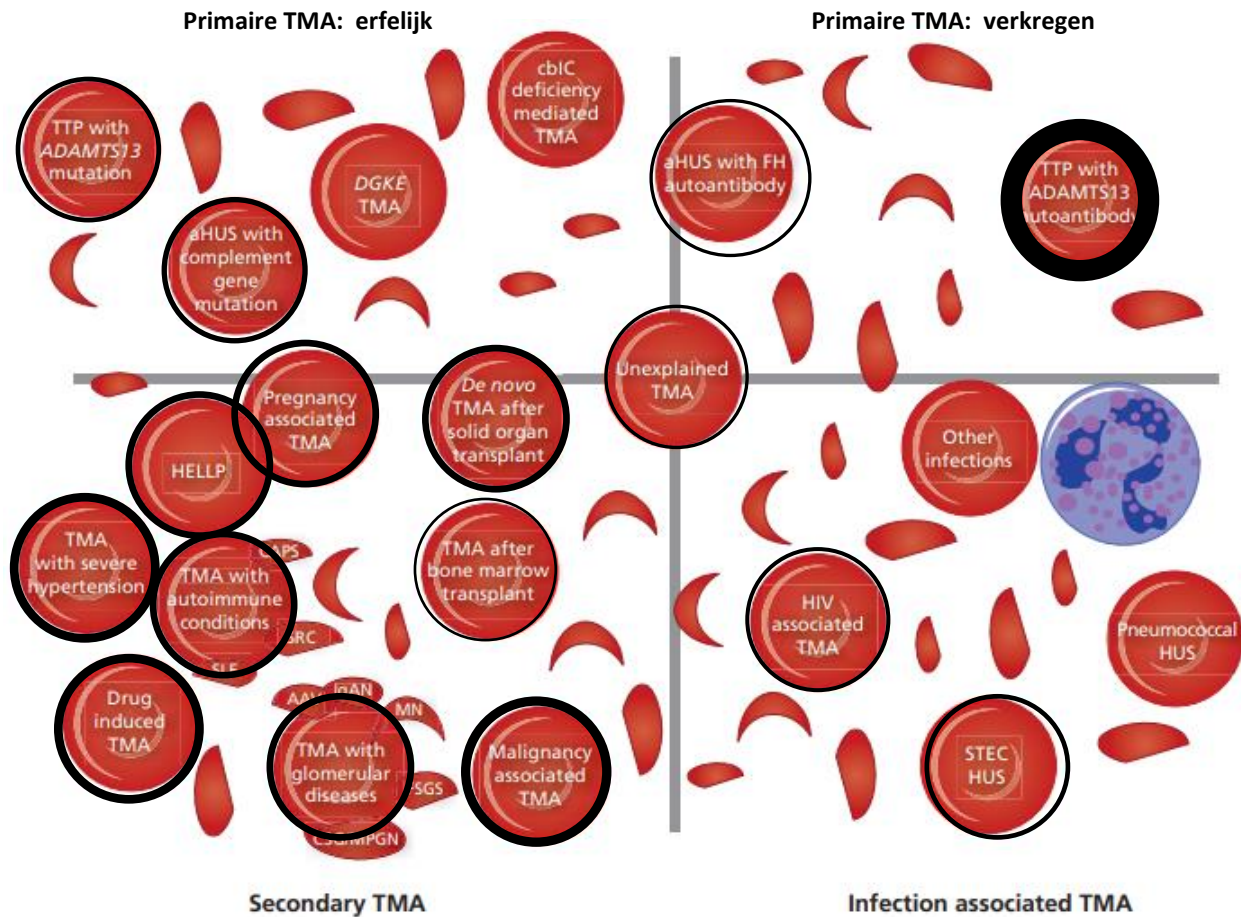
Kreatinine ↑
 Ureum ↑

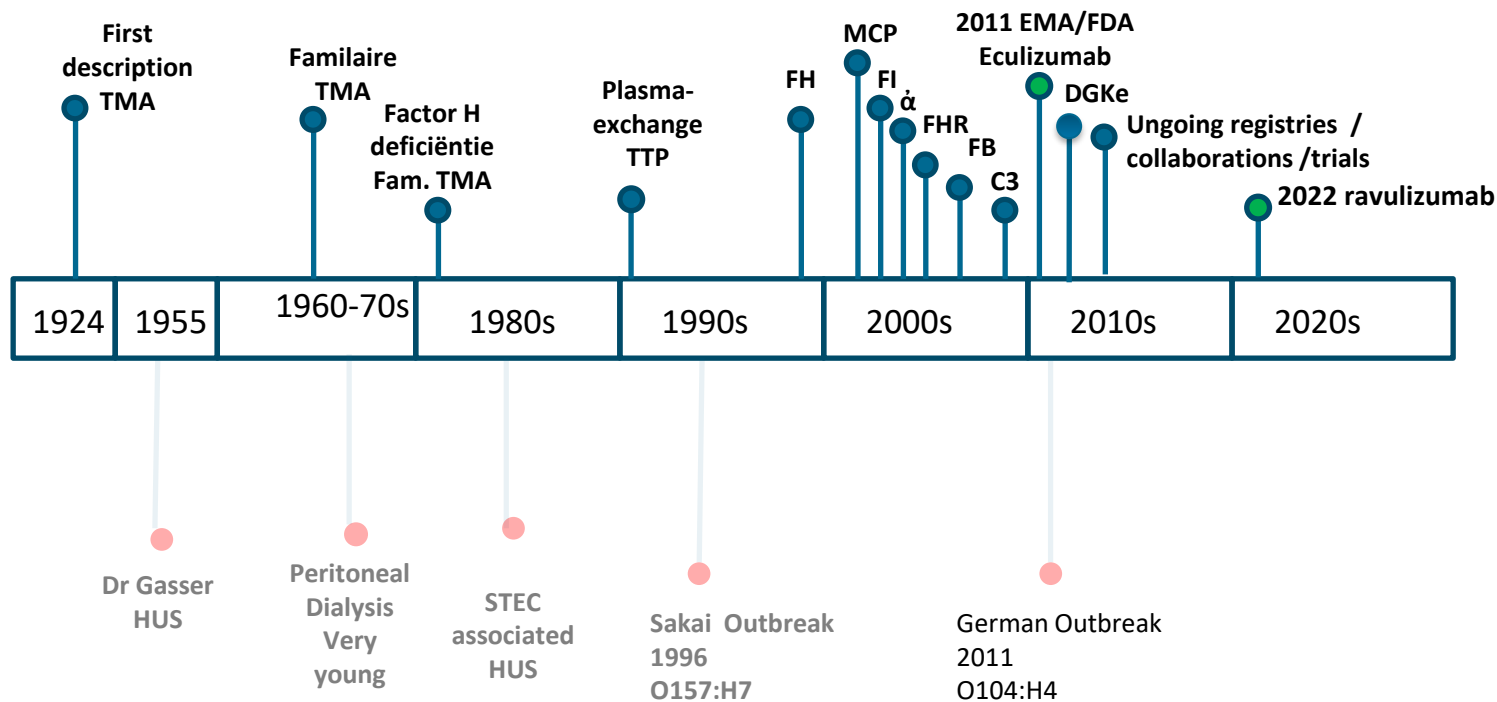
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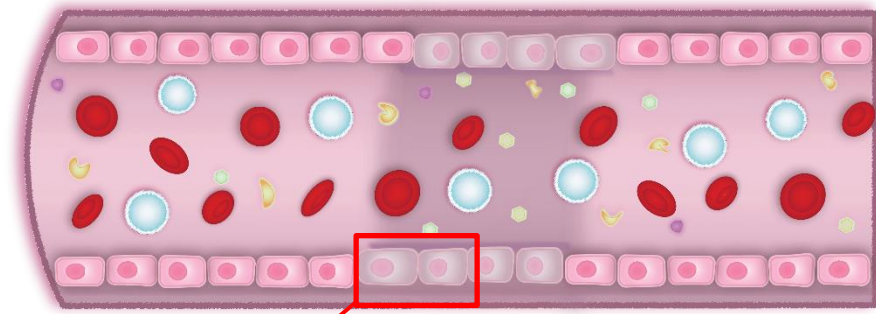
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Children





Atypische HUS (aHUS)





aHUS



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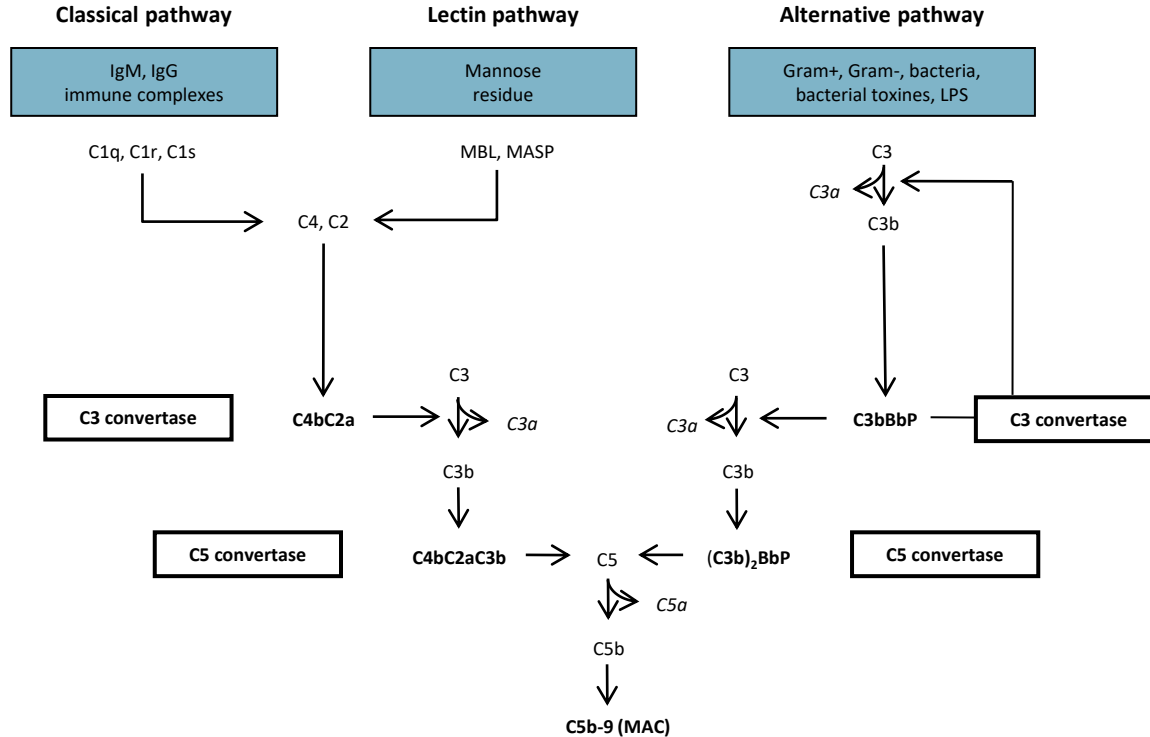


- **Complement gemedieerde atypisch hemolytisch uremisch syndroom (CaHUS)**

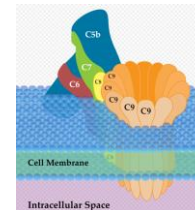
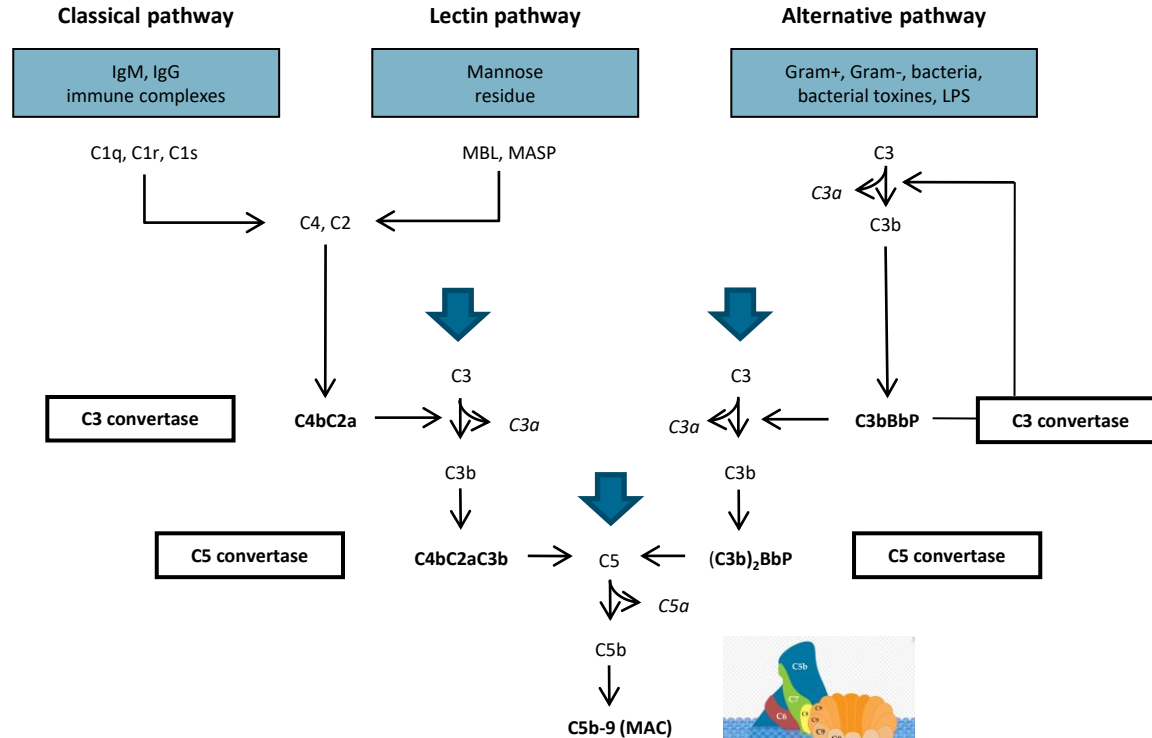
Het complement systeem

