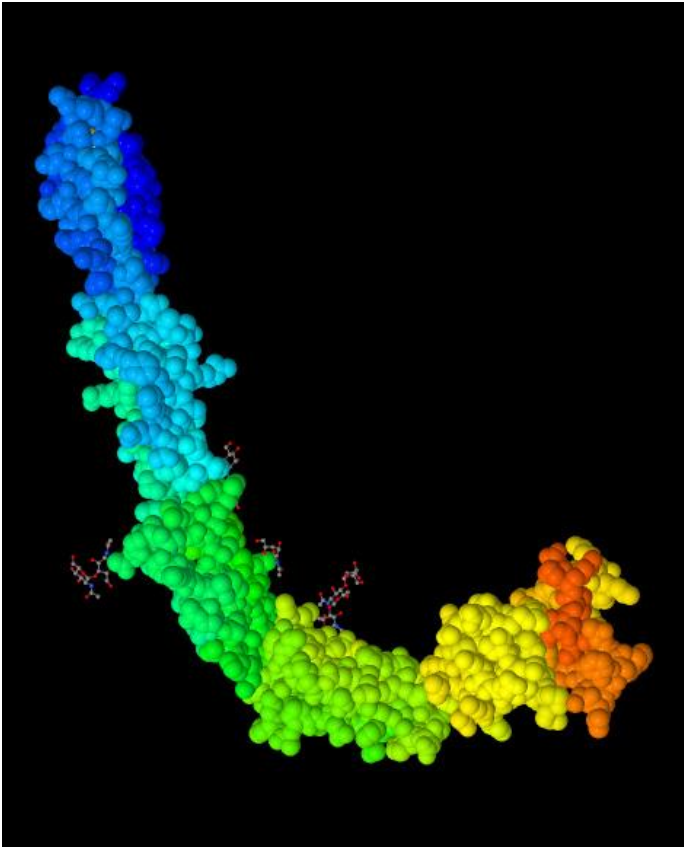




Anti-b2glycoprotein I antibodies of the IgA isotype recognize epitopes in domain 3, 4 and 5 that are located in the same lateral zone of the molecule

Running title: IgA anti-B2GP1 recognizes epitopes in domains 3, 4 and 5.

## B2 glycoprotein I



A protein of 321 amino acids, distributed in 5 sushi domains

It is elaborated by liver, heart, kidney and bowel

Several conformations are described, the most important are, circular and fish hook

HEMOSTASIS, THROMBOSIS, AND VASCULAR BIOLOGY

IgG antibodies that recognize epitope Gly40-Arg43 in domain I of  $\beta_2$ -glycoprotein I cause LAC, and their presence correlates strongly with thrombosis

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Lupus (2016) 25, 905–910  
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### SPECIAL ARTICLE

### Anti-beta-2 glycoprotein I epitope specificity: from experimental models to diagnostic tools

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-aB2GP1 consensus antibodies IgG/IgM can recognize every protein domains

-Traditionally epitopes located in **Domain I** have been related to thrombotic events



**IgA aPL ....in the last 30 years....**

*..left in the kitchen to clean the floor.....*

In this meeting:  
5 Poster  
3 oral presentations

**???? IS SOMETHING CHANGING ???**

Slade from Dr. Angela Tincani

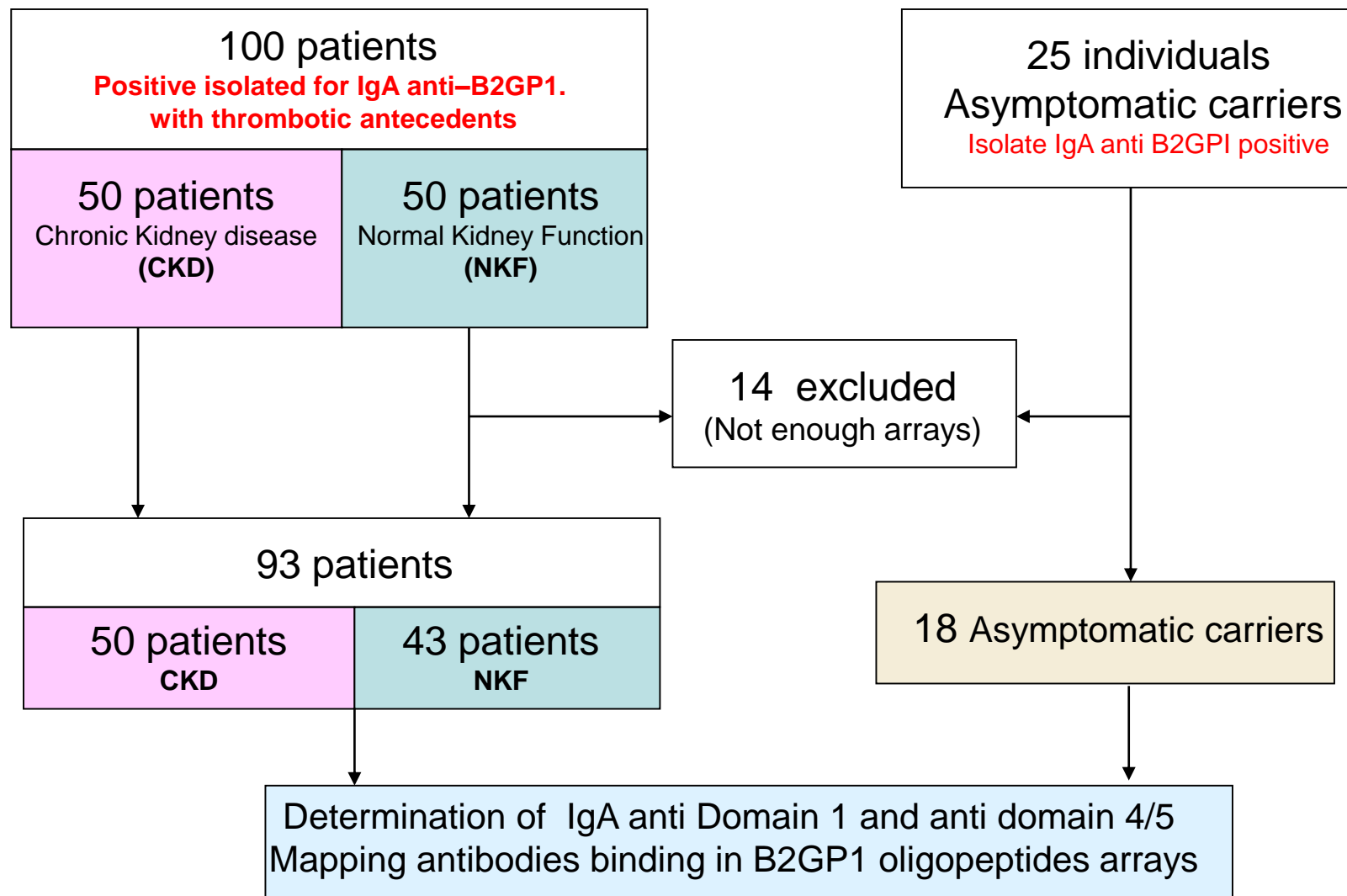
**IgA aB2GPI** are not included in classification criteria, but since Galveston 2010, task force recommend its determination in case of suspicion of seronegative APS

