

# Case Presentation: Kidney Disease

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# Kidney Disease is Common in HIV

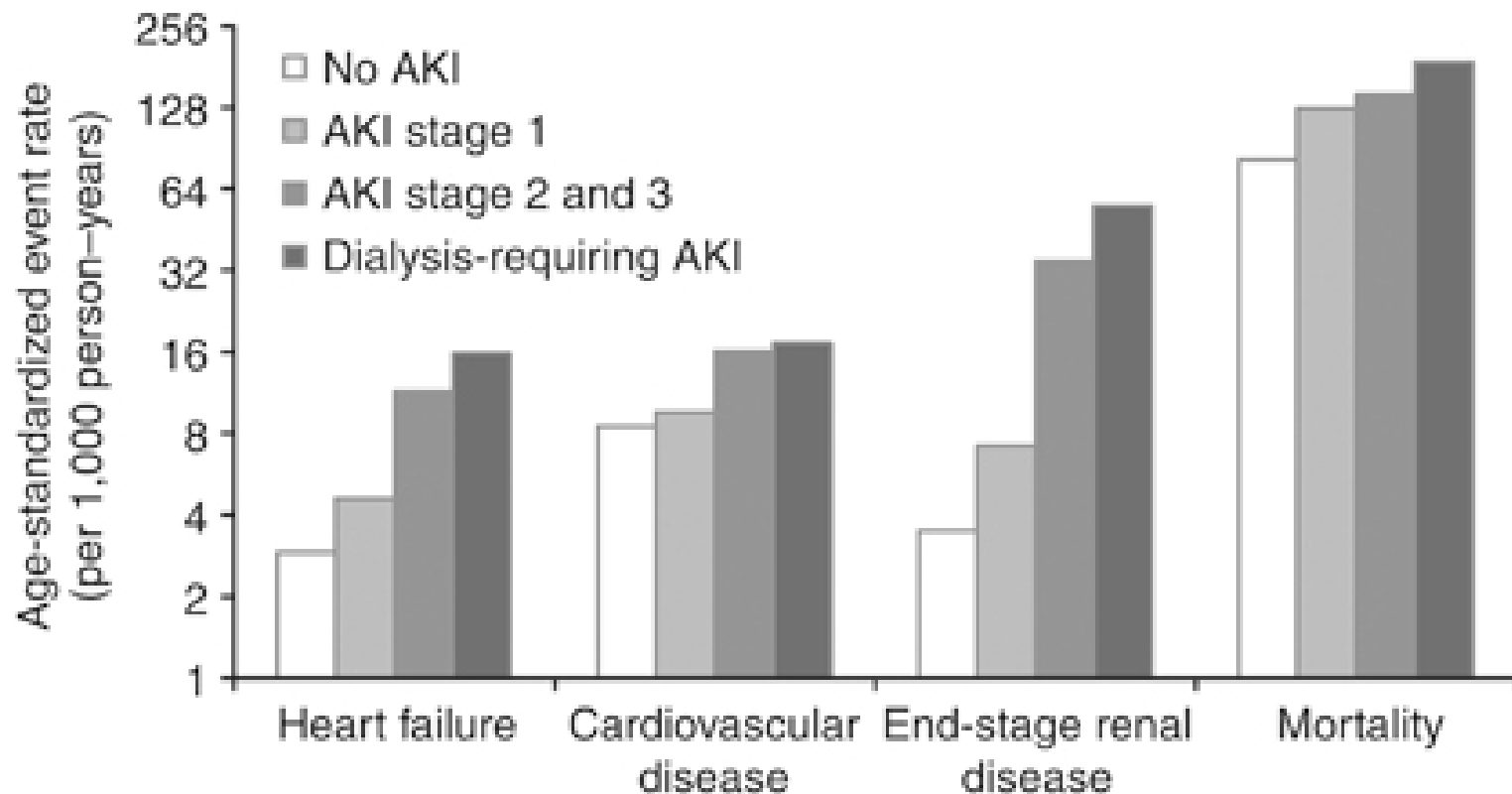
- Both acute & chronic kidney disease are more common in HIV-infected adults