- Onderdeel van het menselijke afweer systeem
- In de evolutie al zeer lang aanwezig en bij vele diersoorten , evenals de mens
- Groep van eiwitten (30-40) die elkaar in een kettingreactie in gang zetten om uiteindelijk een bacterie / virus onschadelijk te maken of oude cellen /materiaal op te ruimen
- 3 routes van kettingreacties mogelijk

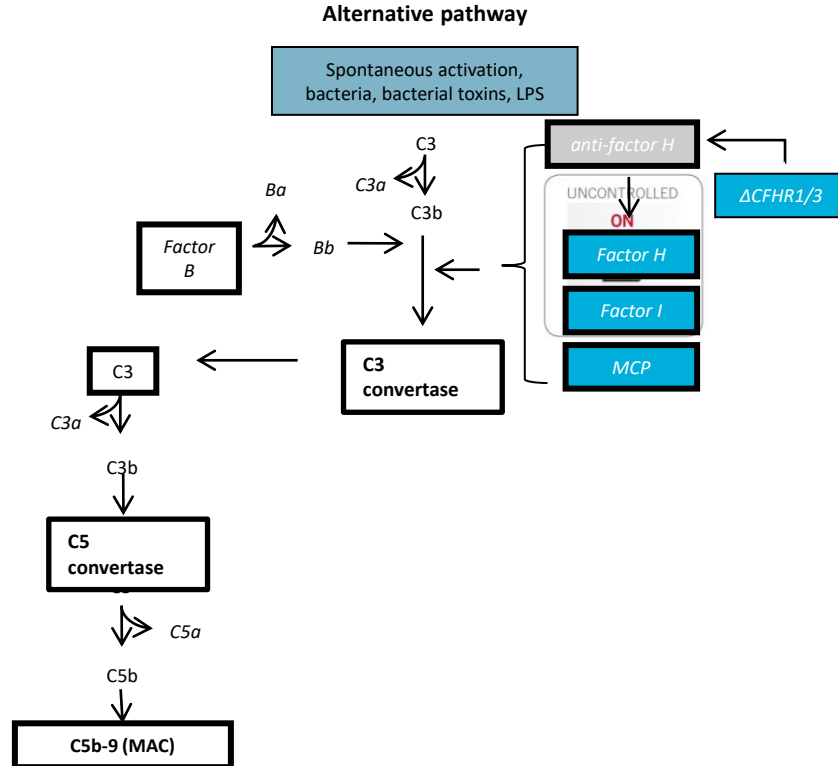
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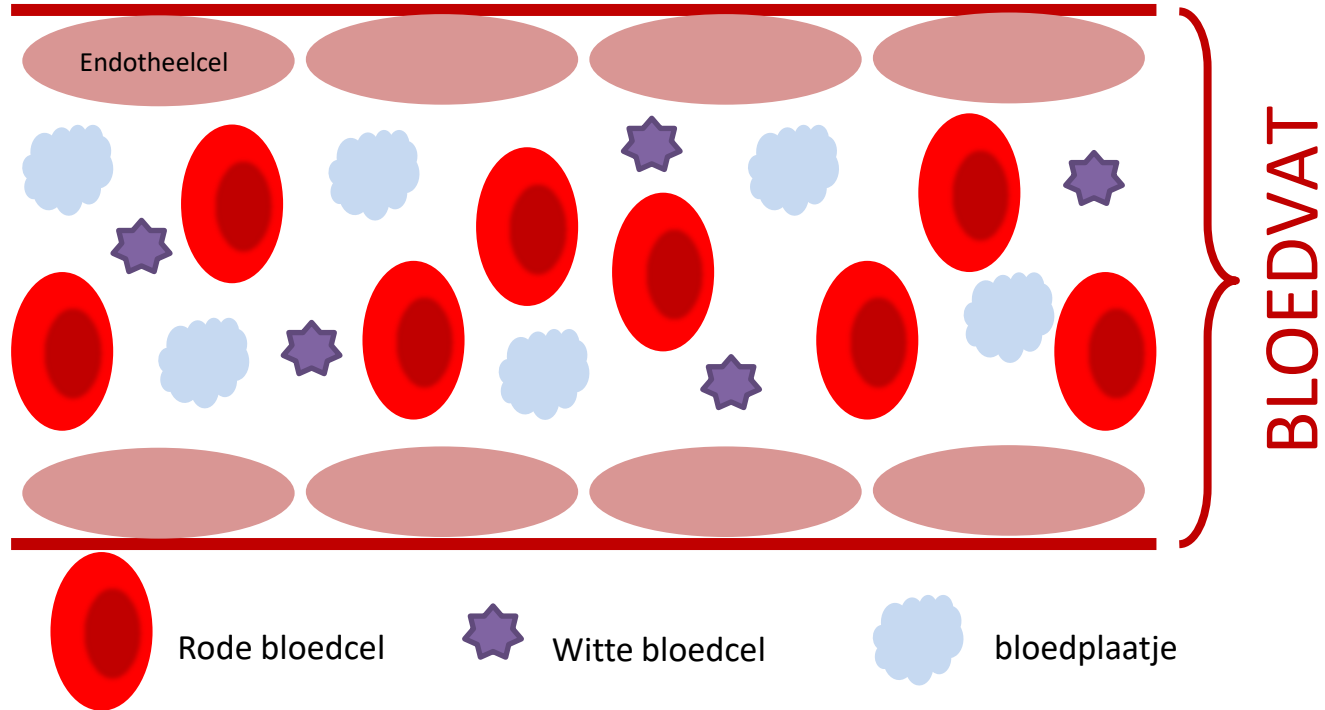


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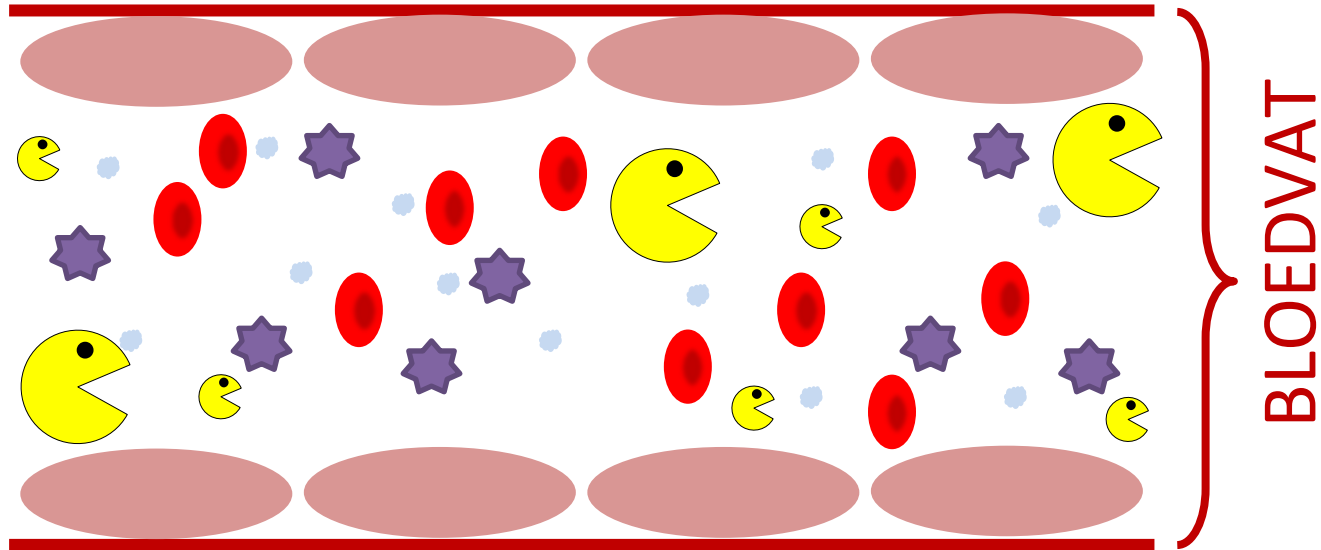