## Controversy and IgA isotype: Why?

- Populations selected for study IgA isotype
- Heterogeneity in the different laboratory methods
- Its clinical relevance is only showed if presents in isolated form
- No Recognition of domain I B2GP1

What exactly recognizes IgA aB2GP1 antibodies?





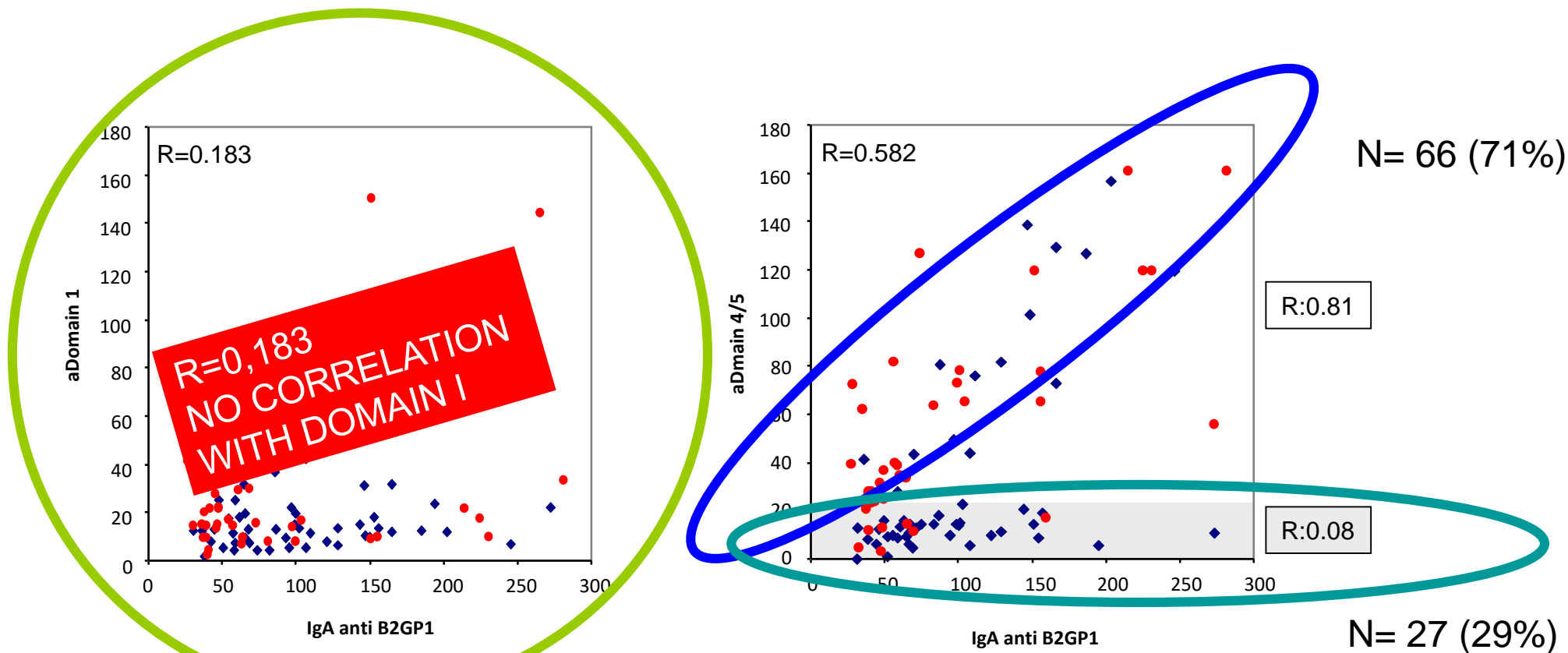


## APS events CKD vs NKF patients

APS event	Global	CKD (N=50)	NKF (N=43)	P
Deep venous thrombosis	58 (32,3%)	31 (62%)	27 (62,8%)	0,938
Arterial thrombosis	15 (16,1%)	9 (18%)	6 (14%)	0,597
Pulmonary embolism	16 (17,2%)	1 (2%)	15 (34,9%)	<0.001
Stroke	6 (6,5%)	1 (2%)	5 (11,6%)	0.092
Myocardial infarction	11 (11,8%)	5 (10%)	6 (14%)	0,556
Graft Thrombosis (kidney transplanted patients)	14 (15%)	14 (28%)	- -	-
Vascular access thrombosis (dialized patients)	22 (23,7%)	22 (44%)	- -	-



