



# Complementdiagnostiek: pre-analytische fase, diagnostische workflow en interpretatie

Critically appraised topic

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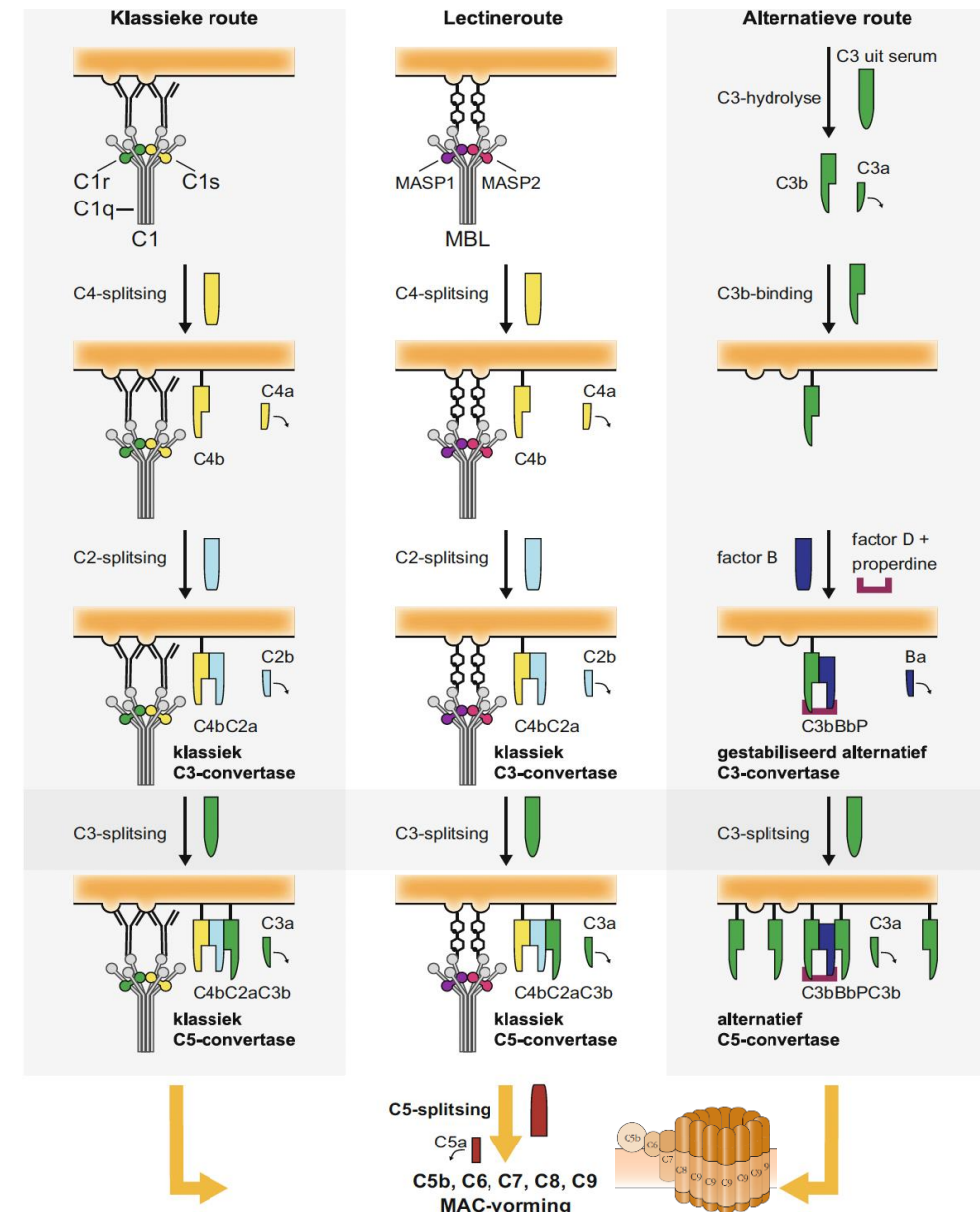
# Overzicht

- Het complementsysteem
- Voornaamste indicaties voor complementdiagnostiek
- Diagnostiek (assays, pre-analytische fase & interpretatie):
  - complementfunctie
  - individuele componenten
  - activatiecomponenten
- Diagnostische workflow: complementdeficiëntie
- Mannose bindend lectine aanvragen GZA
- To do's

# Het complementsysteem



- Aangeboren immuunsysteem
- >30 eiwitten
- Synthese via de lever
- **Drie routes:**
  - klassieke route (CP)
  - lectineroute (LP)
  - alternatieve route (AP)
- **Activatie**
  - CP: antigeen-antilichaam immuuncomplexen
  - LP: suikergroepen van microorganismen
  - AP: spontane hydrolyse
- **Effect:**
  - Cellysis (MAC)
  - Inflammatie (C3a, C4a & C5a)
  - Opsonisatie (C3b)