Wyatt *et al.* AIDS 2008

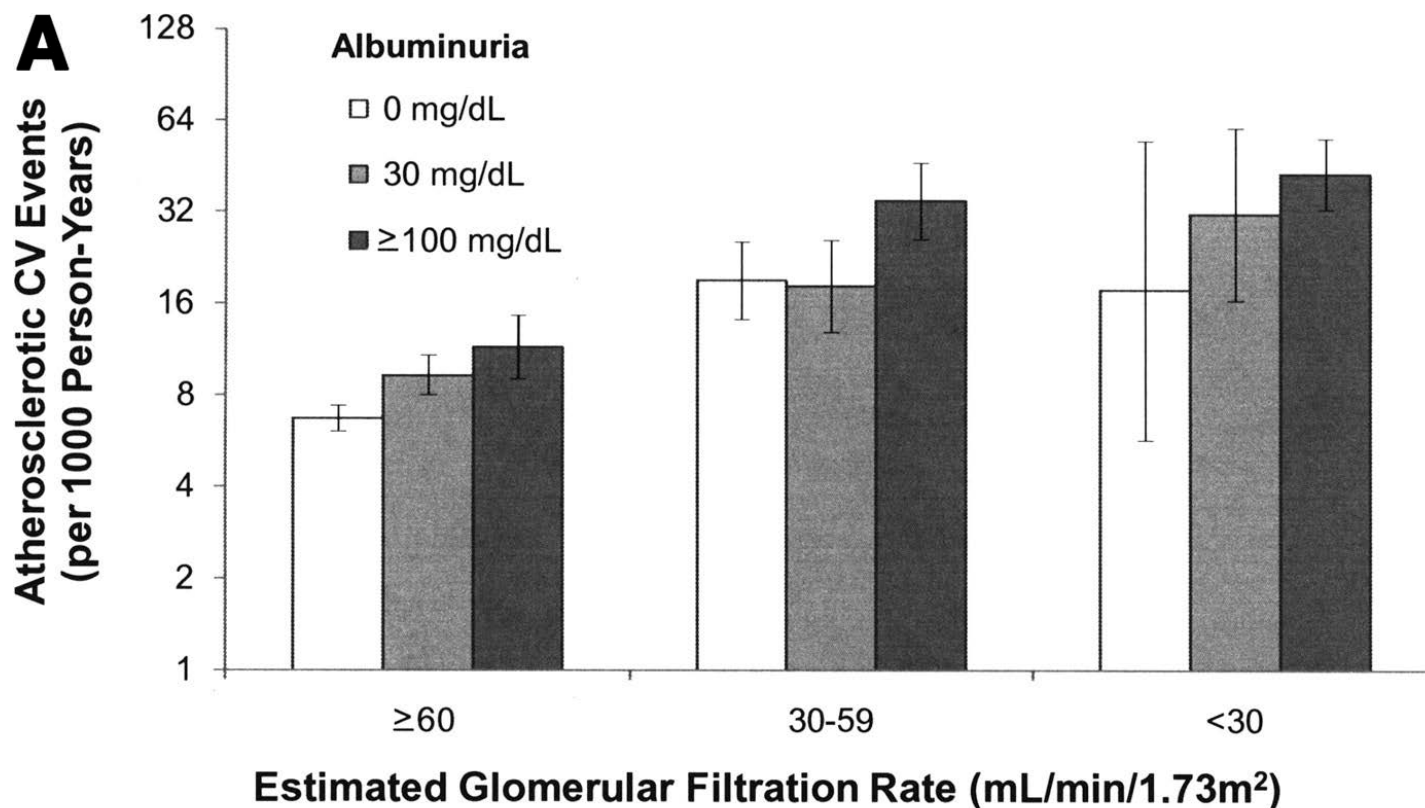
Choi *et al.* JASN 2007

Medapalli *et al.* JAIDS 2012

# Acute Kidney Injury is Associated with Adverse Outcomes in HIV



# Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is Associated with Adverse Outcomes



Wyatt *et al.* JAIDS 2010  
Choi *et al.* Circ 2010\*

# Case Presentation

- 46 year old HIV-HCV+ black man referred for rising creatinine

Baseline **0.9** mg/dL → **1.3** four months ago → **1.5**  
(80 mmol/L → → 133)

eGFR 118 → 64 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

CrCl (70kg man) 102 → 61 mL/min

# Case Presentation

- HIV-HCV diagnosed 2010
  - Risk factor MSM, no history of IDU
  - Nadir CD4 > 200; on ARVs since diagnosis
  - CD4 > 500; HIV-RNA undetectable
- No other medical history
- Family history of DM and HTN, no CKD
- Current meds: FTC/TDF, dolutegravir

