

Supplementary Table 3. Baseline characteristics of patients in the RCTs

First author	Year	Nation	Follo w-up time	Mean Age(y)	Gender (M/F)	Sample	Histology grading of IMN	Urine Protein (g/24hr)	Albumin (g/L)	Scr (umol/L)
TAC vs CTX										
Chen	2010	China	12	T:47.2 C:48.6	T:23/16 C:18/16	39/34	T:16/21/2/0 C:16/17/1/0	T:7.71 C:7.28	T:23.1 C:23.1	T:75.7 C:85.0
He	2013	China	12	T:45.4 C:47.2	T:20/8 C:19/9	28/28	T:12/9/5/2 C:13/11/3/1	T:6.76 C:6.38	T:19.8 C:20.6	T:81.56 C:82.45
Liang	2017	China	12	T:48.2 C:53.9	T:16/14 C:9/19	30/28	T:20/9/1/0 C:19/9/1/0	T:5.9 C:6.9	T:26.5 C:24.1	T:70.7 C:81.0
Peng	2016	China	9	A:43.9 B:40.8 C:39.9	A:17/13 B:16/14 C:14/16	A:30 B:30 C:30	A:10/15/5/0 B:10/13/7/0 C:12/13/5/0	A:11.7 B:12.9 C:12.1	A:20.5 B:19.8 C:21.9	A:82.4 B:78.4 C:78.7
Ramachan dran	2017	India	24	T:38.66 C:40.80	T:27/8 C:20/15	35/35	NR	T:6.76 C:5.44	T:22.0 C:22.3	T:79.56 C:80.44
Xu	2013	China	18	T:56.3 C:57.8	T:31/17 C:30/22	48/52	T:9/31/7/1 C:5/35/11/7	T:5.39 C:5.10	T:18.4 C:19.3	T:77.5 C:87.7
TAC vs Control										
Praga	2007	Spain	30	T:43.7 C:50.1	T:20/5 C:20/3	25/23	T:4/15/3/0 C:4/18/1/0	T:7.2 C:8.4	T:27 C:29	T:86.6 C:97.2
TAC vs CsA										
Li	2017	China	6	T:39.4 C:42.8	T:12/4 C:13/2	16/15	T:1/11/4/0 C:3/11/1/0	T:9.5 C:9.7	T:22.8 C:23.2	T:71.8 C:73.3
MMF vs Control										
Dussol	2008	France	12	T:47.8 C:55.9	T:17/2 C:15/2	19/17	T:13/6/0/0 C:8/9/0/0	T:6.2 C:9.5	T:23.2 C:20.2	T:89.3 C:96.4
MMF vs CTX										
Senthil	2008	India	12	NR	NR	11/10	NR	NR	NR	NR
Fu	2012	China	36	T:43.1 C:42.7	T:9/4 C:8/5	13/13	T:1/4/5/3 C:2/3/6/2	T:9.57 C:9.42	T:23.4 C:23.5	T:68.8 C:66.3
Hayati	2019	Iran	6	T:38.11 C:38.69	T:10/7 C:9/4	17/13	NR	T:5.2 C:8.8	NR	NR
MMF vs Chlorambucil										
Chan	2007	China	15	49.5	13/7	11/9	NR	5.7	26.5	95.1
MMF vs CsA										
Choi	2018	SouthKorea	11.2	T:57.7 C:52.7	T:16/5 C:9/9	21/18	NR	T:8.9 C:8.4	T:23 C:25	T:97.2 C:79.6
CsA vs Steroids										
Cattran	2001	Canada	18	T:47 C:49	T:26/2 C:16/7	28/23	NR	T:9.7 C:8.8	T:28 C:27	T:114.9 C:97.8
CsA vs CTX vs Control										
Kosmadakis	2010	Greece	9	A:50.5 B:55.4	A:8/2 B:4/4	A:10 B:8	NR	A:6.6 B:7.0	A:27 B:28	NR

				C:51.8	C:5/5	C:10		C:5.2	C:22	
CsA vs Control										
Cattran	1995	Canada	12	T:44 C:40	T:8/1 C:6/2	9/8	NR	T:11.5 C:12.8	T:29 C:30	T:186 C:204
CTX vs Control										
Donadio	1974	USA	12	T:42.6 C:45.8	T:9/2 C:8/3	11/11	NR	T:7.8 C:7.6	T:27 C:23	T:106.1 C:97.2
Jha	2007	India	120	T:38.0 C:37.2	T:30/17 C:27/19	47/46	NR	T:6.11 C:5.91	T:23.4 C:24.2	T:107.0 C:103.4
Murphy	1992	Australia	24	T:47 C:40	T:12/7 C:14/7	19/21	T:4/14/1/0 C:5/15/1/0	T:5.0 C:3.9	T:28 C:30	T:110 C:90
CTX vs Chlorambucil										
Branten	1998	Netherlands	T:26 C:38	T:53 C:51	T:15/2 C:15/0	17/15	NR	T:11 C:9	T:22 C:22	T:274 C:219
Ponticeli	1998	Italy	12	T:48 C:50	T:29/16 C:37/13	45/50	No detail	T:6.85 C:7.96	NR	T:91.9 C:93.7
Reichert	1994	Netherlands	15	T:49 C:45	T:8/1 C:9/0	9/9	NR	T:9.8 C:8.5	T:25.9 C:22.9	T:218 C:260
Steroids vs Control										
Cameron	1990	UK	36	T:45 C:44	T:43/9 C:43/8	52/51	NR	T:10.8 C:10.4	T:26 C:25	T:114 C:115
Cattran	1989	Canada	48	T:46 C:45	T:61/20 C:44/33	81/77	T:6/33/33/9 C:7/35/28/7	T:6.9 C:5.2	T:27 C:31	T:120 C:103
Coggins	1979	USA	23	NR	T:22/12 C:20/18	34/38	T:5/18/9/2 C:9/20/8/1	T:9.4 C:8.3	NR	T:97.2 C:88.4
Chlorambucil vs Steroids										
Ponticeli	1992	Italy	48	T:46 C:47	T:32/13 C:27/20	45/47	No detail	T:7.6 C:7.0	NR	T:88.4 C:88.4
Chlorambucil vs Control										
Ponticeli	1995	Italy	120	T:43.5 C:42	T:34/8 C:29/10	42/39	T:11/21/8/2 C:7/23/7/2	T:6.2 C:5.3	NR	T:93.8 C:93.1
Ponticeli	1984	Italy	T:31 C:37	T:42.6 C:44.9	T:26/6 C:22/8	32/30	T:10/16/4/2 C:7/16/6/1	NR	NR	T:93.7 C:95.5
Ponticeli	1983	Italy	T:28 C:32	T:39.4 C:45.4	T:18/3 C:19/5	21/24	NR	NR	NR	T:93.4 C:97.2
Rituximab vs Control										
Dahan	2016	France	17	T:53 C:58	T:28/9 C:24/14	37/38	NR	NR	T:22 C:22	T:98.1 C:91.1
Rituximab vs CSA										
Fervenza	2019	USA	24	T:51.9 C:52.2	T:47/18 C:53/12	65/65	NR	T:8.9 C:8.9	T:25 C:25	T:115 C:115
Rituximab vs CTX										
Fernández-Juárez G	2021	Spain	24	T:55.2 C:56.2	T:31/12 C:24/19	43/43	NR	T:6.7 C:4.8	T:26 C:26	T:88.4 C:88.4
Scolari	2021	Italy	24	T:54 C:55	T:28/9 C:25/12	37/37	T:4/25/7/1 C:8/16/8/2	T:6 C:6	T:20 C:20	T:88.4 C:88.4