Regulators van de 3e route

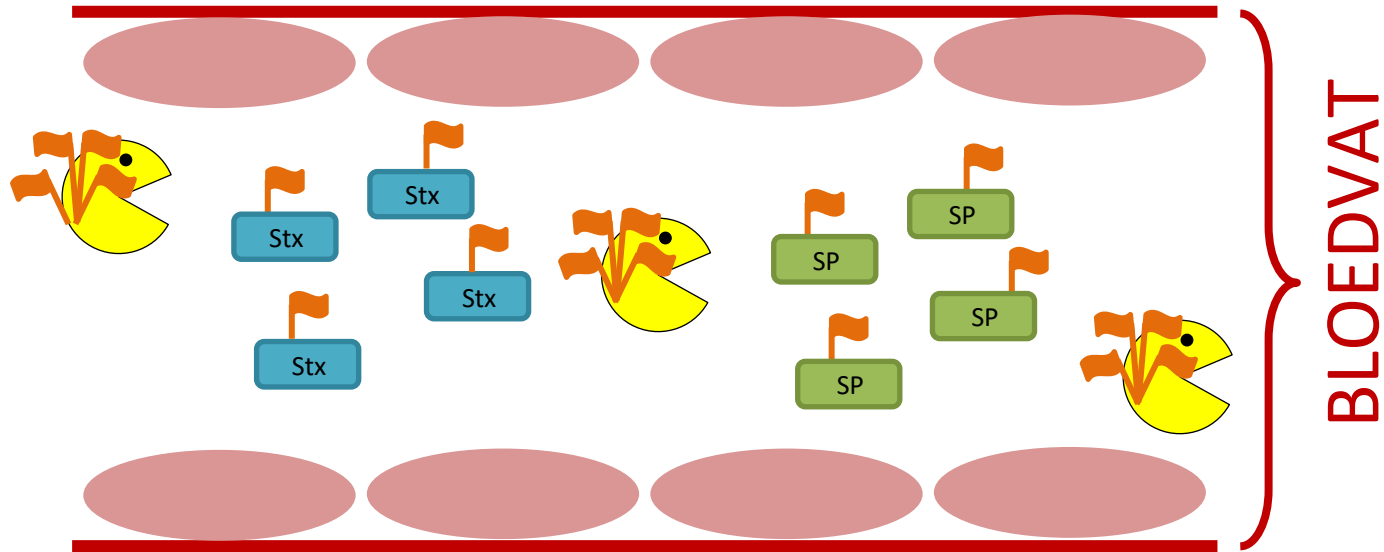




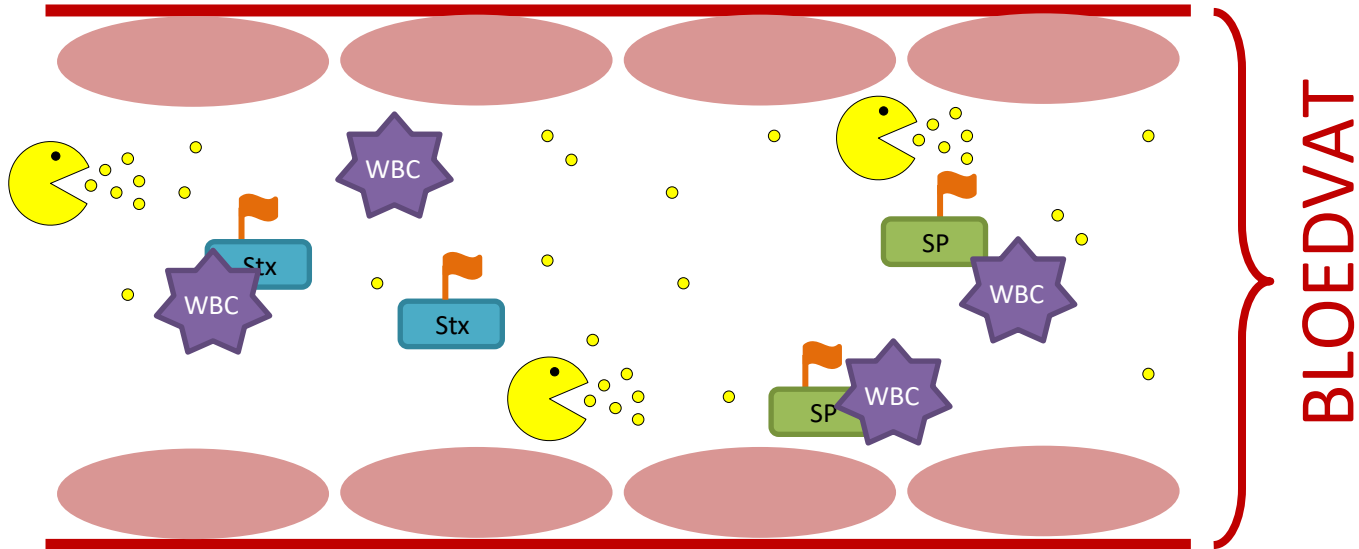
Complementsysteem



Complementsysteem en indringers

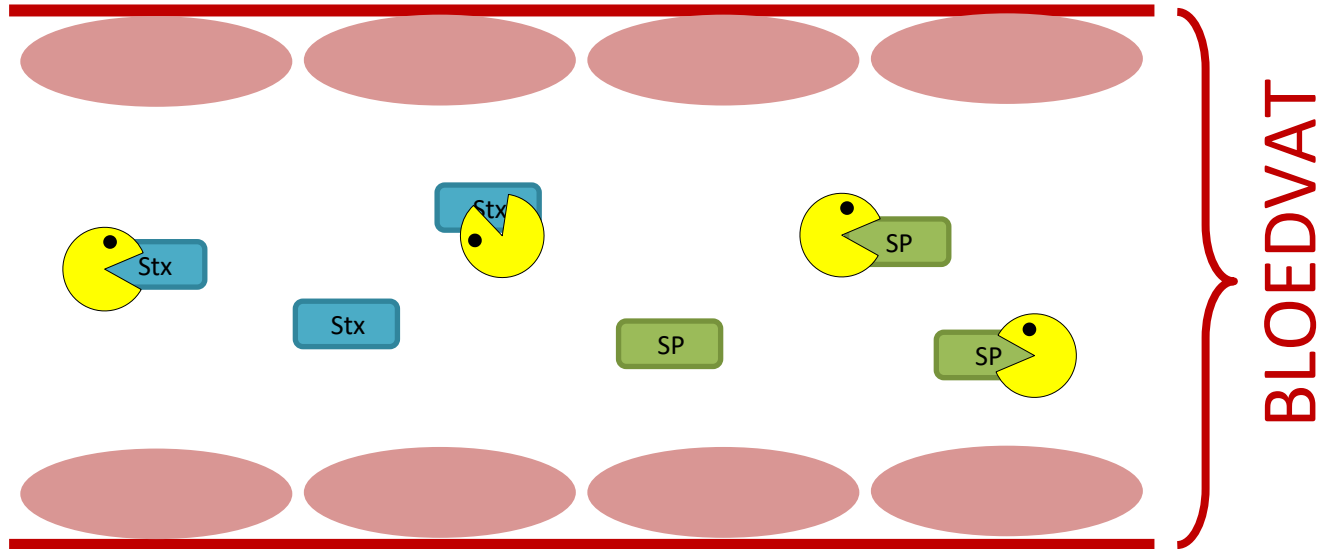


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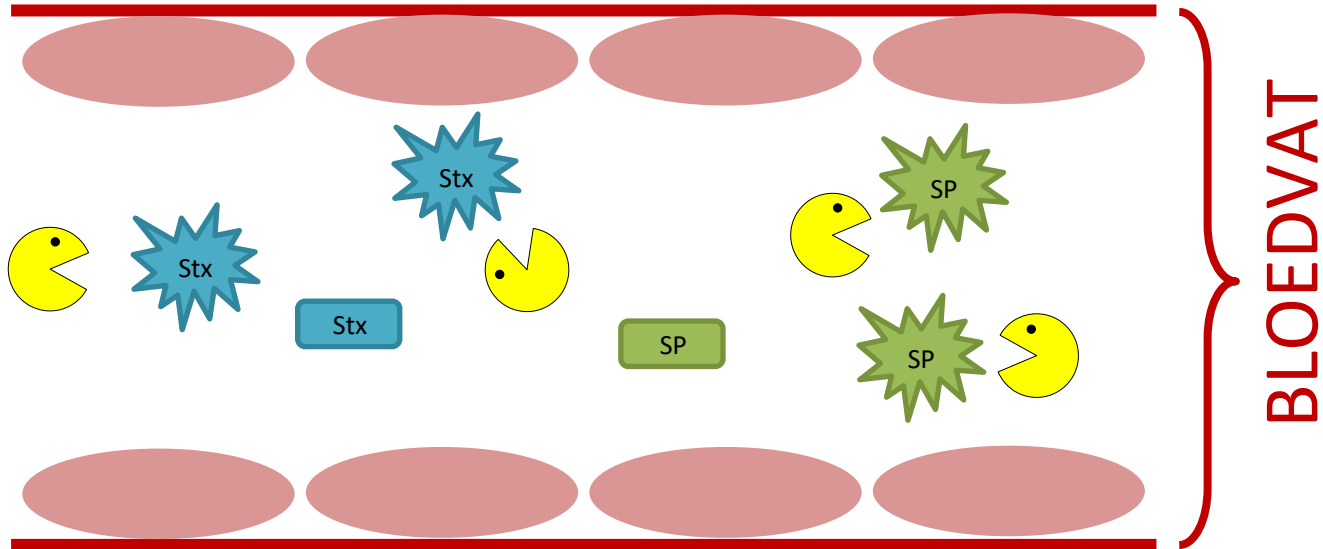


- Aantrekken van witte bloedlichaampjes om indringers op te ruimen.

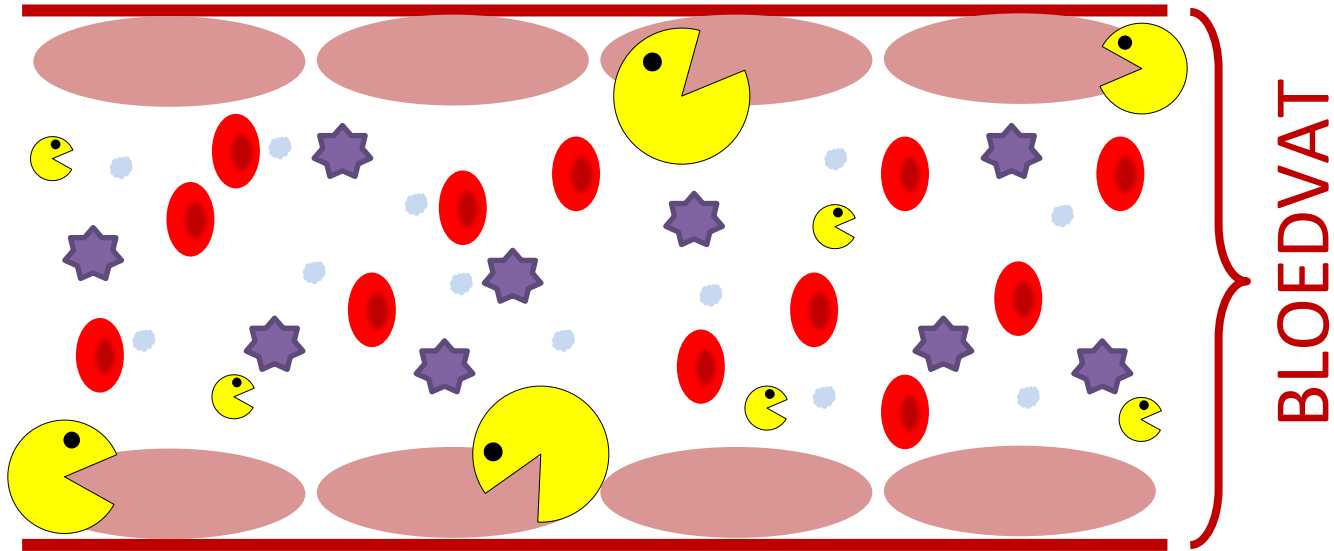
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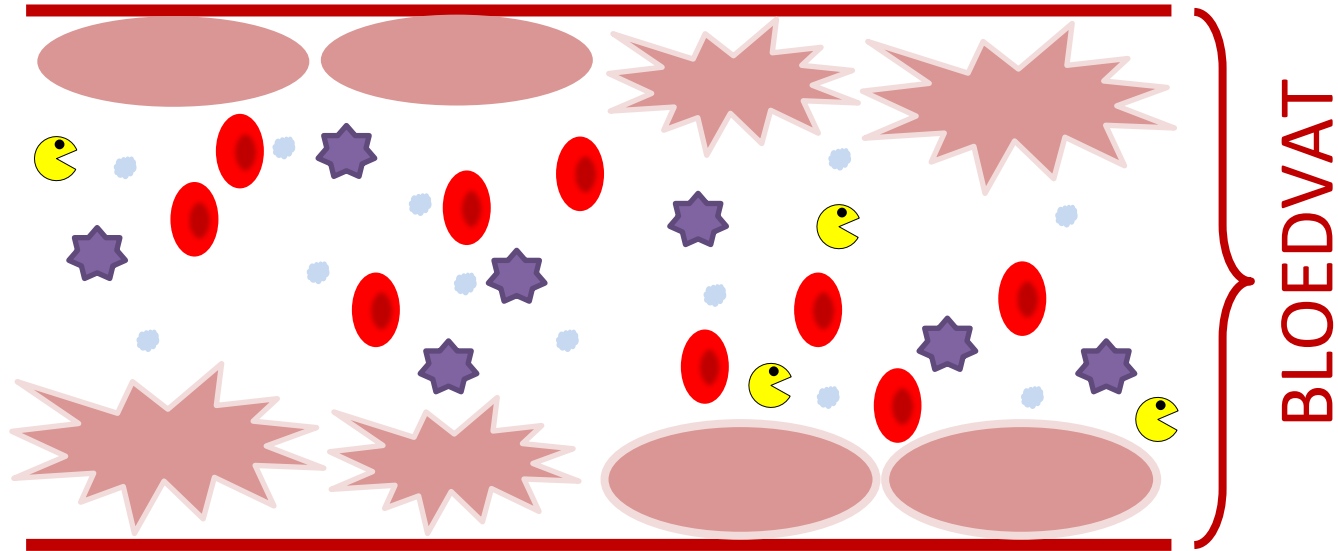
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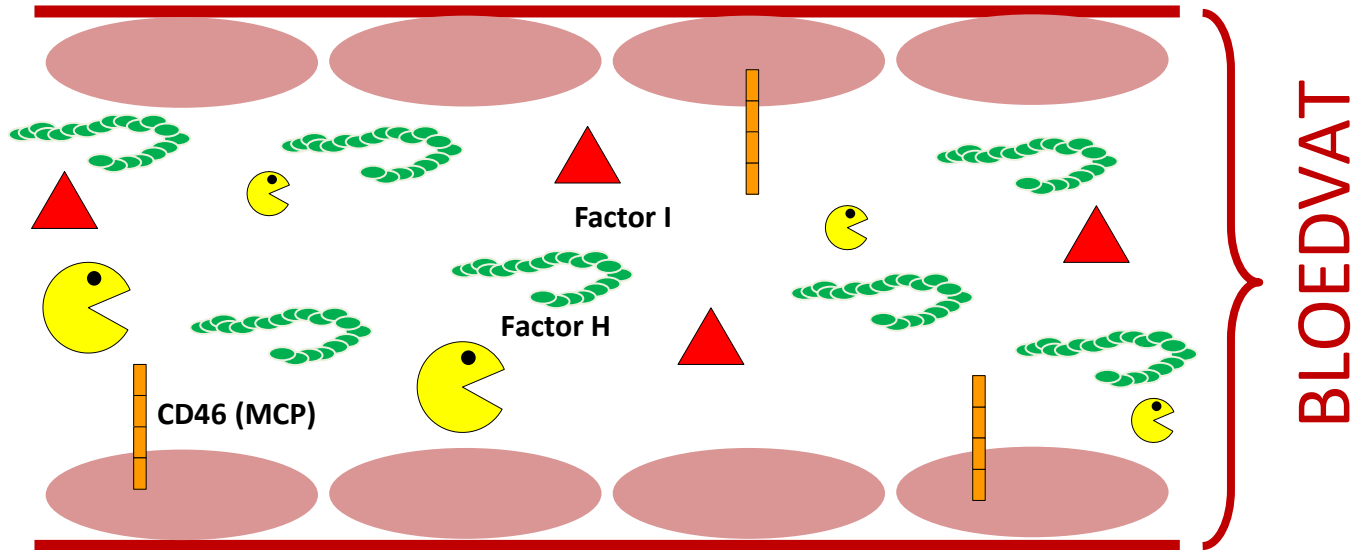
Complementsysteem en eigen cellen



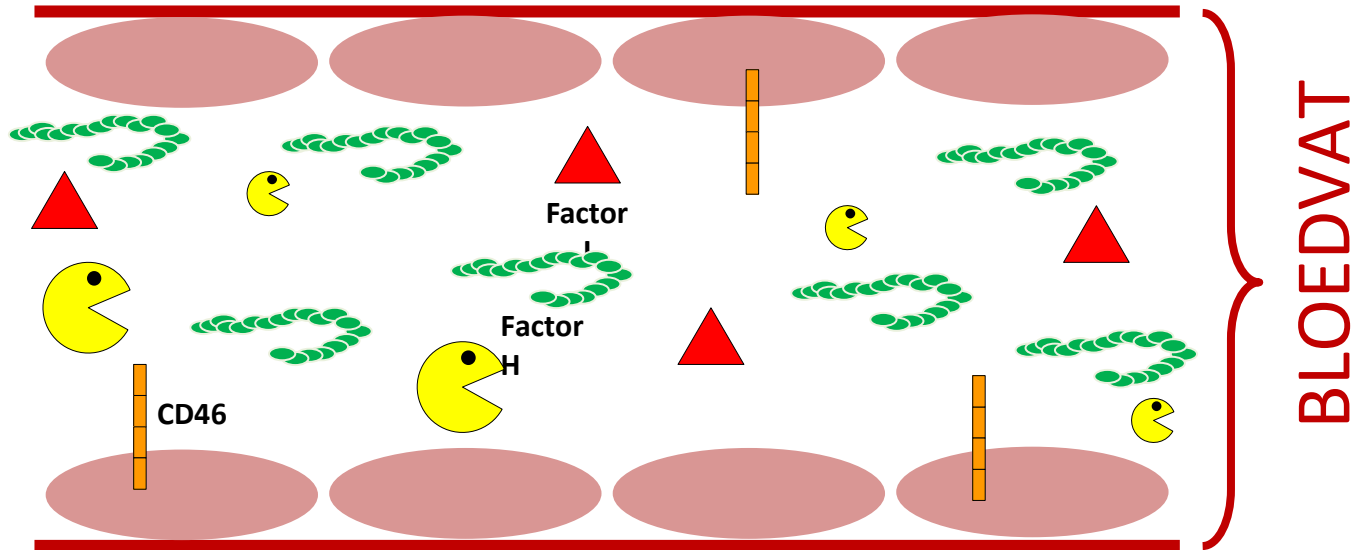
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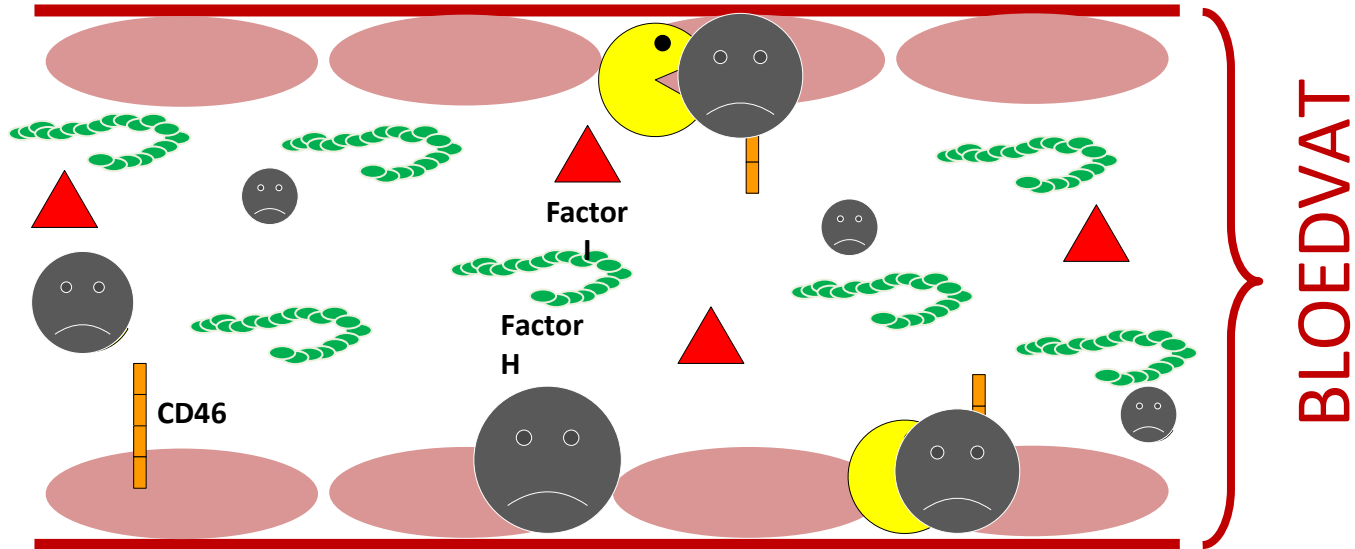
Regulatie van het complementsysteem