# Case Presentation

- Thin, well-groomed man  
BP 112/64  
Weight 57 kg

eGFR 118 → 76 → 64 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

CrCl 83 → 57 → 50 mL/min



# GFR Estimates are Just That

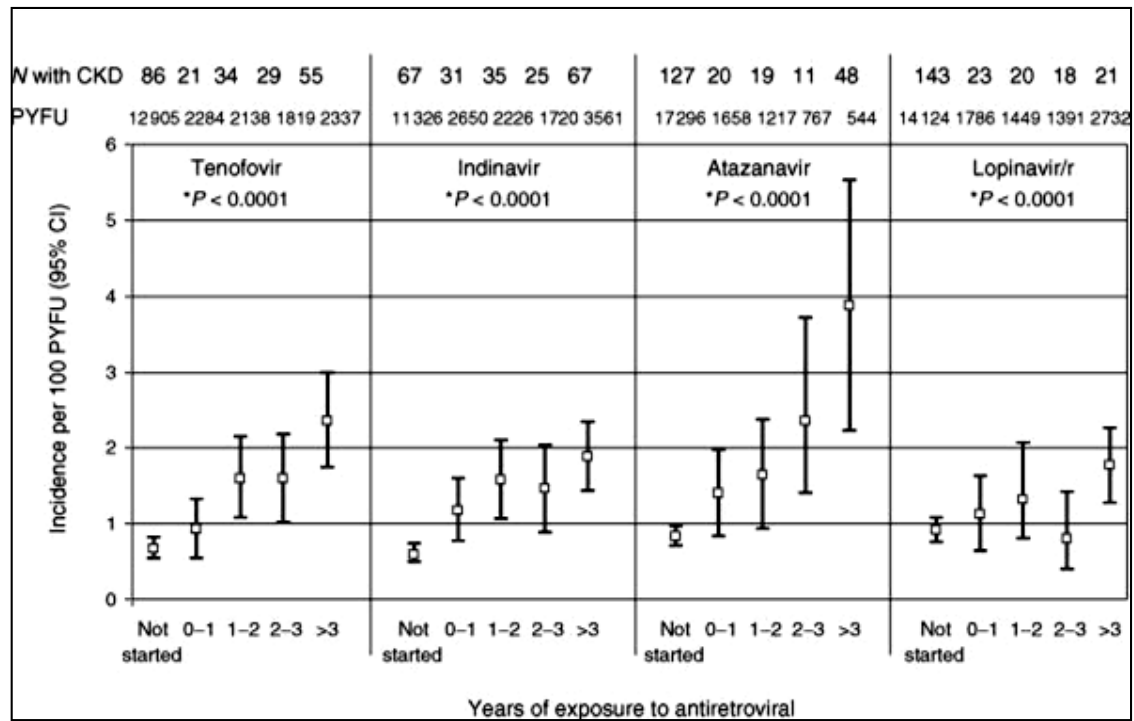
- Serum creatinine is not an ideal marker
  - Influenced by muscle mass
  - Both filtered and secreted
- Estimates perform 'OK' in stable HIV
  - Studies have included few ART-naïve patients

## Best Choice of GFR Estimate Varies

- FDA dosing guidelines are based on CrCl
- CKD-EPI is usually the most accurate
- Near dosing thresholds, clinical judgment is essential. For example:
  - 3TC has a wider therapeutic window
  - Ask about diet/ supplements
  - Consider meds that inhibit creatinine secretion