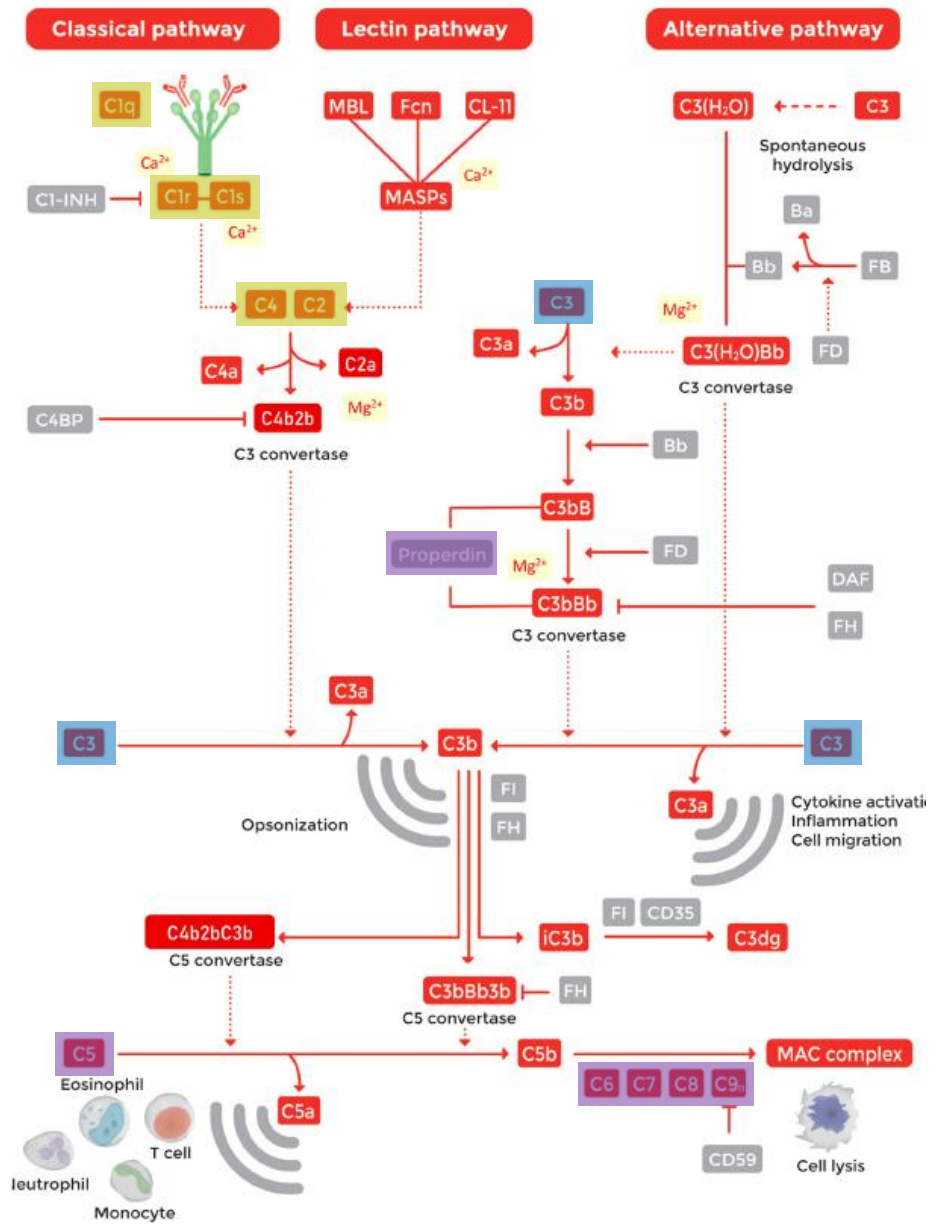
# Het complementsysteem: overzicht



- **Calcium:** activatie van proteasecomplexen (C1r, C1q, MASP's) van de CP en LP
- **Magnesium:** binding van C2 aan C4b om de C3 convertase te vormen
- **Regulatoren:** C1INH, DAF, CR1, C4Bp, factor H, factor I, MCP, properdine, ...