Correlation ELISA Domain I and Domain IV/V vs ELISA complete protein



50% of patients were positive for D IV/V

## Comparison populations positive vs negative for ELISA domains I and IV/V

Characteristic	aD1 negative	a D1-positive	
	Number / mean	Number / mean	p value
Age (years)	57,1 ±2.0	60,2 ±3,3	0,434
Sex (men)			
Deep venous			
Arterial thrombosis	12 (16,4%)	3 (15%)	0,877
Pulmonary embolism	12 (16,4%)	4 (20%)	0,709
Stroke	3 (4,1%)	3 (15%)	0,079
Myocardial infarction	8 (11%)	3 (15%)	0,620
Graft loss by thrombosis	9 (12,3%)	5 (25%)	0,160
Vascular access trombosis	20 (27,4%)	2 (10%)	0,105

Characteristic	aD4/5 negative	aD4/5-positive	
	Number / mean	Number / mean	p value
Age (years)	56.8 ±2.3	58.9 ±2.5	0,54
Sex (men)			0,936
Deep venous			0,689
Arterial thrombosis	8 (17,8%)	7 (14,6%)	0,676
Pulmonary embolism	7 (15,6%)	9 (18,8%)	0,683
Stroke	2 (4,4%)	4 (8,3%)	0,446
Myocardial infarction	5 (11,1%)	6 (12,5%)	0,836
Graft loss by thrombosis	9 (20%)	5 (10,4%)	0,197
Vascular access trombosis	14 (31,1%)	8 (16,7%)	0,101

**IgA aB2GP1 antibodies must recognize another domains**

No clinical differences were found between positives and negatives

# Array design 1

## Map of domains and peptides of B2 Glycoprotein 1

Peptide Number	Sequence	Position	Domain	Peptide Number	Sequence	Position	Domain	Peptide Number	Sequence	Position	Domain
1	GRTCPKDDLPFFSTV	1-15	1	28	GKWSPELPVCAPIIC	109-123	2-3	55	DGYSLDGPPEIECTK	217-231	4
2	KPDDLPFFSTVVPLK	5-19	1	29	PELPVCAPIICPPPS	113-127	2-3	56	LDGPPEIECTKLGW	221-235	4
3	DLFFSTVVPLKTFYE	9-23	1	30	VCAPICPPPSIPTF	117-131	2-3	57	EEIECTKLGWNSAMP	225-239	4
4	STVVPLKTFYEPGEE	13-27	1	31	IICPPPSIPTFATLR	121-135	3	58	CTKLGWNSAMPSCA	229-243	4
5	PLKTFYEPGEEITYS	17-31	1	32	PPSIPTFATLRVYK	125-139	3	59	GNWSAMPSCASCKV	233-247	4-5
6	FYEPGEEITYSCKPG	21-35	1	33	PTFATLRVYKPSAGN	129-143	3	60	AMPSCASCKVPVK	237-251	4-5
7	GEEITYSCKPGYVSR	25-39	1	34	TLRVYKPSAGNNSLY	133-147	3	61	CKASCKVPVKKATVV	241-255	4-5
8	YSCKPGYVSRGGMR	29-43	1	35	YKPSAGNNSLYRDTA	137-151	3	62	CKVPVKKATVYQGE	245-259	5
9	KPGYVSRGGMRKFC	33-47	1	36	AGNNSLYRDTAVFEC	141-155	3	63	VKKATVYQGERVKI	249-263	5
10	VSRGGMRKFCPLTG	37-51	1	37	SLYRDTAVFECLPQH	145-159	3	64	TVVYQGERVKIQEK	253-267	5
11	GMRKFCPLTGLWPI	41-55	1	38	DTAVFECLPQHAFMG	149-163	3	65	QGERVKIQEKFKNGM	257-271	5
12	FICPLTGLWPINTLK	45-59	1	39	FECLPQHAFMGNDTI	153-167	3	66	VKIQEKFKNGMLHGD	261-275	5
13	LTGLWPINTLKCTPR	49-63	1-2	40	PQHAFMGNDTITCTT	157-171	3	67	EKFKNGLHGDVVSF	265-279	5
14	WPINTLKCTPRVCPF	53-67	1-2	41	MFGNDTITCTTHGNW	161-175	3	68	NGMLHGDVVSFFCKN	269-283	5
15	TLKCTPRVCPFAGIL	57-71	1-2	42	DTITCTTHGNWTKLP	165-179	3	69	HGDKVSFFCKNKEKK	273-287	5
16	TRVCPFAGILENGA	61-75	1-2	43	CTTHGNWTKLPECRE	169-183	3	70	VVSFFCKNKEKCSYT	277-291	5
17	CPFAGILENGAVRYT	65-79	2	44	GNWTKLPECREVKCP	173-187	3-4	71	CKNKEKCSYTEDAQ	281-295	5
18	GILENGAVRYTTFEY	69-83	2	45	KLPECREVKCPFPSR	177-191	3-4	72	EKKCSYTEDAQCIDG	285-299	5
19	NGAVRYTTFEYPNTI	73-87	2	46	CREVKCPFPSRPDNG	181-195	3-4	73	SYTEDAQCIDGTIEV	289-303	5
20	RYTTFEYPNTISFSC	77-91	2	47	KCPFPSRPDNGFVNY	185-199	4	74	DAQCIDGTIEVPKCF	293-307	5
21	FEYPNTISFSCNTGF	81-95	2	48	PSRPDNGFVNYPAPK	189-203	4	75	IDGTIEVPKCFKEHS	297-311	5
22	NTISFSCNTGFYLNG	85-99	2	49	DNGFVNYPAPKTLTY	193-207	4	76	IEVPKCFKEHSSLAF	301-315	5
23	FSCNTGFYLNGADSA	89-103	2	50	VNYPAPKTLTYKDKA	197-211	4	77	KCFKEHSSLAFWKTD	305-319	5
24	TGFYLNGADSAKTE	93-107	2	51	AKPTLYYKDKATFGC	201-215	4	78	EHSSLAFWKTDASDV	309-323	5
25	LNGADSAKTEEGKW	97-111	2	52	LYYKDKATFGCHDGY	205-219	4	79	SLAFWKTDASDVKPC	312-326	5
26	DSAKTEEGKWSPEL	101-115	2	53	DKATFGCHDGYSLDG	209-223	4				
27	CTEKGKWSPELPVCA	105-119	2	54	FGCHDGYSLDGPEEI	213-227	4				

