



3.3.5 Complement Defects in Human Pathology

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- This is a national reference group for the study of primary or acquired defects in the complement system.
- The main aim is to gain an understanding of the molecular mechanisms underlying in complement deficiency or dysregulation in several human diseases, the majority of which are classified as rare diseases.
- In this context, the group implements and applies various methodological strategies (immunological, biochemical, proteomic and genetic) to detect clinically relevant deficiencies or functional defects in complement components. By following a clearly translational approach, the group also develops new diagnostic tests which are implemented in the clinical practice, especially for treatment adjustment and patient follow-up.
- The research lines could be classified as: screening and characterization of genetic or acquired complement defects that cause renal pathology (I), functional and molecular diagnosis of deficiencies affecting individual components of the complement system (II), diagnosis and molecular studies in Hereditary Angioedema and screening for disease modifying genes (III), study of pathogenic mechanisms in acquired lipodystrophies (IV).

RESEARCH LINES

- Screening and characterization of genetic and acquired Complement defects in renal disease.
- Biochemical and molecular diagnosis of isolated Complement deficiencies.
- Biochemical and molecular diagnosis of Hereditary and Acquired forms of bradykinin-mediated Angioedema.
- Pathogenic mechanisms of acquired lipodystrophies: Barraquer-Simons syndrome, and Lawrence syndrome.
- Complement defects in Age Related Macular Degeneration



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