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Announcements

On the cover: The cover decorates the last issue of JASN developed by the current editorial team. The montage of illustrations depicts some of the most exciting opportunities in renal research, both basic and clinical, at this time of transition—all but two illustrated by articles selected from the current issue of the journal. Clockwise from top left: The paper by cutter et al. (pages 1754–1764) illustrates intraglomerular localization of stem cells that reduced the severity of glomerulonephritis early (left) but differentiated into adipocytes later (right) associated with increased scarring, illustrating both the potential and the pitfalls of stem cells as therapeutic agents. The graph from the paper by Hou et al. (pages 1754–1764) illustrates intraglomerular localization of stem cells that reduced arteriolosclerosis. The photomicrograph from the review by Colvin on antibody-mediated renal transplant rejection (JASN 18: 1046–1056, 2007) illustrates peritubular capillary endothelial complement activation and C4d deposits, one of the major barriers to be overcome in moving renal xenografts closer to clinical reality. The bottom middle photomicrograph from the paper by Kaneshiro et al. (pages 1789–1795) shows reduction in glomerular ERK signaling and progressive sclerosis achieved by blocking (pro)renin receptors in aged rats transgenic for human (pro)renin receptor, illustrating new, non-angiotensin II–dependent, targeted approaches to treating progressive renal disease. The bottom right photomicrograph from the paper by Covlin on antibody-mediated graft rejection (JASN 18: 1046–1056, 2007) illustrates peritubular capillary endothelial complement activation and C4d deposits, one of the major barriers to be overcome in moving renal xenografts closer to clinical reality. The bottom middle photomicrograph from the review by Hildebrandt and Zhou (pages 1855–1871), which focuses on the need for better ways to characterize the phenotypic consequences of disease-causing genes and the potential for gene-targeted therapies.