### Color code

Domain 1

Domain 2

Domain 3

Domain 4

Domain 5

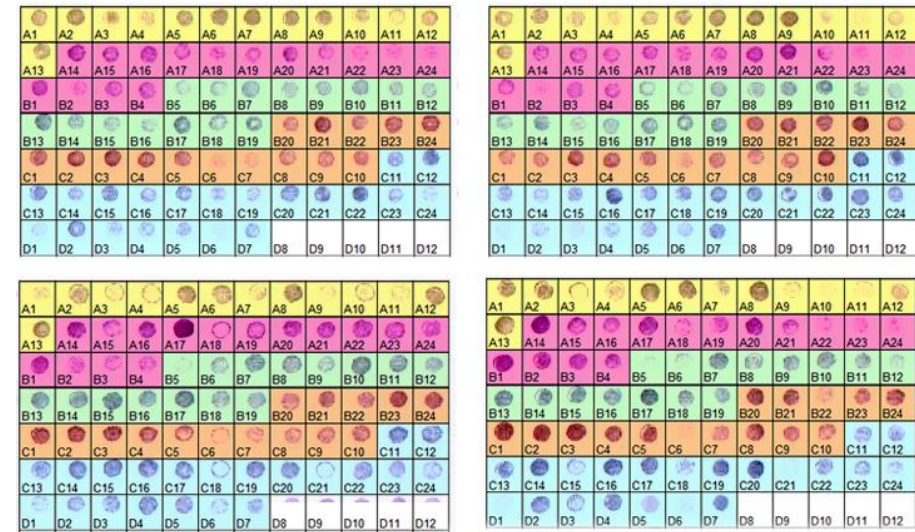
- Each array contains 79 peptides of 15-aa
- Each peptide has overlapping of 4 amino acids with the previous one and with the next one

# Array design 2

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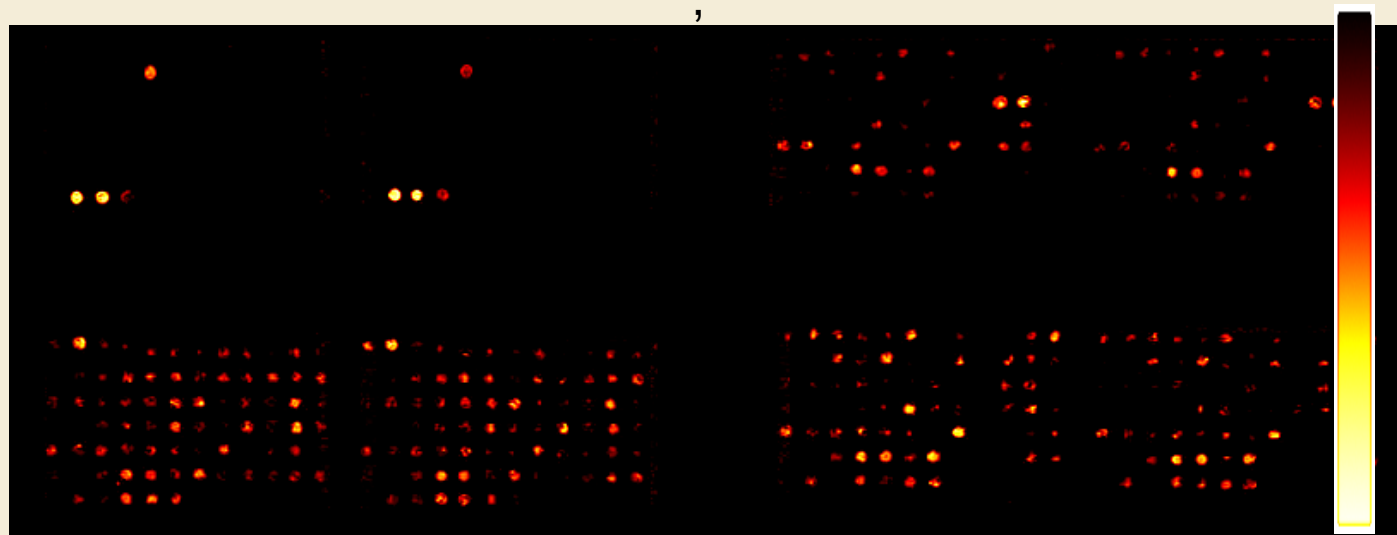