# ART & Low GFR: Role of RTV?



**EUROSIDA (CrCl<60)**

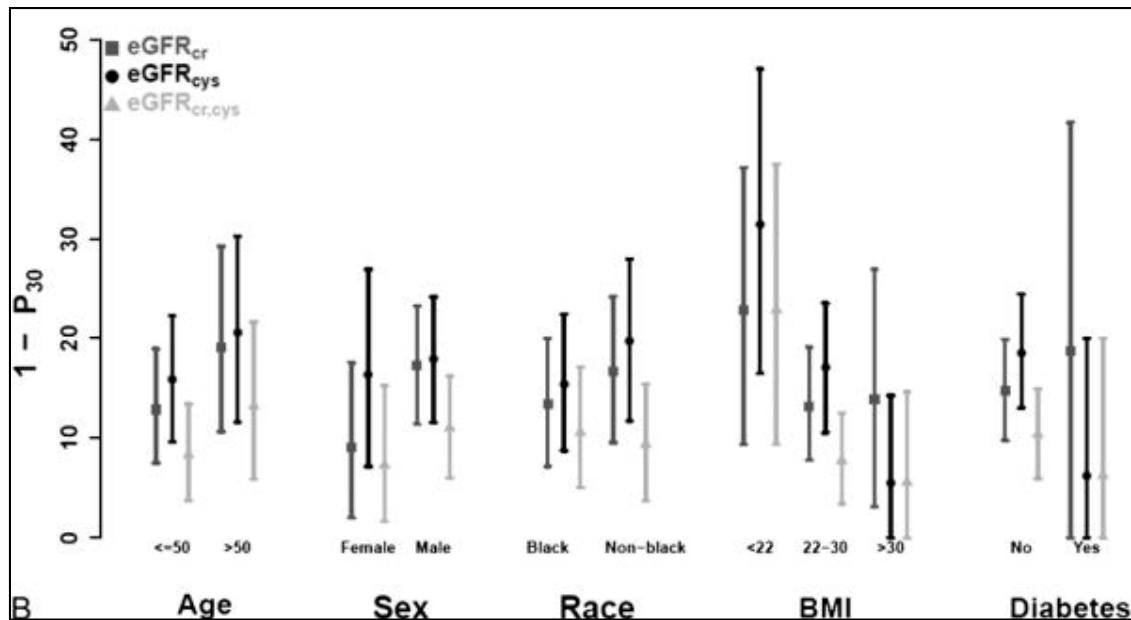
Mocroft *et al.* AIDS 2010\*  
 Sherzer *et al.* AIDS 2012  
 Ryom *et al.* JID 2013

# Cystatin C-based GFR estimates?

- Potential advantages in unique settings:
  - Extremes of muscle mass
  - Drugs that interfere with creatinine secretion
- Stronger association with mortality in HIV
  - May reflect systemic inflammation

# Cystatin C-based GFR estimates?

- Lower accuracy & higher bias in HIV



May still be useful if normal/ low

## Back to Our Case

- 46 year old HIV-HCV+ black man referred for rising creatinine

Baseline 0.9 mg/dL → 1.3 four months ago → 1.5

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Creatine/ high protein diet

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Darunavir/r → Dolutegravir  
(FTC/TDF continued)

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**Creatinine** 0.9 mg/dL → 1.3 → 1.5 → 1.3 mg/dL



**Off creatine/ diet**

**Cystatin C** 0.77 mg/L (normal range 0.5-1.0)

**Urinalysis:** no protein, no glucose; UPCr 0.09

eGFR (Cr): 76 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

eGFR (CysC): 113 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>



## Our Case: Alternate Ending

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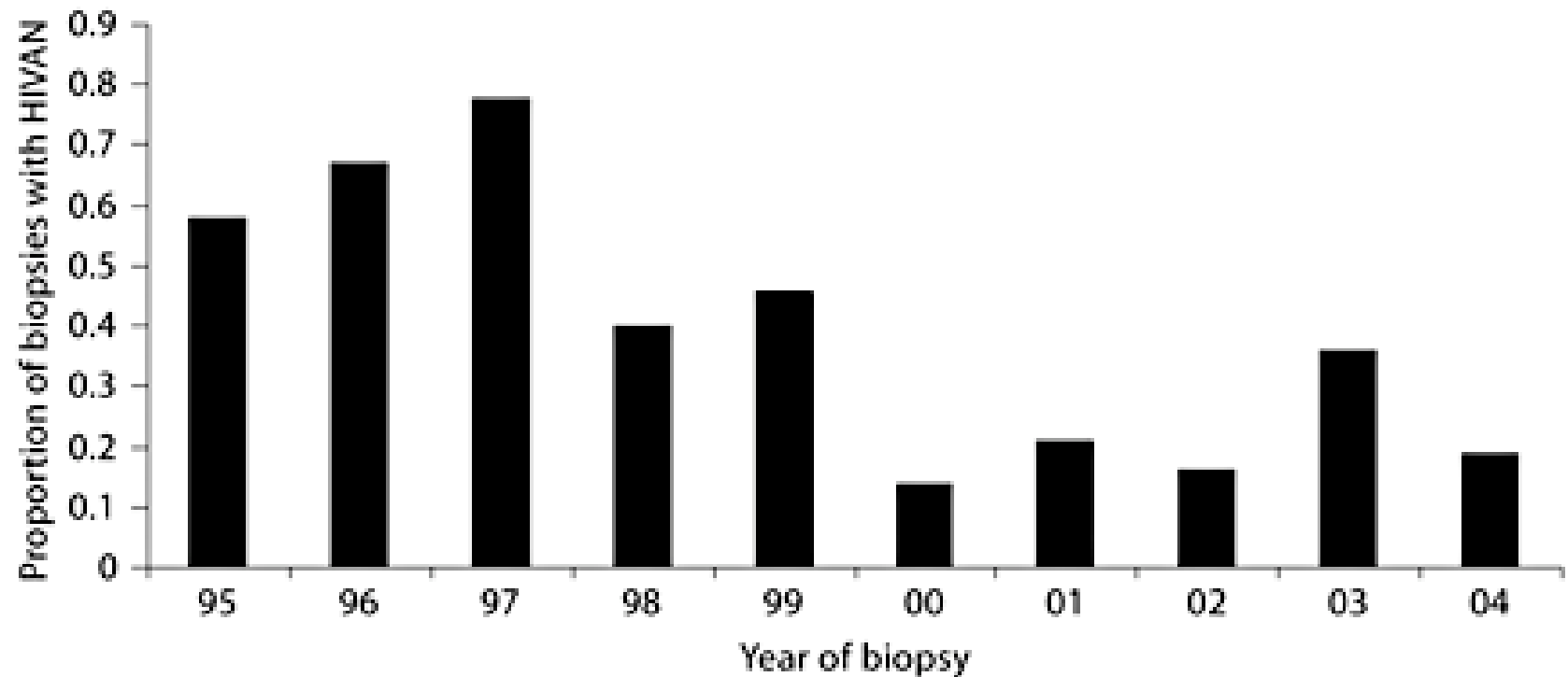
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No changes in diet/ meds

