

Renal biopsy	Number (%)
Class 2	46 (46.00%)
Class 3	36 (36.00%)
Class 4	14 (14.00%)
Class 5	4 (4.00%)

Investigation	Summary statistics
Serum albumin	
Mean $\pm$ SD	3.71 $\pm$ 0.50
Median (range)	3.8 (1.3-4.3)
Hypoalbuminemia (< 3.7 g)	18 (18.00%)
Serum creatinine	
Mean $\pm$ SD	1.5 $\pm$ 0.55
Median (range)	0.9 (0.4-3.8)
High S. creatinine (>1.3 mg/dl)	14 (14.00%)
24 hours' Urinary protein (mg/24h)	
Mean $\pm$ SD	2606 $\pm$ 3782.6
Median (range)	1135 (45-20880)
High 24 hours' urinary protein (>500mg)	90 (90.00%)
Renal involvement (S. creatinine (>1.3 mg/dl) or 24 hours' urinary protein (>500mg)	91 (91.00%)

Presenting symptoms	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	P for trend
Arthritis	39 (84.78%)	29 (80.56%)	13 (92.86%)	3 (75.00%)	0.91
Oral ulceration	39 (84.78%)	29 (80.56%)	7 (50.00%)	2 (50.00%)	0.06
Malar rash	25 (54.35%)	18 (50.00%)	9 (64.29%)	2 (50.00%)	0.91
Photosensitivity	13 (28.26%)	8 (22.22%)	6 (42.86%)	1 (25.00%)	0.75
Polyserositis	11 (23.91%)	9 (25.00%)	5 (35.71%)	1 (25.00%)	0.64
Neurological affection	2 (4.35%)	3 (8.33%)	1 (7.14%)	0	0.59

Variable	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	P for trend
Albumin					0.001
Mean $\pm$ SD	3.86 $\pm$ 0.43	3.67 $\pm$ 0.37	3.37 $\pm$ 0.78	3.58 $\pm$ 0.56	
Median (range)	3.9 (1.5-4.3)	3.7 (2.6-4.3)	3.55 (1.3-4.3)	3.6 (3-4.1)	
Hypoalbuminemia	4 (7.70%)	6 (16.67%)	6 (42.86%)	2 (5.00%)	0.002
Serum creatinine					<0.0001
Mean $\pm$ SD	0.89 $\pm$ 0.24	0.92 $\pm$ 0.25	1.62 $\pm$ 0.85	2.1 $\pm$ 1.29	
Median (range)	0.85 (0.4-1.8)	0.9 (0.5-1.6)	1.7 (0.5-3.2)	1.75 (1.1-3.8)	
High S. creatinine (>1.3 mg/dl)	1 (2.17%)	3 (8.33%)	8 (57.14%)	2 (50.00%)	<0.0001
24 hours' Urinary protein					<0.0001
Mean $\pm$ SD	1220 $\pm$ 1099	1796 $\pm$ 1946	11217 $\pm$ 8105	11217 $\pm$ 8105	
Median (range)	1037 (45-6586)	6665 (264-16500)	11475 (1040-20880)	11475 (1040-20880)	
High 24 hours' urinary protein (>500mg)	39 (84.78%)	34 (94.44%)	13 (92.86%)	4 (100%)	0.22

Variable	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	P value
No therapy	2 (4.35%)	0	0	0	<0.0001
Steroid	36 (78.26%)	4 (11.11%)	0	0	
Immunosuppressant	0	4 (11.11%)	1 (7.14%)	0	
Both	8 (17.39%)	28 (77.78%)	13 (92.86%)	4 (100%)	