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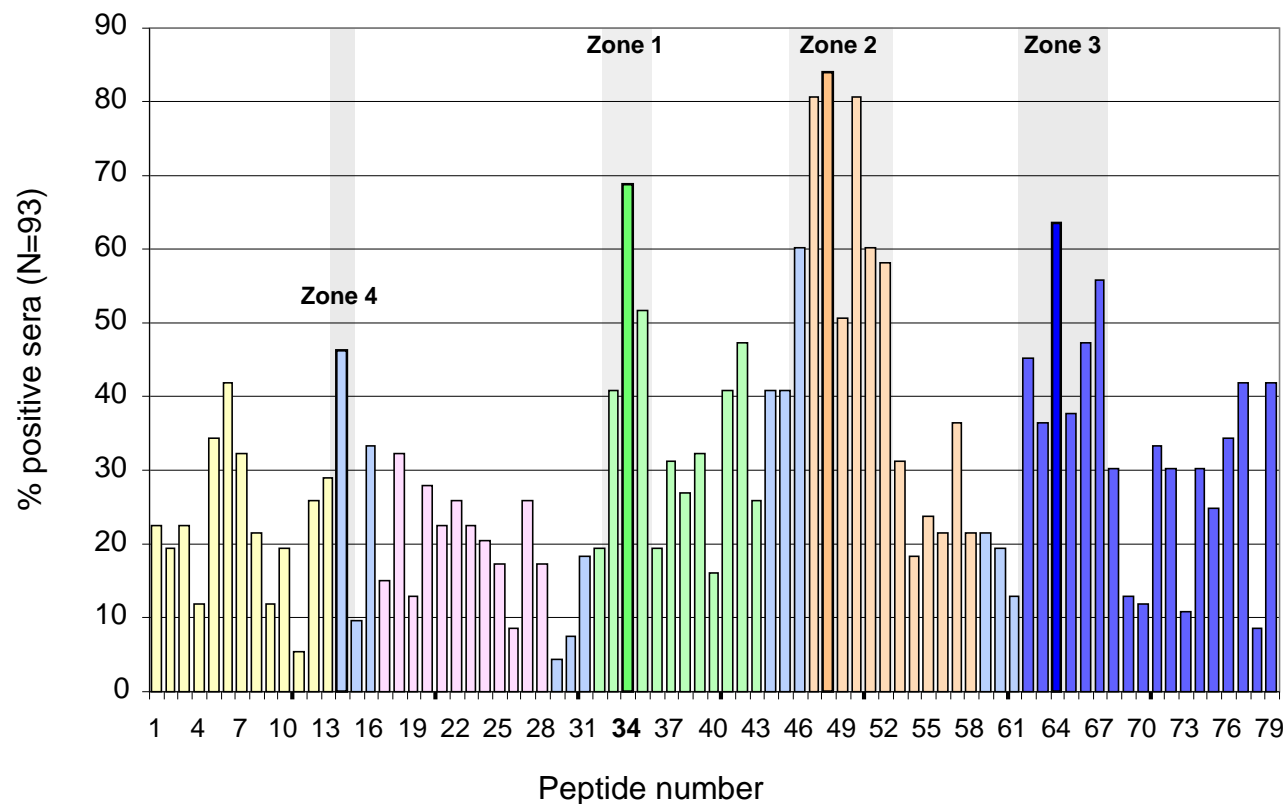


Examples of patients

Examples, policlonal response, with innespecific recognition, aparently there are not a common patron



## Peptides recognition patterns of patients



Three peptides with high antigenicity

- Zone 1 **P34** (peptides 33-35) Domain 3
- Zone 2 **P48** (peptides 46-52) Domain 4
- Zone 3 **P64** (peptides 62-67). Domain 5
- Zone 4 **P13** Domain 1