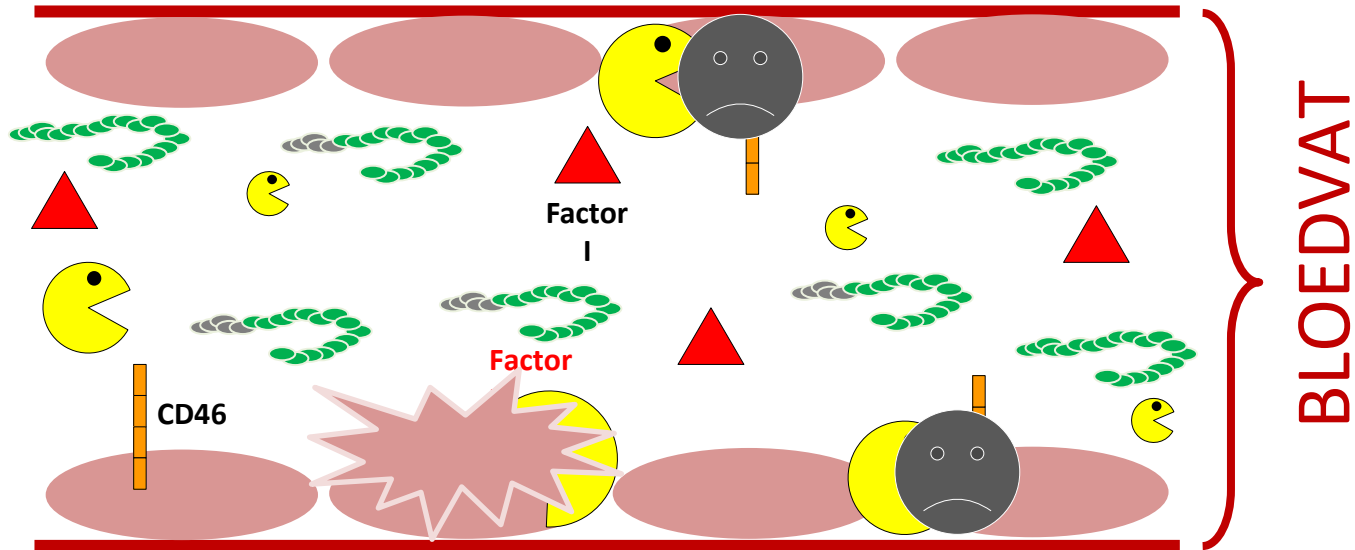
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Hoe ontstaat aHUS

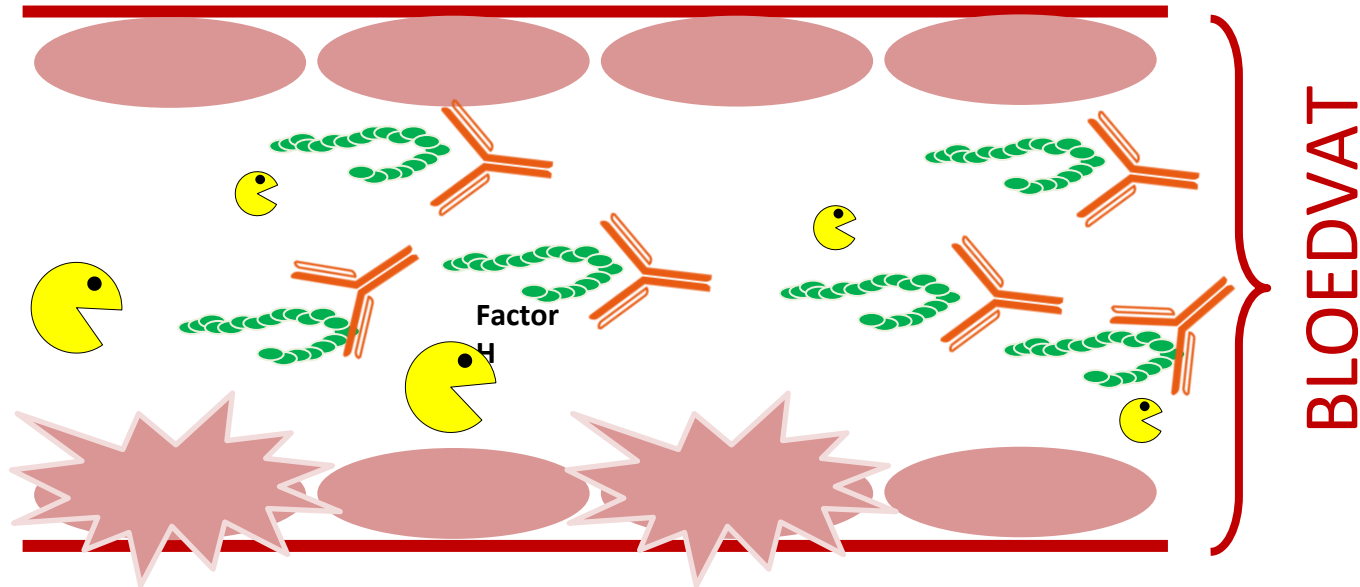
- Dysregulatie/ overactivatie complement
- Verschillende oorzaken dysregulatie:
 - Vaak extra factor/prikkel nodig zoals infectie : bacteriën, virussenIn combinatie met
 - Verandering in erfelijke code van een van de complement eiwitten
 - Auto-antistoffen tegen complement eiwit
- Normaal : inactiveren van systeem door specifieke eiwitten = regulatoren

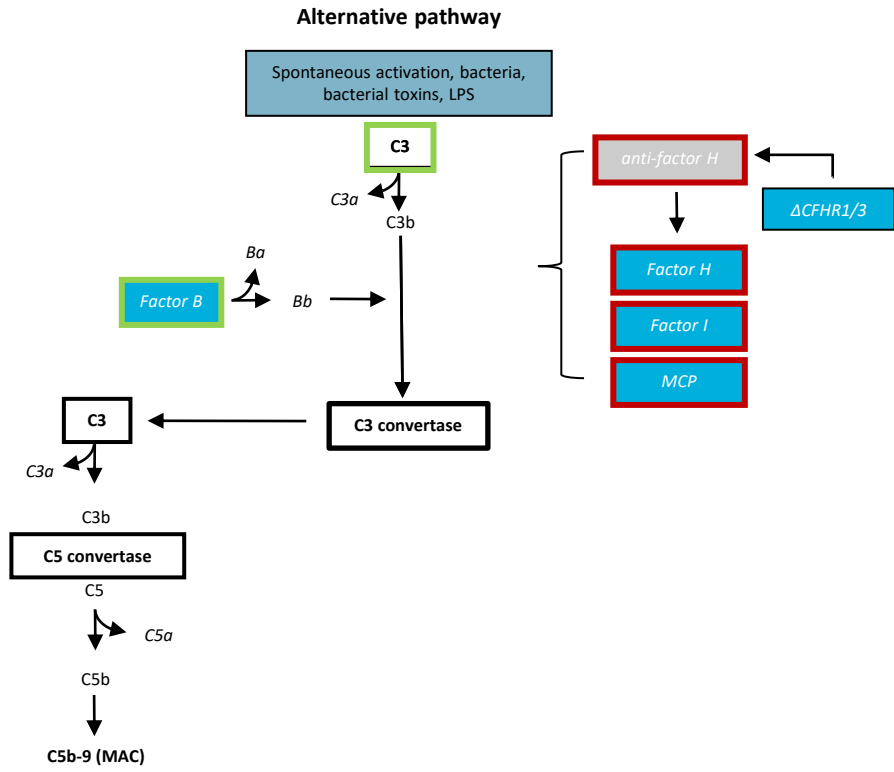
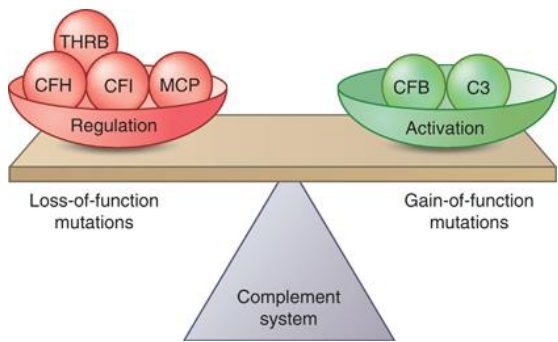


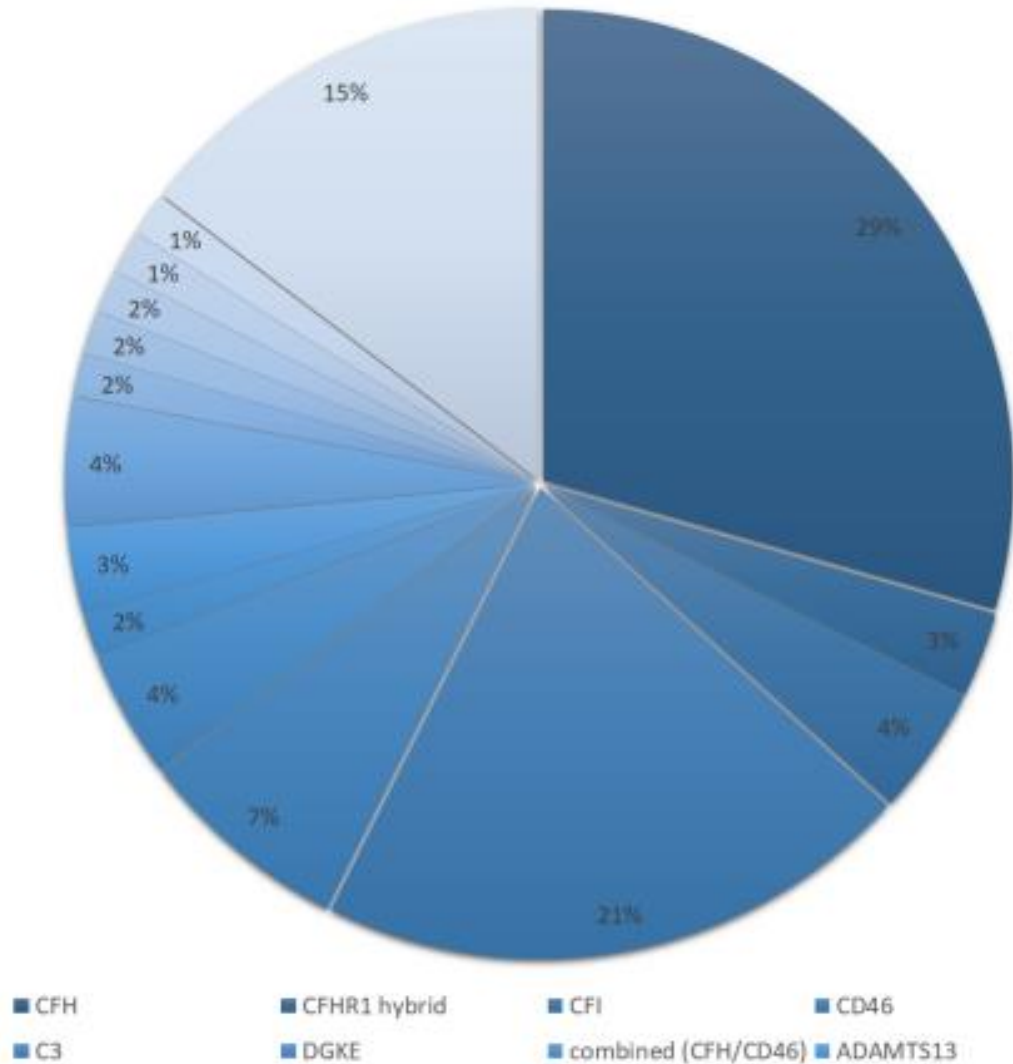
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BLOEDVAT

Antistoffen  tegen factor H zorgen dat factor H niet aan de vaatwand kan binden en zo dus de vaatwand niet beschermd wordt tegen complement activatie







Complement Mediated aHUS

<i>CFH</i> including <i>CFH</i> hybrids	29.9%
<i>CD46</i>	20.9%
<i>C3</i>	7.5%
<i>CFI</i>	4.5%
<i>CFHR1</i> hybrid	3%
Combined <i>CD46/CFH</i>	1.5%

Other

<i>DGKE</i>	4.5%
<i>ADAMTS13</i>	3%
<i>TSEN2</i>	1.5%
<i>INF2</i>	4.5%
<i>COL4A5</i>	1.5%
<i>CUBN</i>	1.5%
<i>GNE</i>	1.5%
<i>NRU4ATAC</i>	1.5%

No gene identified	15%
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Symptomen bij aHUS