Urinalysis: 2+ protein, no glucose, no cells

## Case Presentation: Ending 2

- 46 year old HIV-HCV+ black man with rising creatinine and proteinuria
  - HIV-related disease?
  - HCV-related disease?
  - Comorbid disease?
  - Medication nephrotoxicity?

# HIV-Associated Nephropathy?



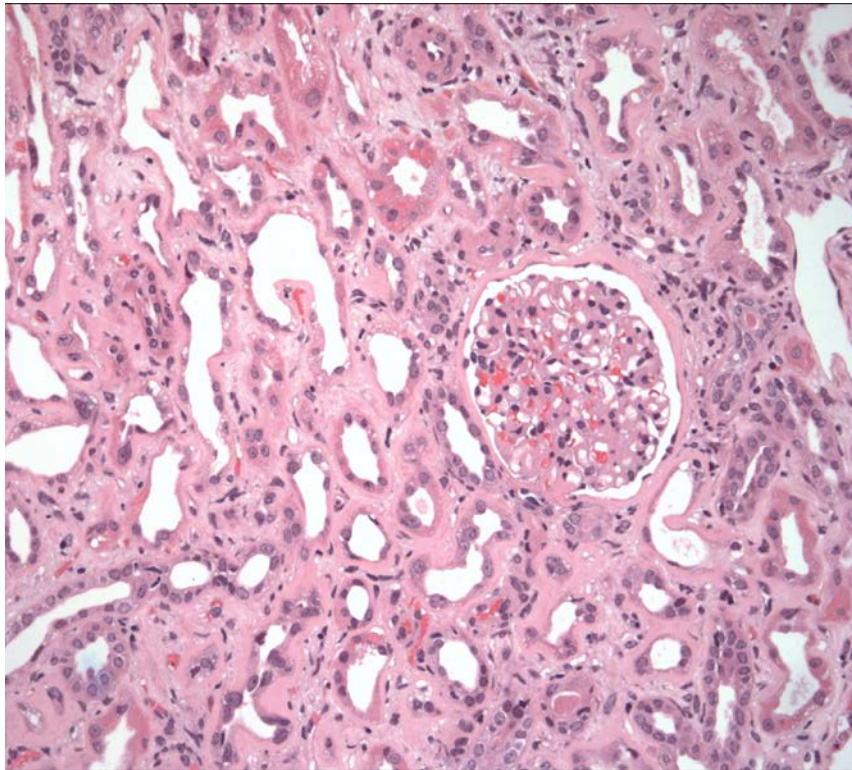
## Case Presentation: Ending 2

- 46 year old HIV-HCV+ black man with rising creatinine and proteinuria
  - HIV-related disease: probably not
  - HCV-related disease?
  - Comorbid disease?
  - Medication nephrotoxicity?