Domain 1



Domain 2



Domain 3



Domain 4

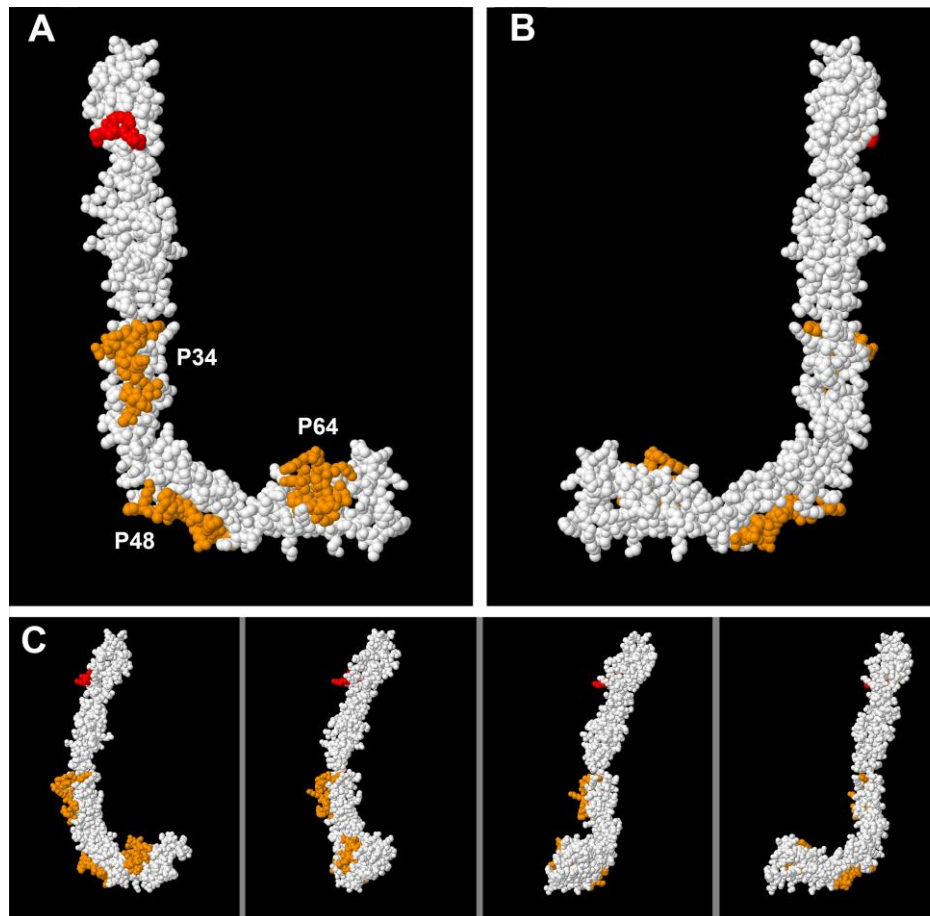


Domain 5



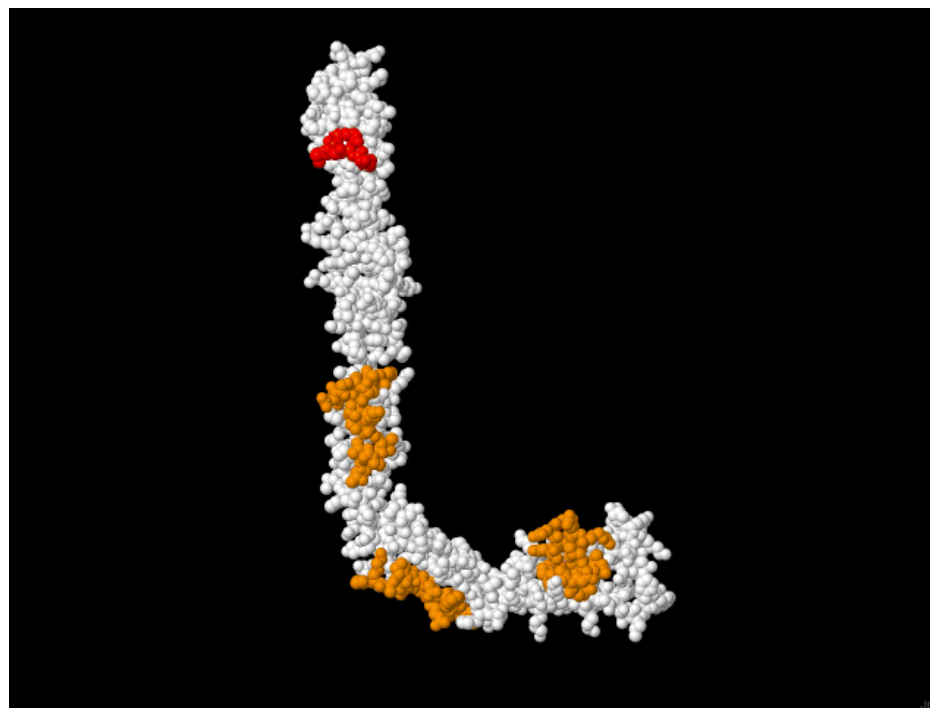
Zones recognized by antibodies represented on 3D model