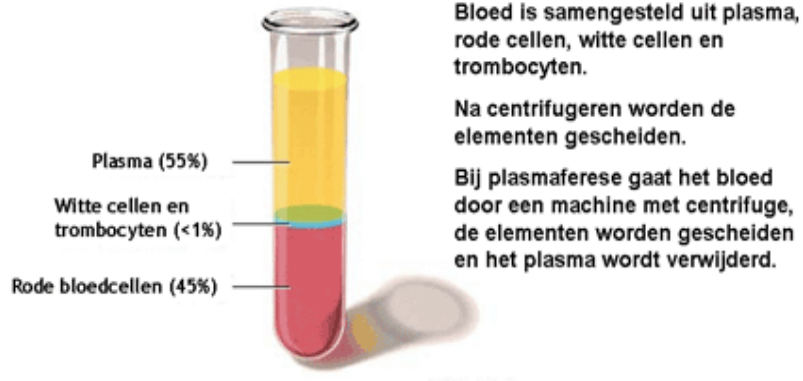
- Moe, algehele malaise, lusteloos, bleek zien, hoofdpijn, geel verkleuring oogwit
- Blauwe plekken
- Misselijk, minder-geen eetlust
- Minder plassen, veranderde kleur van de urine, hoge bloeddruk

Stellen van de diagnose aHUS / CaHUS

- Verhaal, symptomen in combinatie met bloed- en urine-onderzoek
- Uitsluiten van andere oorzaken
- Genetisch onderzoek , onderzoek antistoffen tegen complement

Behandeling aHUS vóór 2012

Het principe van plasmaferese



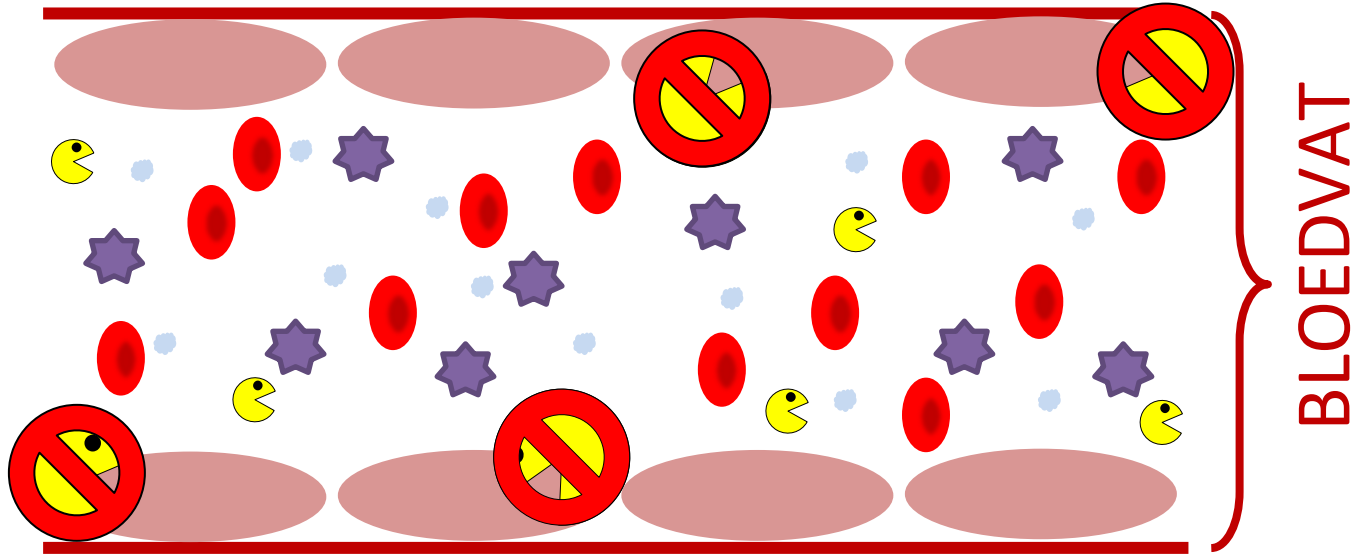
- aHUS eenmalig
 - aHUS terugkomend een enkele keer
 - aHUS recidiverend
 - aHUS, plasma therapie afhankelijk
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- Geen marker om te bepalen wie in welke groep zit
 - Uitlokkende factoren: Infecties, medicatie, zwangerschap, hoge bloeddruk..

Behandeling aHUS na 2012

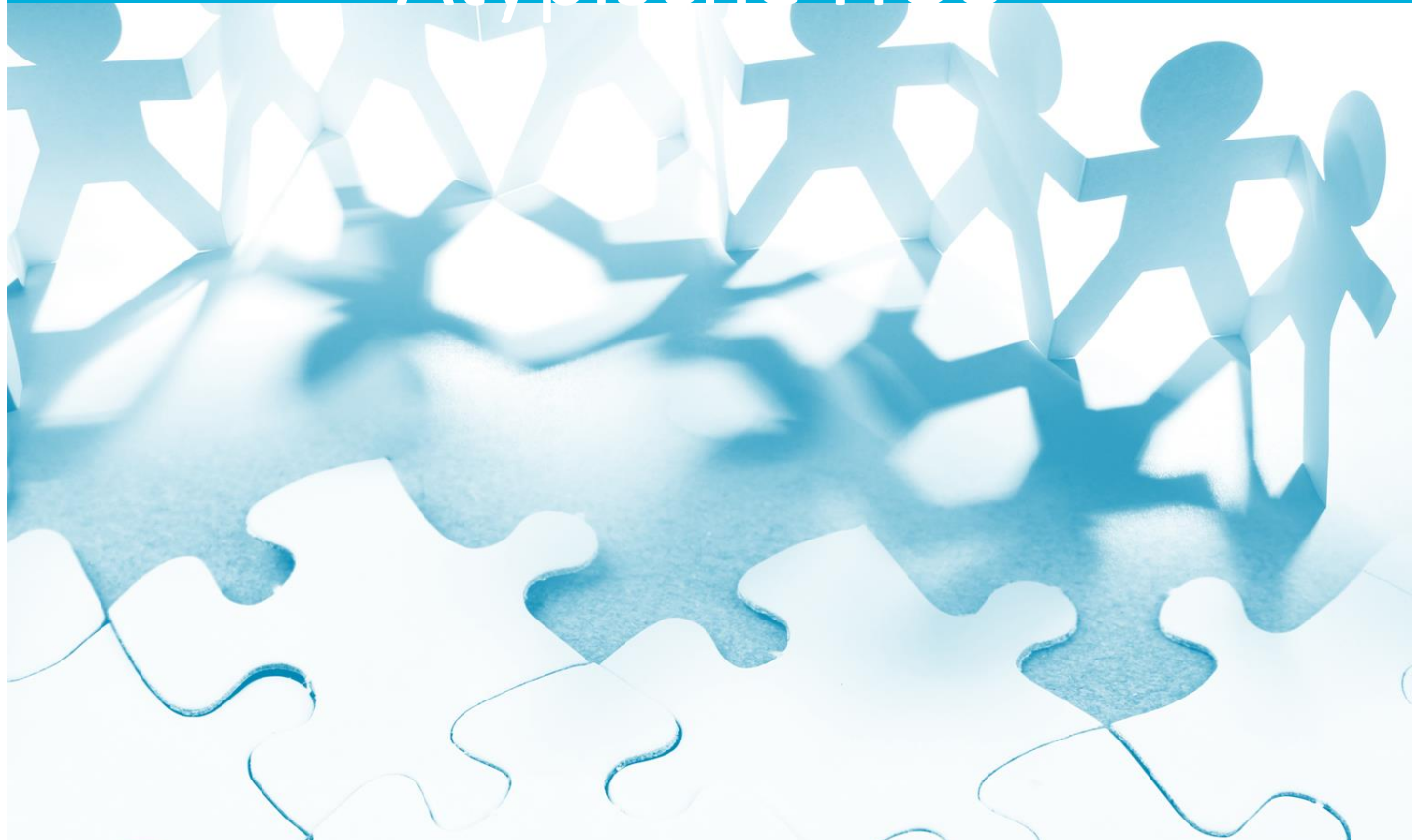


Eculizumab:
Blokkeert laatste stap complement (C5)

Complementsysteem en eculizumab



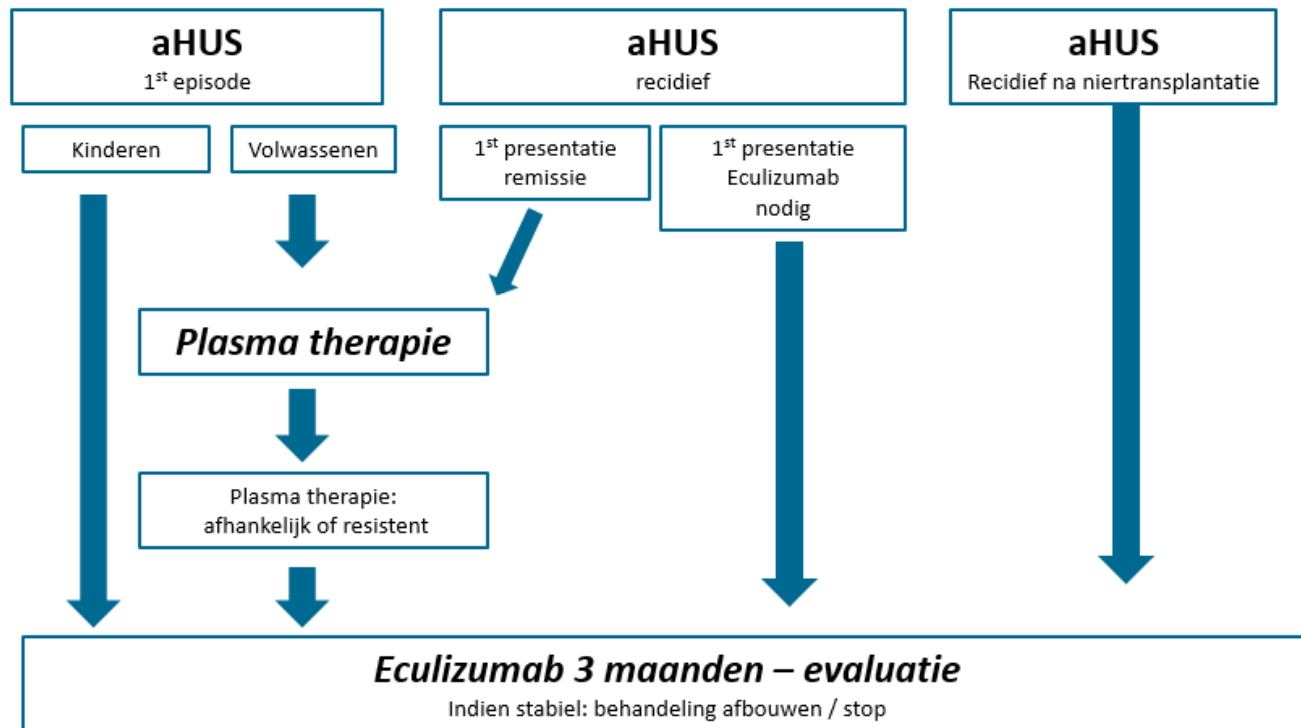
Landelijke werkgroep Atypische HUS



Landelijke werkgroep: Nieuwe richtlijn diagnostiek en behandeling aHUS

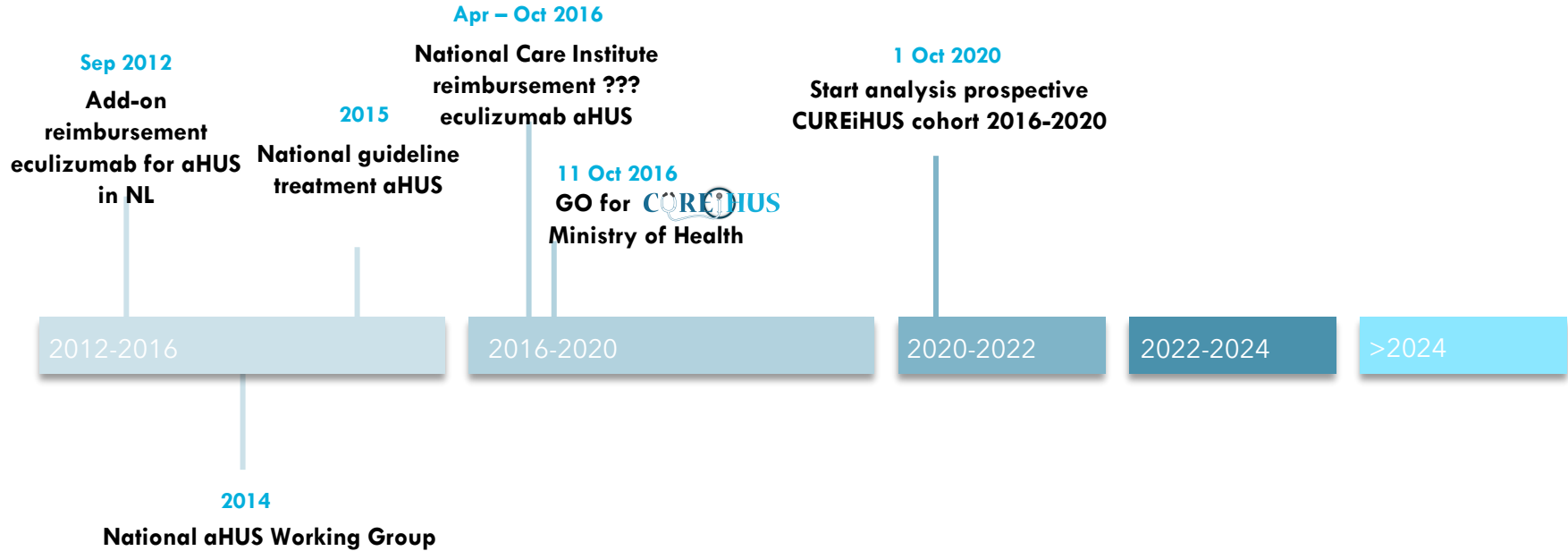
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 - Vertegenwoordiger nefroloog / kinderarts-nefroloog

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Erasmus	Dr Severs	Dr Dorresteijn
UMCG	Dr Eijgelsheim	Dr Gracchi
UMCU	Dr van Zuilen	Dr Keijzer-Veen
MUMC	Dr van Paassen	Dr Horuz
LUMC	Dr Bredewold	Dr van Rooij
Radboudumc	Dr van der Logt / Wetzels	Dr van de Kar



