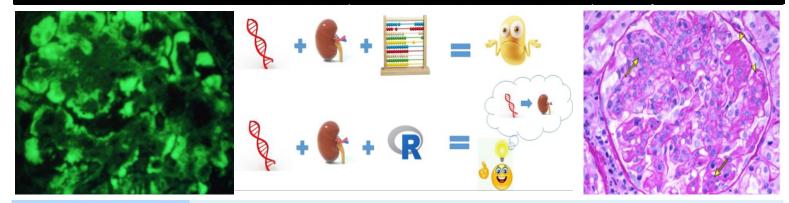
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# Beyond the t-test: How advanced statistical methods expand understanding of genetics of kidney function in lupus

Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) is a life threatening multisystem autoimmune disease. Lupus nephritis (LN) is one of the most severe manifestations of SLE, affecting up to 75% of SLE patients. Despite evidence that LN clusters in families, and prevalence and severity varies by race/ethnicity, genetic studies of LN risk have not identified susceptibility loci reaching genome-wide significance. This may be due to limitations of cross-sectional study design. No prior LN genetic studies have capitalized on repeated renal measures, nor maximized power by utilizing quantitative renal measures. We are applying statistical methods for longitudinally collected, repeated renal measures of kidney function in children and adults with SLE, to identify genetic determinants of LN.

#### **Panel**

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Tuesday, November 24, 2020, noon to 1 p.m.

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