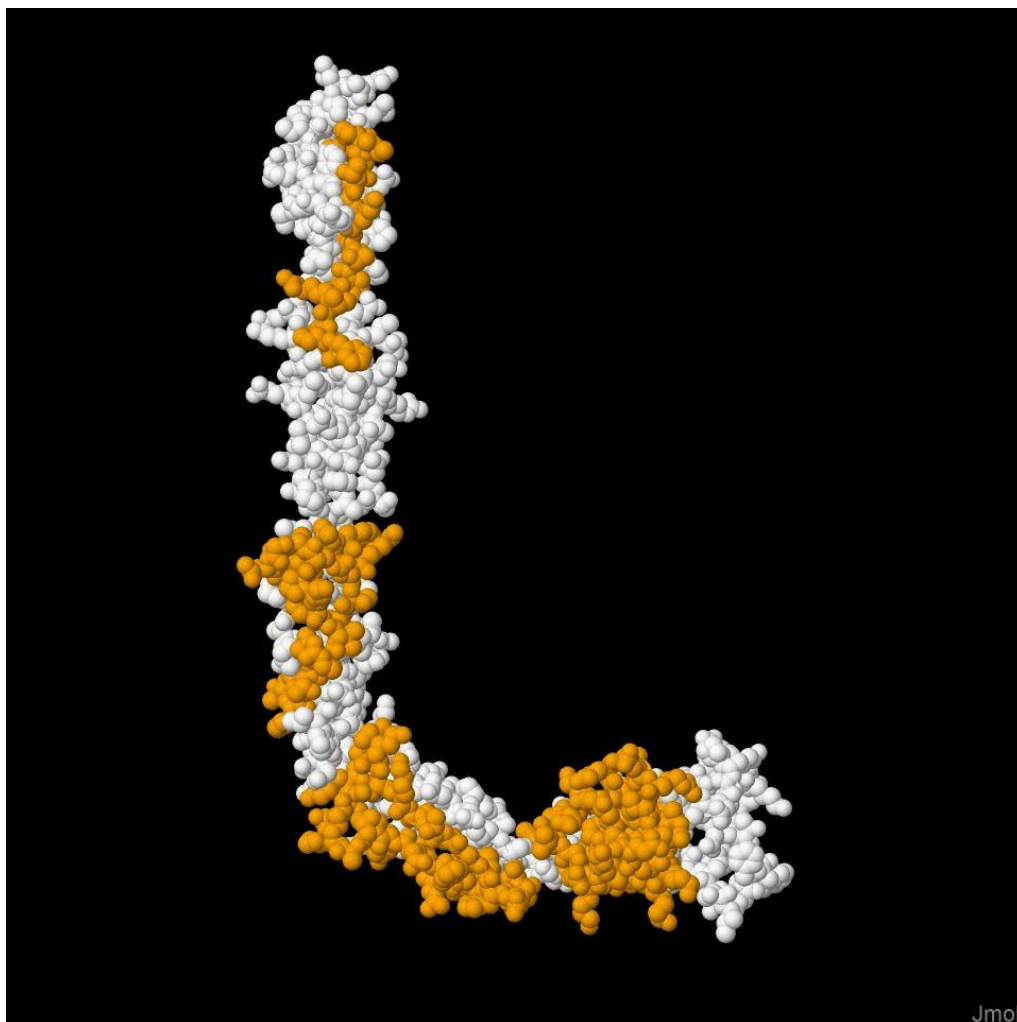
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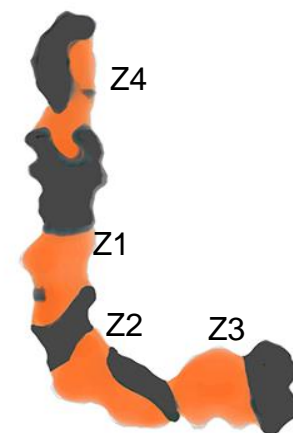
J-shape