Landelijke CUREiHUS studie > 2016

- Bij verdenking **aHUS**:
 - Contact met indicatie-commissielandelijke werkgroep aHUS
 - Eculizumab ja /nee
 - Geschiedenis en bloed-en aanvullende onderzoeken van patiënt
 - Starten met behandeling volgens landelijke richtlijn
 - Kinderen / volwassenen
 - Plasma / eculizumab
 - CUREiHUS studie evaluatie





In collaboration with **Dutch Kidney Patient Organization** and **National aHUS Working group**

CUREiHUS – 1^e weesgeneesmiddelen-arrangement - Zorginstituut

- Nationale richtlijn met start- en stop criteria
- Indicatie-commissie
- Nationale Registratie – Data collectie – Kost-effectiviteit
- Evaluatie en monitoren

Eculizumab - aHUS

Stoppen Eculizumab

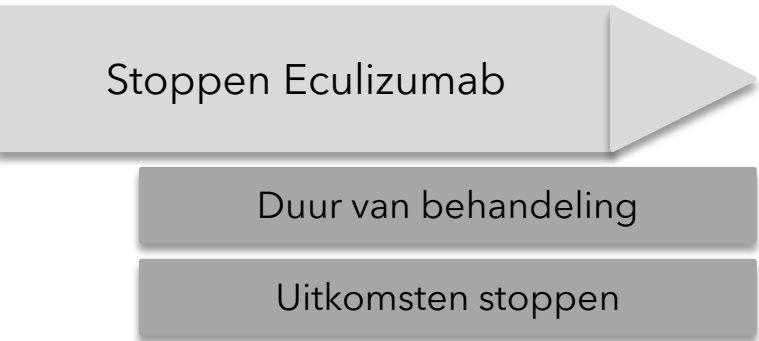
Vragen | Problemen

Antwoorden | Oplossingen

Praktische punten

Perspectief toekomst

Het stoppen van eculizumab



Stoppen Eculizumab

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Duur van behandeling

Uitkomsten stoppen

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The diagram illustrates a process flow for stopping eculizumab treatment. It begins with a large grey arrow pointing right, labeled 'Stoppen Eculizumab'. Below this arrow is a dark grey rectangle labeled 'Duur van behandeling'. Below the rectangle is a light grey arrow pointing right, labeled 'Probleem'. To the right of the 'Probleem' arrow is a white rectangle with a grey border labeled 'Verschillende behandel-protocollen'.

Duur van behandeling

Probleem

Verschillende behandel-
protocollen

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Stoppen Eculizumab

Duur van behandeling

Probleem

Verschillende behandel-
protocollen

Oplossing

Geïndividualiseerde
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Eculizumab dosering schema - Inductie

5 - 10 kg

Week 1 and 2: 300 mg/dosis 1 x week

Then: 300 mg/dosis 1 x 3 weeks

10 - 20 kg

Week 1: 600 mg/dosis 1 x week

Week 2: 300 mg/dosis 1 x week

Then: 300 mg/dosis 1 x 2 weeks

20 - 30 kg

Week 1 and 2 and 3: 600 mg/dosis 1 x week

Then: 600 mg/dosis 1 x 2 weeks

30 tot 40 kg

Week 1 and 2: 600 mg/dosis 1 x week

Week 3: 900 mg/dosis 1 x week

After: 900 mg/dosis 1 x 2 weeks

≥ 40 kg

Week 1,2,3,4: 900 mg/dosis 1 x week

Week 5: 1200 mg/dosis 1 x week,

After: 1200 mg/dosis 1 x 2 weeks

Table 5.

Alternative loading dose strategy for eculizumab

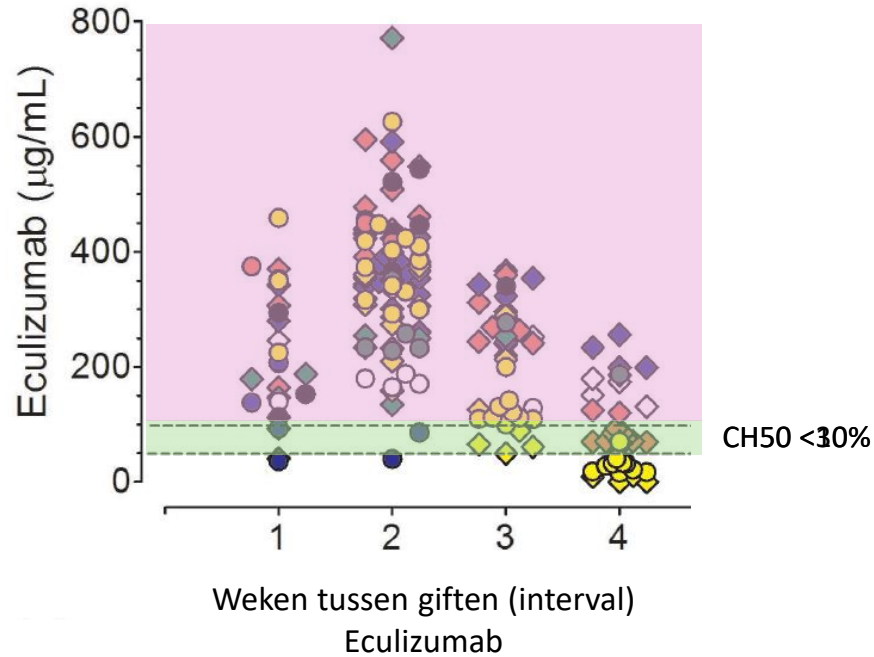
Patient weight (kg)	Induction phase	Maintenance phase	
	Day 1	Day 15	Beyond
≥120	2400 mg	1200 mg	Standard maintenance dosing (Table 1)
90–120	2100 mg	1200 mg	
60–90	1800 mg	1200 mg	
40–60	1500 mg	1200 mg	
30–40	900 mg	900 mg	
20–30	600 mg	600 mg	
10–20	600 mg	300 mg	
5–10	300 mg	300 mg	

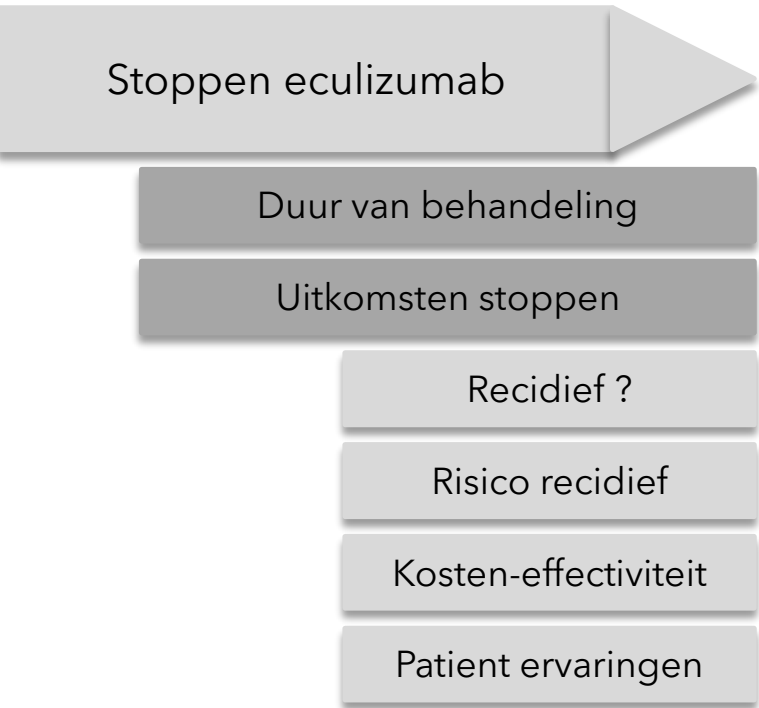
Standaard oplaad dosering:
5% niet compleet
geblokkeerd complement in
1^e week van behandeling

Alternatief schema:
Iedereen compleet geblokt in
1^e week van behandeling

Ter Avest M, Bouwmeester RN, Duineveld C, et al. Proposal for individualized dosing of eculizumab in atypical haemolytic uraemic syndrome: patient friendly and cost-effective. NDT. 2022