## Case Presentation: Critics' Choice

- Urine protein: creatinine 1.1
- UA: 1+ protein, otherwise negative
- Serum complements normal
- Serum cryoglobulin negative
- Rheumatoid factor slightly elevated
- Serum bicarbonate, phosphorus & uric acid wnl

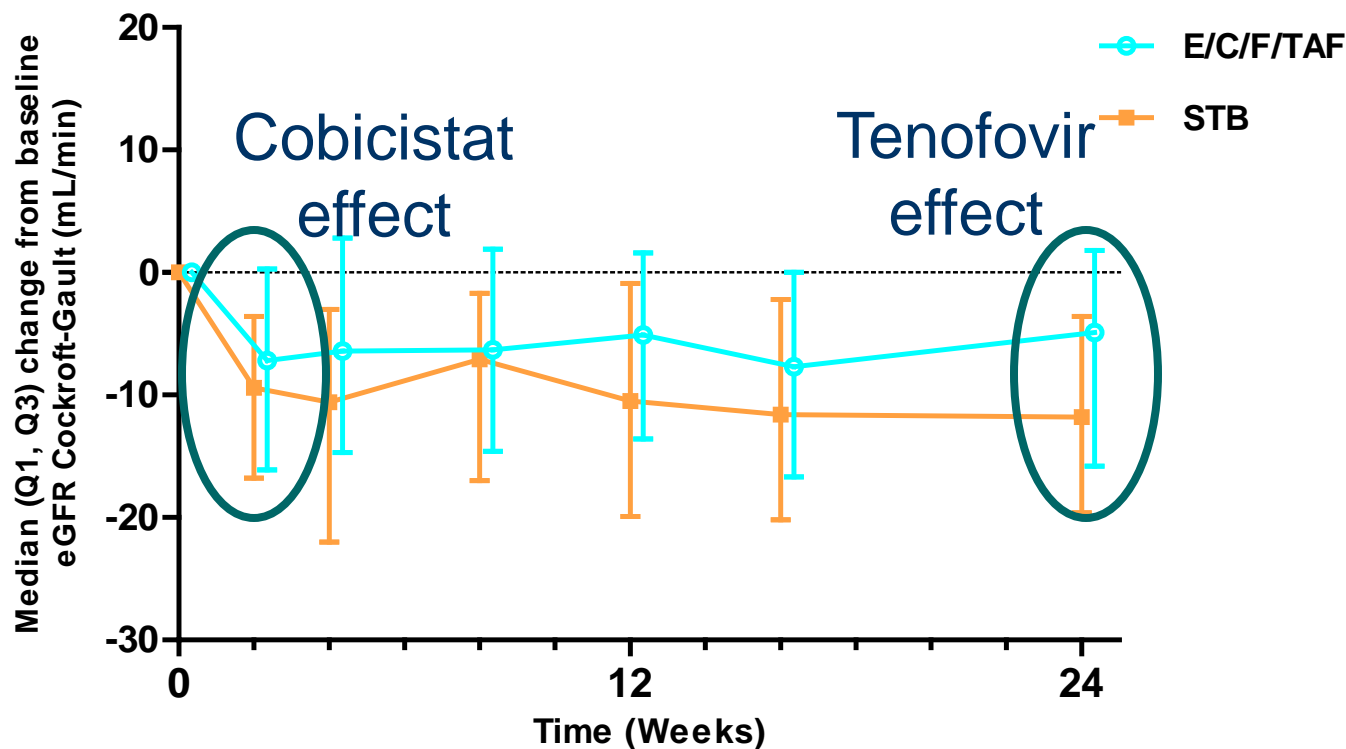
# Kidney Biopsy Can Provide a Definitive Diagnosis



- Unclear diagnosis
- Limited alternatives
- HBV co-infection

Courtesy of Glen Markowitz & Vivette D' Agati

# Potential for ↓ Nephrotoxicity with Tenofovir Alafenamide?



## Potential for ↓ Toxicity with TAF: Switch Studies

- Phase 3 trial of full-dose E/C/F/TAF in stable patients with GFR 30-69 (80 with GFR < 50)
- No significant change in eGFR with switch
- Reduction in proteinuria/ albuminuria
- Rapid decline in RBP &  $\beta$ 2-microglobulin?



# Our Case: The Hollywood Ending

- Increased risk for TDF toxicity, particularly with planned HCV therapy?
  - Low body weight, uncertain GFR estimates
  - Regimen already switched to avoid PI/r
- A candidate for TAF when approved?

# Our Case: Alternate Ending

- Safety of re-challenge with TAF in patients with known or suspected TDF toxicity is unknown