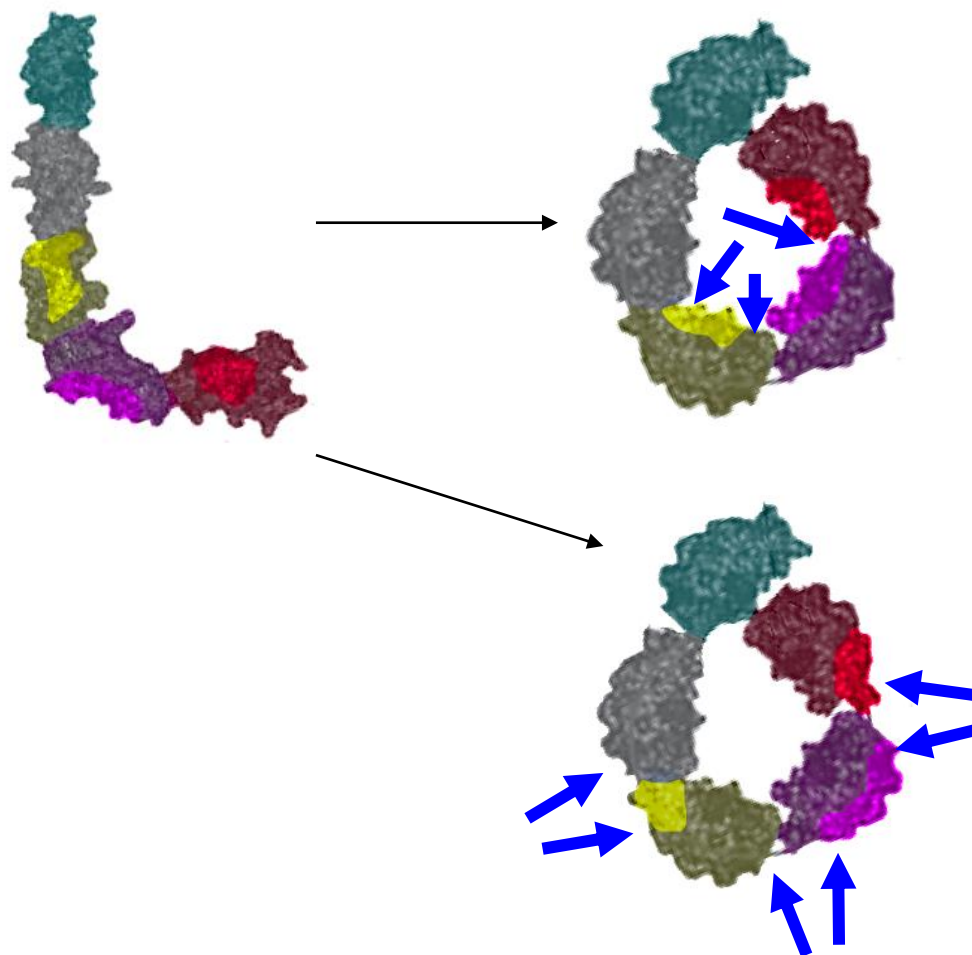


### The four zones



All the peptides of each  
zone are represented

## Change from “fish-hook” to circular form and loss of antigenicity



### Model 1

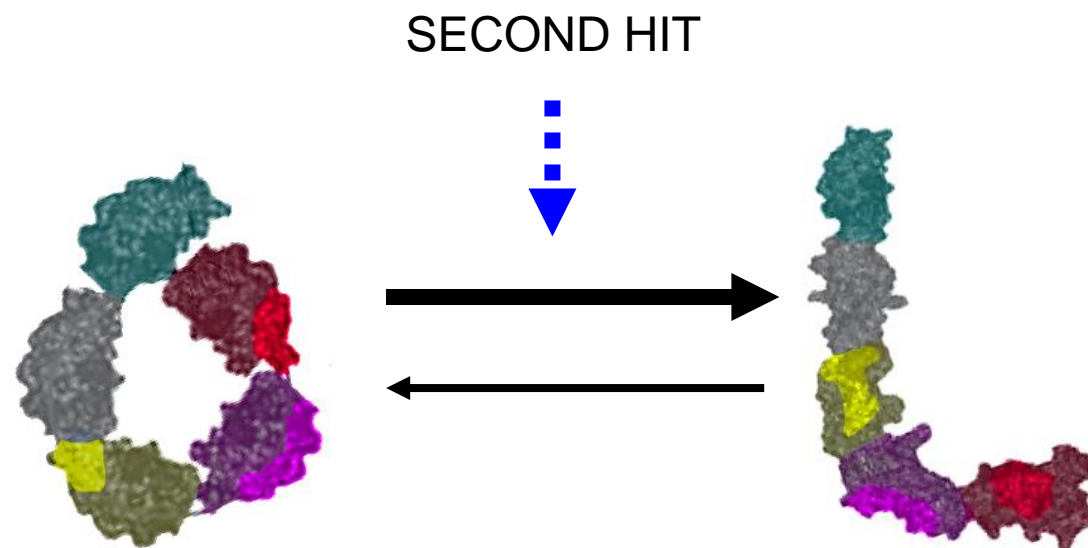
After the change of conformation, the peptides remain inside the molecule and become cryptic.

### Model 2.

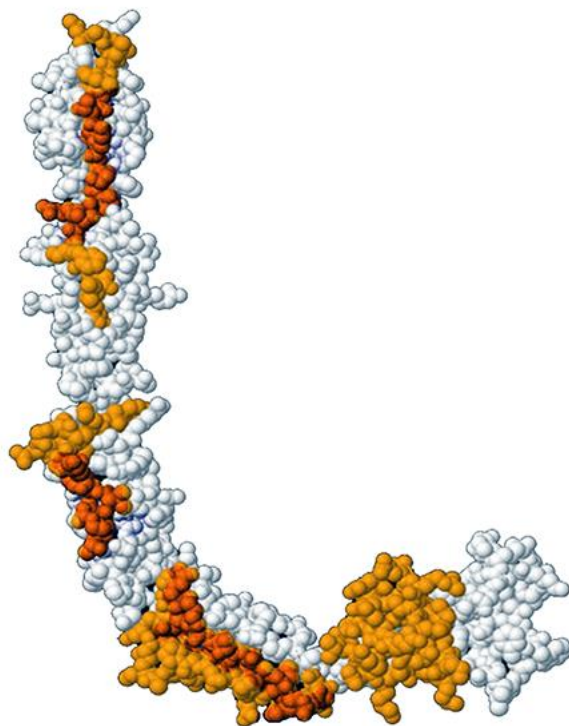
After the remodeling, the epitopes remain in the outer circumference of the ring, losing their antigenicity due to the deformation (stretching) of this area.

The blue arrows mark the areas that that would be subject to greater deformation by tension.

## Second HIT Hypothesis an cryptic epitopes shape dependent hypothesis

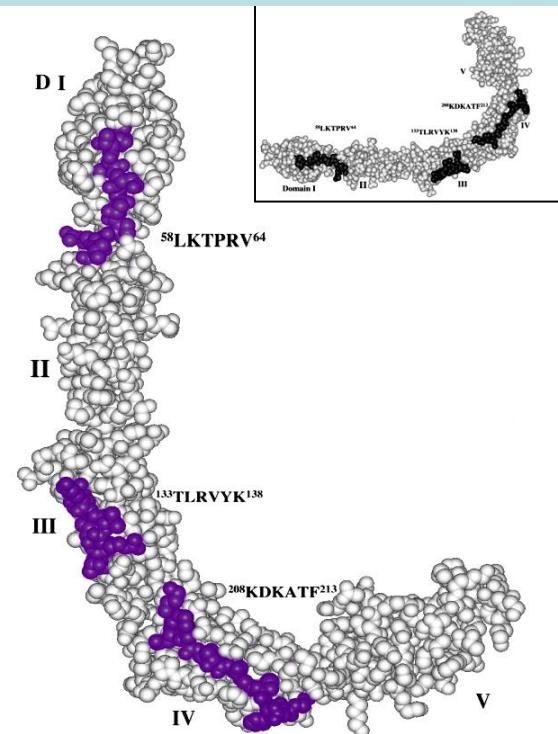


## Peptides described by Serrano et al.

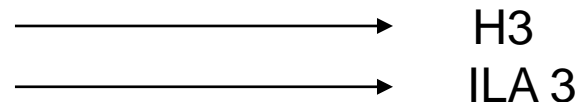


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- Zone 4

## Hexapeptides Described by Blank et al.



## Correlation of both works



\* Modified from Blank et al. J. Clin. Immunol. 24: 12-23(2004)  
 The original picture can be seen in the box

# Conclusions

- IgA aB2GP1 antibodies are recognize mainly 4 peptide zones
- These zones antigenic are exposed in J-shape of the protein
- Previously, these 4 zones were described as pathogenic in a in vivo model
- IgA antibodies can be considered pathogenic per se, so it must be considered as a consensus antibody



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