Stoppen eculizumab

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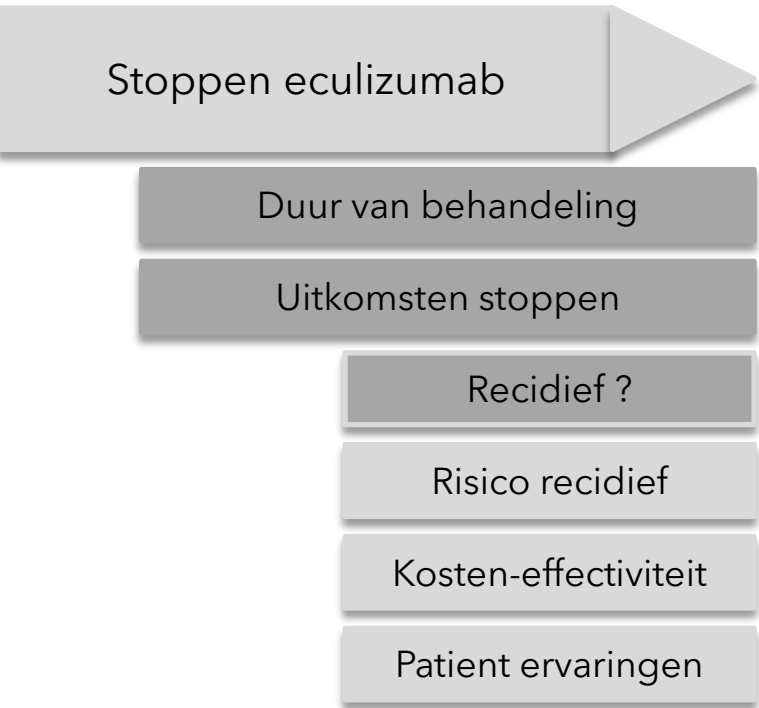
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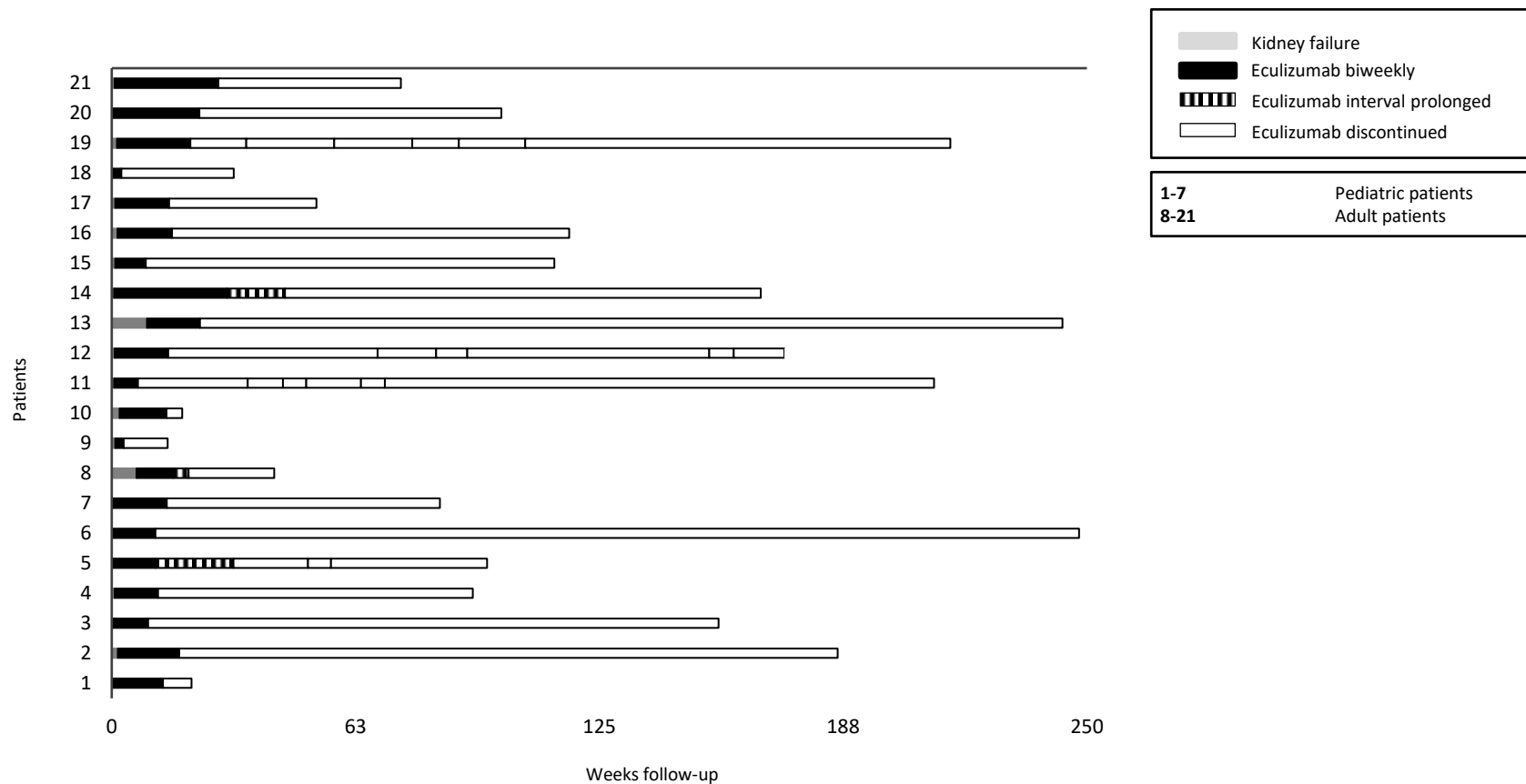
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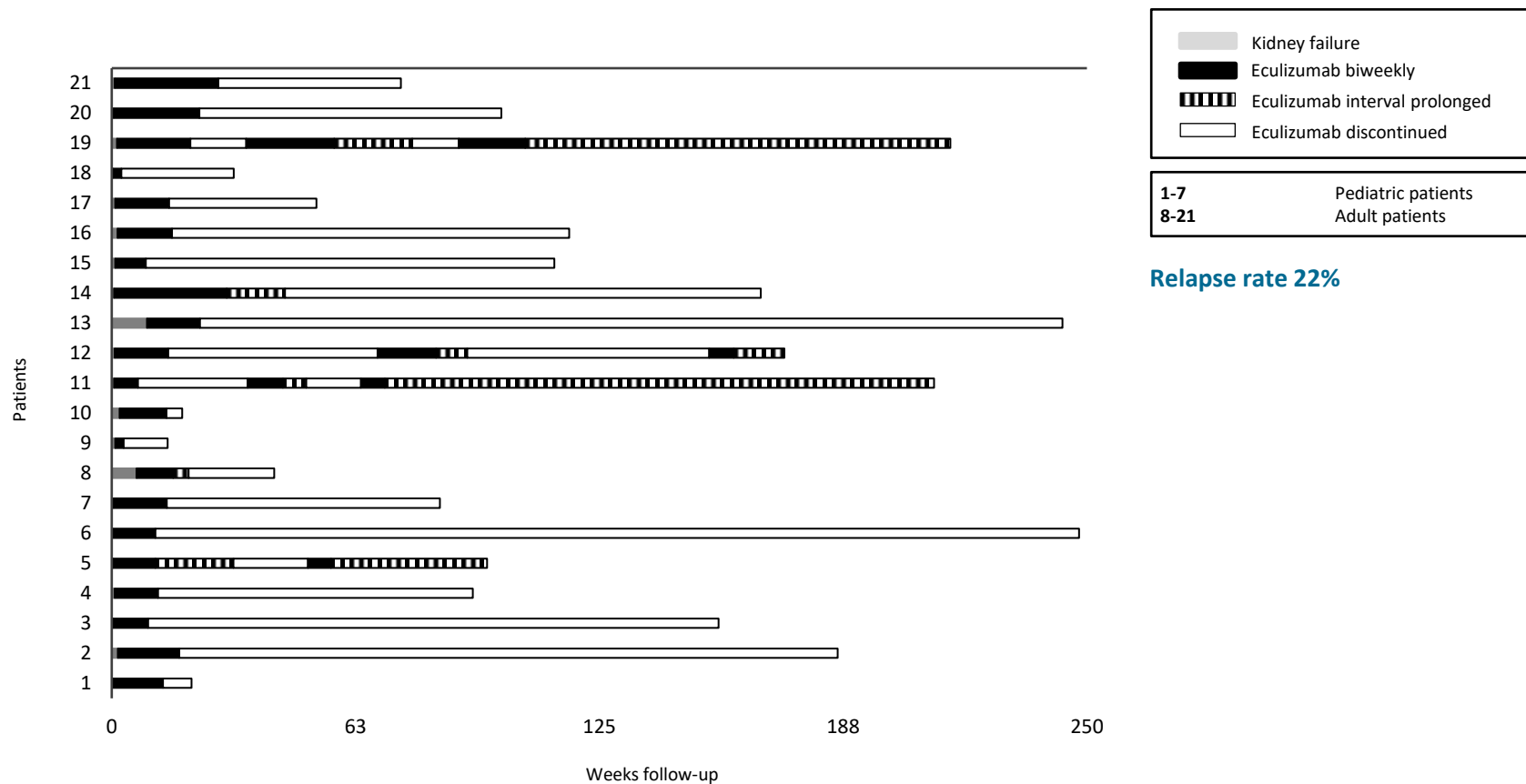
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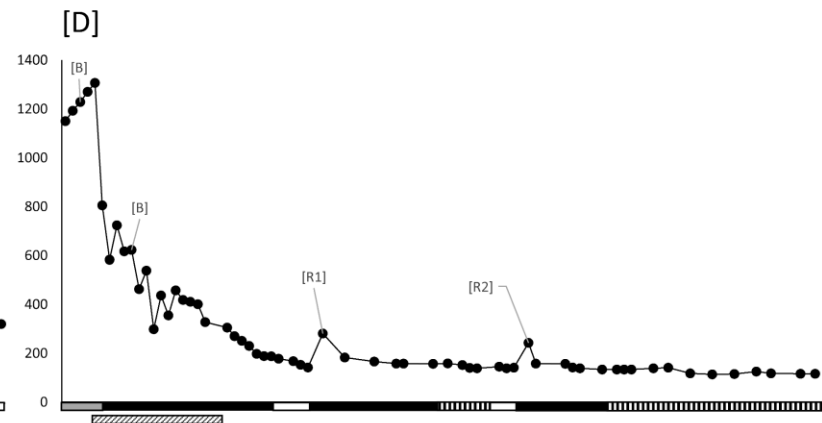
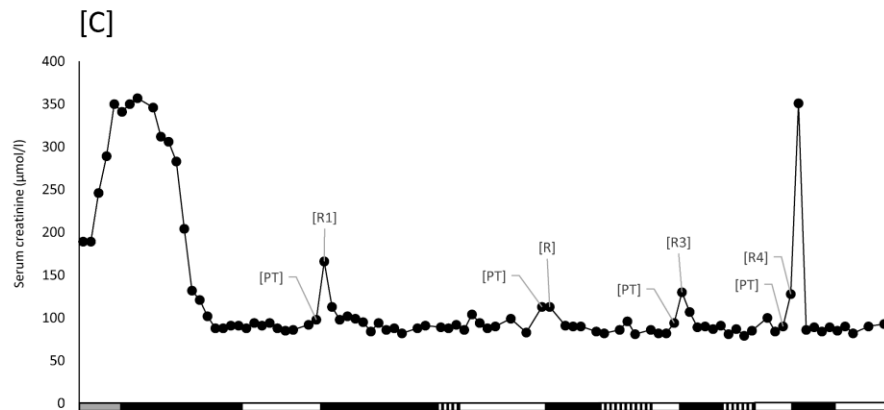
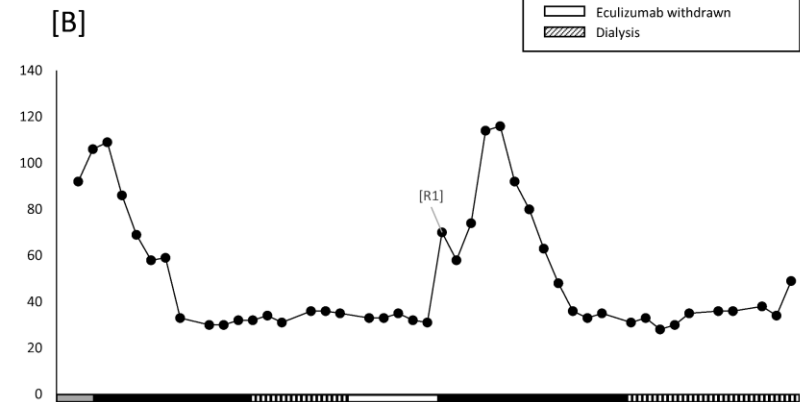
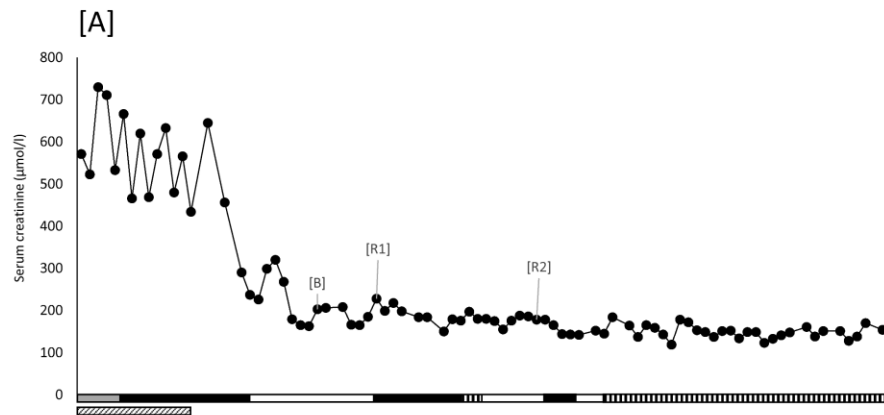
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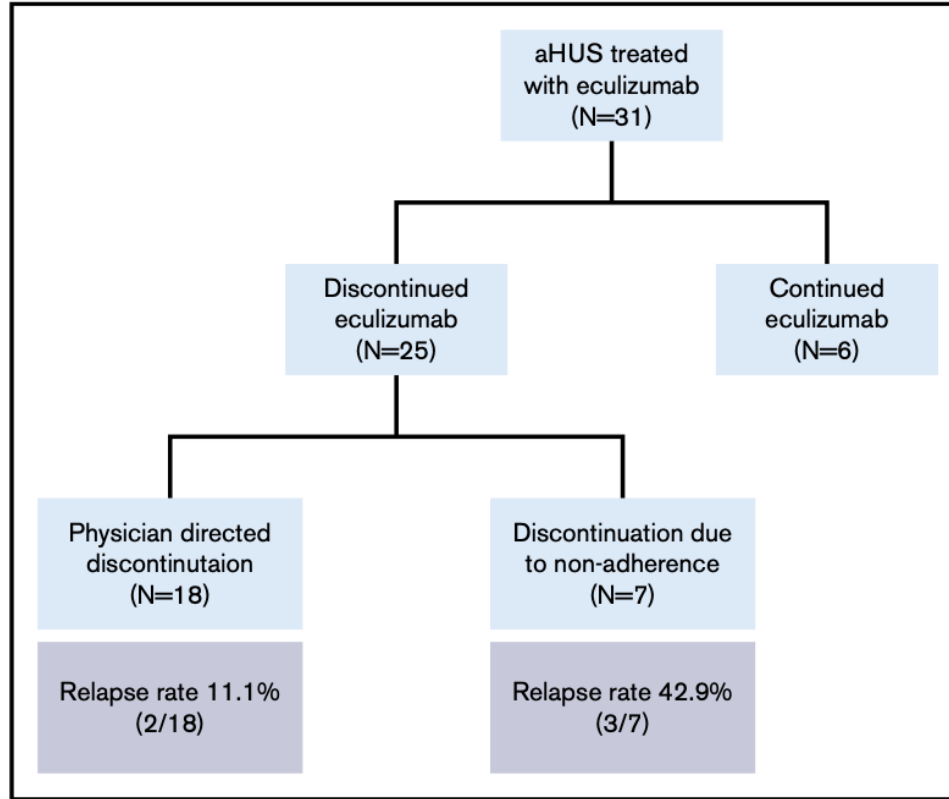


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Op tijd herstarten eculizumab?





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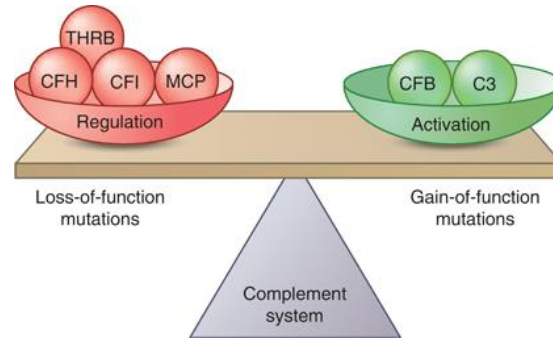
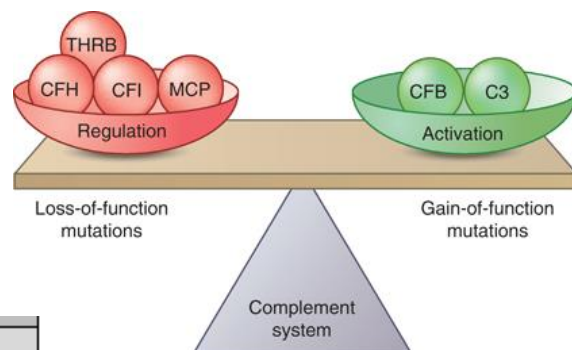


Table 1 Complement-related genetic mutations in aHUS. Various clinical outcomes and the relationship with the different complement-related genetic mutations involved in aHUS

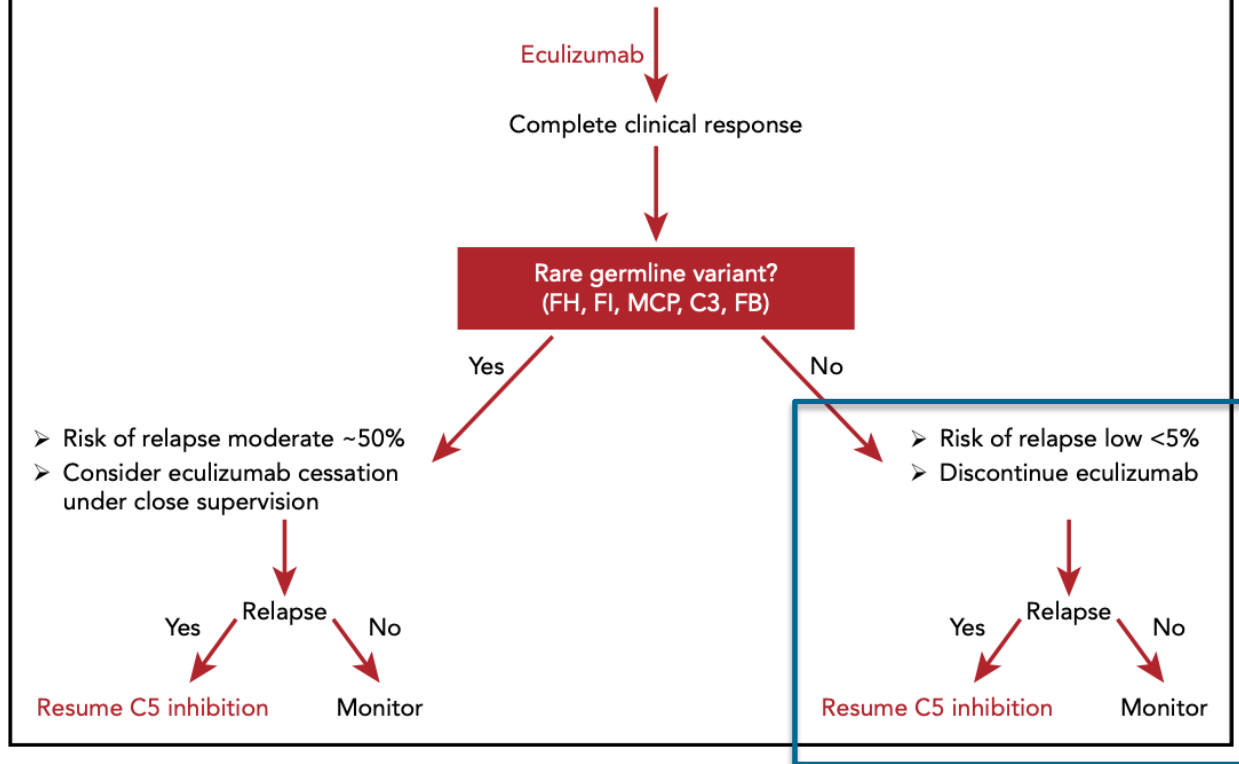
		Function in complement system	Frequency in aHUS (%)	ESRD after 5 years (%)	Recurrence (%)	Recurrence after kidney transplantation (%)	References
FH	Factor H	Co-factor for factor I	21–25	70–80	30–50	68–90	[5, 8, 10–14, 19, 25, 28–31]
MCP/CD46	Membrane cofactor protein	Membrane-bound complement regulator	5–22.8	10–50	58–90	11–20	[5, 8, 10–13, 29–31]
FI	Factor I	Inactivation of C3b and C4b	6–16.6	45–60	10–30	70–80	[5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 29–31]
FB	Factor B	Allows the formation of C3 and C5 convertases	1.9–4	70	Rare	Rare	[5, 8, 10, 13]
C3	Complement C3	Necessary for complement cascade activation	6–9	45–65	50	40–50	[5, 8, 10, 12, 13]
FHRs	Factor H-related proteins	Circulating proteins similar to factor H associated with autoantibodies against FH	4.5–35	30–63	23–60	20	[8, 10, 12, 13, 30]
FHR hybrid genes	Factor H, Factor H-related proteins	See function FH and FHRs	1–5	–	–	–	[8, 10]
THBD/CD141	Thrombomodulin	Degradation C3b	2–5	53–60	23–30	Rare	[5, 8, 10, 13]

FH factor H, **MCP/CD46** membrane cofactor protein, **FI** factor I, **FB** factor B, **FHR** factor H-related proteins, **THBD/CD141** thrombomodulin, **aHUS** atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome, **ESRD** end-stage renal disease



	No relapse (n=14)	Relapse(s) (n=4)
Sex		
Female	8 (57.1%)	1 (25%)
Male	6 (42.9%)	3 (75%)
Median age (years)	28.6 (3.1-78.5)	29.5 (3.7-37.8)
Children	5 (35.7%)	1 (25%)
Adults	9 (64.3%)	3 (75%)
Patients with a complement genetic variant¹	10 (71.4%)	4 (100%)
CFH ²	6 (42.8%) ¹¹	1 (25%)
MCP	3 (21.4%)	0 (0%)
CFI	1 (7.1%)	1 (25%)
C3	3 (21.4%)	3 (75%)
CFB	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Patients with >1 complement genetic variants ¹	2 (14.3%)	1 (25%)
Anti-factor H antibodies	2 (14.3%)	0 (0%)
Patients with a complement genetic variant¹ and:		
MCP ^{ggaac} haplotype homozygosity	2 (14.3%)	1 (25%)
CFH-H3 haplotype homozygosity	1 (7.1%)	0 (0%)

Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome





Stop ECU in alle aHUS

Recidief

C5 inhibition monitor

Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome

Eculizumab

Complete clinical response

Rare germline variant?
(FH, FI, MCP, C3, FB)

Yes

No

- Risk of relapse moderate ~50%
- Consider ecilizumab cessation under close supervision

Yes Relapse No

Resume C5 inhibition

Monitor

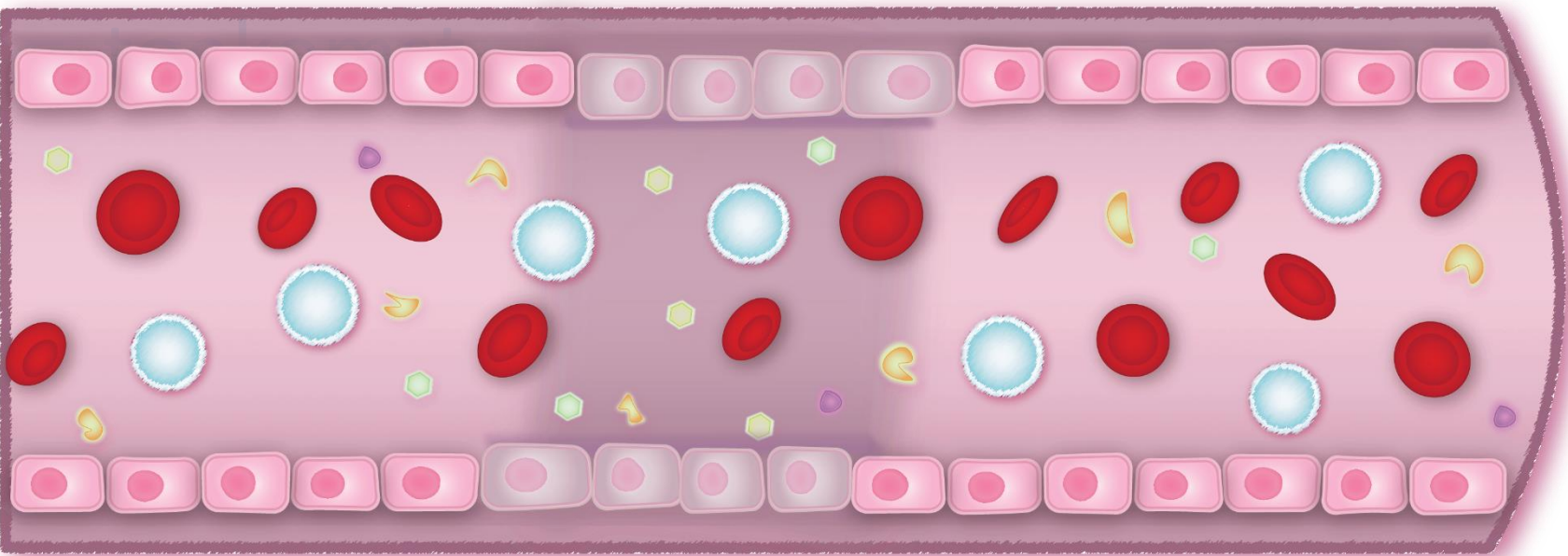
- Risk of relapse low <5%
- Discontinue ecilizumab

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Tijdige herkenning?



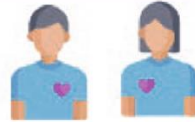
Haemoglobinuria for the early identification of aHUS relapse. Data from the ItalKid-HUS Network.

aHUS is a thrombotic microangiopathy involving the glomerulus and associated with renal damage. Thus it cannot take place without haematuria.

aHUS patients could be monitored for relapses with urine dipstick or urinalysis for haemoglobinuria.

Retrospective study to analyse our experience on aHUS patients

- who have never be treated with CS inhibition;
- who are on treatment;
- who have discontinued treatment.



84 patients



1517 determinations



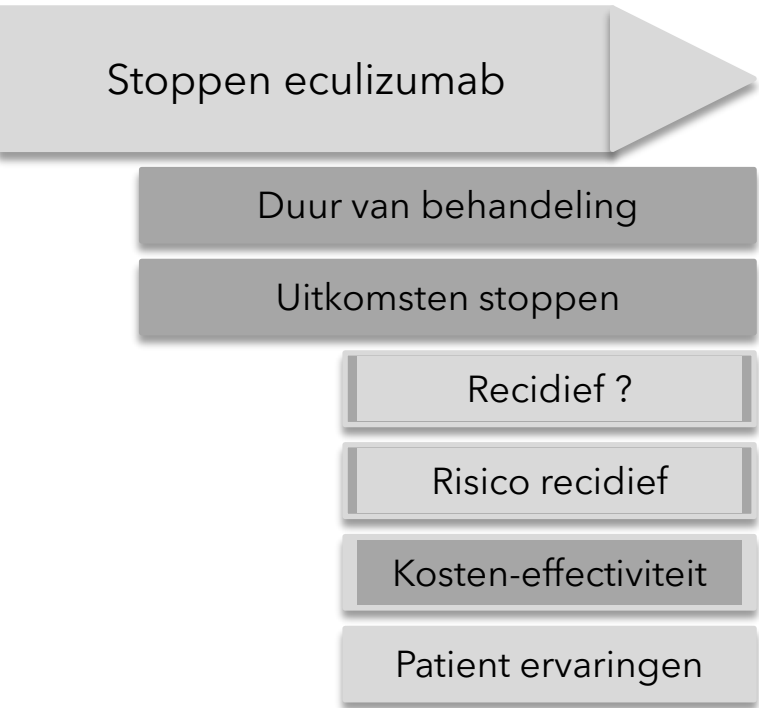
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	Relapse n. (%)	No relapse n. (%)	Total
uHb+	21 (10.0)	188 (90.0)	209
uHb-	0 (0)	1308 (100)	1308
Total	21 (1.4)	1496 (98.6)	1517

Sensitivity 100% and Specificity 87.4%
PPV 10.5% and NPV 100 %.
Accuracy 87.6%.

Conclusion: Haemoglobinuria is a very sensitive and acceptably specific marker of aHUS relapse. This finding and its validation may have a positive impact on patients' quality of life and on the outcome of this life threatening disease via an early diagnosis of relapses.



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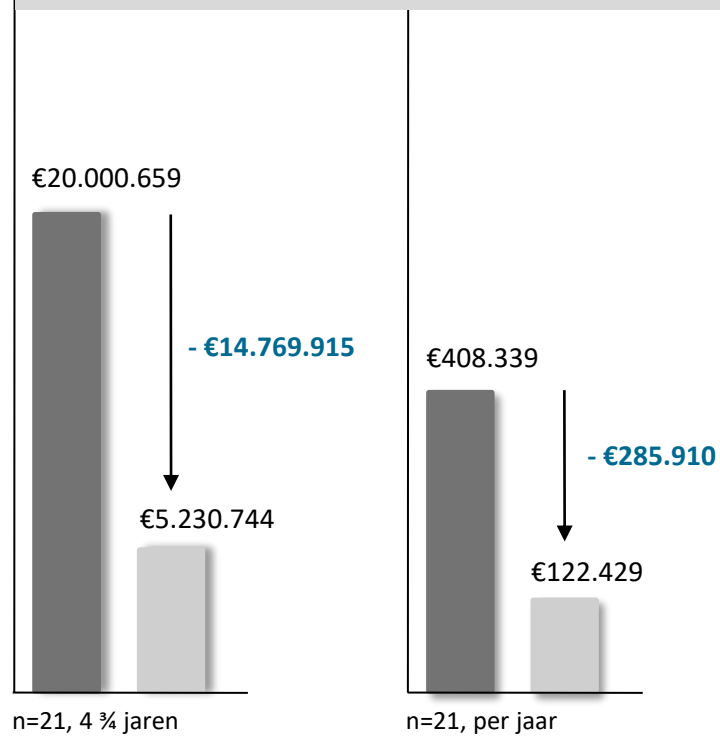
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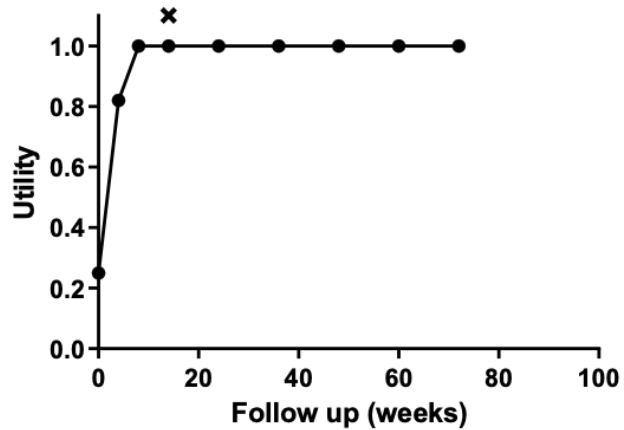
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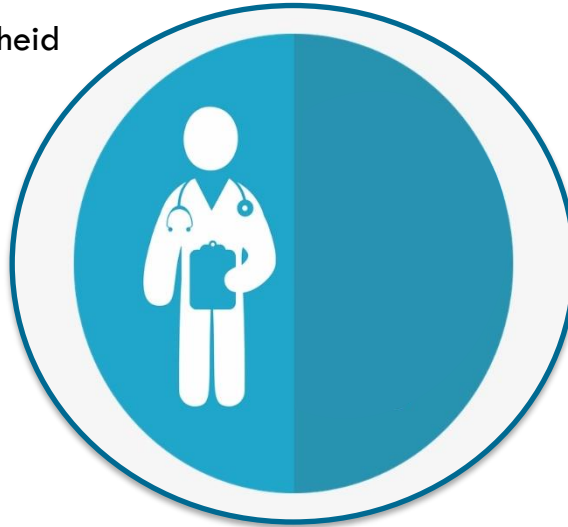
Praktische punten

Duur van de behandeling

- **Geïndividualiseerde behandeling**, inductie en onderhoud doseringen: optimalisatie 1^e dosering en interval verlenging (3-4 wk)
- **Eerder stoppen** indien volledige herstel nierfunctie, maar ook indien geen herstel nierfunctie

Tijdige herstart eculizumab!!!

- Beschikbaarheid - bereikbaarheid
- Goede instructies
- Adequate monitoring:
hematuria/proteinuria
- Thuis metingen:
bloeddruk/ urinestick



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- Pro-actief

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Pegcetacoplan (s.c.)	C3	Prevents formation of C3 and C5 convertases	NCT05148299 Phase II postBMT-TMA
Crovalimab (i.v. then monthly s.c.)	C5	Prevents formation of C5 convertase	NCT04858265 NCT04861259
Avacopan oral	CSaR1	Blocks anaphylatoxin formation (C3a, C4a and/or C5a)	NCT02464891 Phase II, pts on dialysis
Narsoplimab (i.v. then daily s.c.)	MASP2	Blocks initiation of lectin pathway	NCT03205995

Dank voor uw aandacht!



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