## → Deficiënties

- AIZ
- Ernstige bacteriële infecties + AIZ
- *Neisseria* infecties

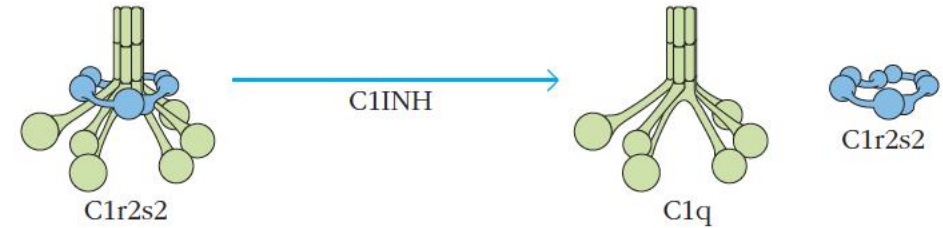




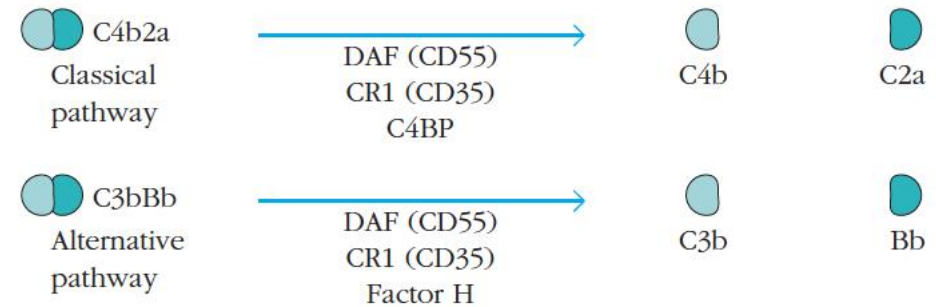
# Het complementsysteem: regulatoren

- C1INH deficiëntie → **HAE/AAE**
- DAF afwezigheid → **PNH**
- Mutaties, autoantistoffen tegen Factor H, I, MCP → **aHUS**

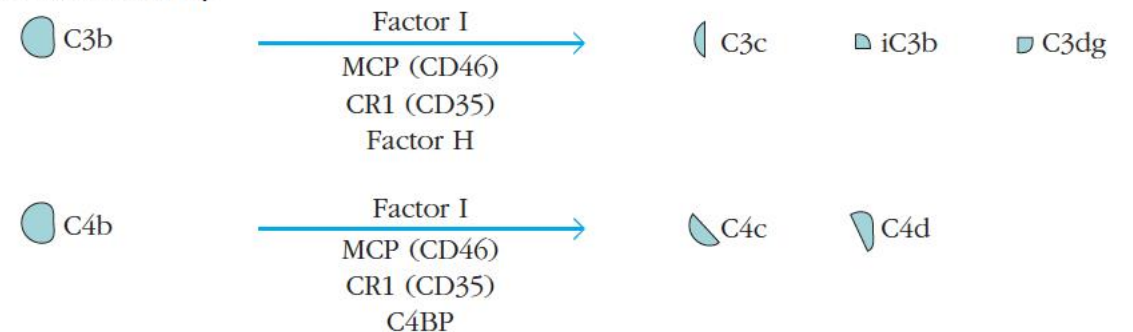
(a) Dissociation of C1 components



(b) Decay-accelerating activity for C3 convertases



(c) Factor I cofactor activity



# Voornaamste indicaties voor complementdiagnostiek



## 1. Vermoeden van **complementdeficiënties**

- Recidiverende bacteriële infecties (*S. pneumoniae*)
- Ernstige infecties met omkapselde bacteriën
- Meningokokken-meningitis >5 J oud
- Auto-immuunaandoeningen (SLE)
- Angio-oedeem zonder urticaria (HAE, AAE)

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Complement Guideline: Deficiencies, Diagnosis, and Management

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### Abstract

This guideline aims to describe the complement system and the functions of the constituent pathways, with particular focus on primary immunodeficiencies (PIDs) and their diagnosis and management. The complement system is a crucial part of the innate immune system, with multiple membrane-bound and soluble components. There are three distinct enzymatic cascade pathways within the complement system, the classical, alternative and lectin pathways, which converge with the cleavage of central C3. Complement deficiencies account for ~5% of PIDs. The clinical consequences of inherited defects in the complement system are protean and include increased susceptibility to infection, autoimmune diseases (e.g., systemic lupus erythematosus), age-related macular degeneration, renal disorders (e.g., atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome) and angioedema. Modern complement analysis allows an in-depth insight into the functional and molecular basis of nearly all complement deficiencies. However, therapeutic options remain relatively limited for the majority of complement deficiencies with the exception of hereditary angioedema and inhibition of an overactivated complement system in regulation defects. Current management strategies for complement disorders associated with infection include education, family testing, vaccinations, antibiotics and emergency planning.

**Keywords** Complement · complement deficiencies · classical pathway · alternative pathway · mannan-binding lectin



## 2. Vermoeden van **complementontregeling**

- SLE
- Urticariële vasculitis
- Cryoglobulinemie
- C3 glomerulopathie
- TMA (aHUS)
- ...

# Voornaamste indicaties voor complementdiagnostiek

## 3. Opvolgen van **therapie**

- Eculizumab, Ravulizumab (anti-C5) bij aHUS, PNH







# Complementdiagnostiek: onderdelen

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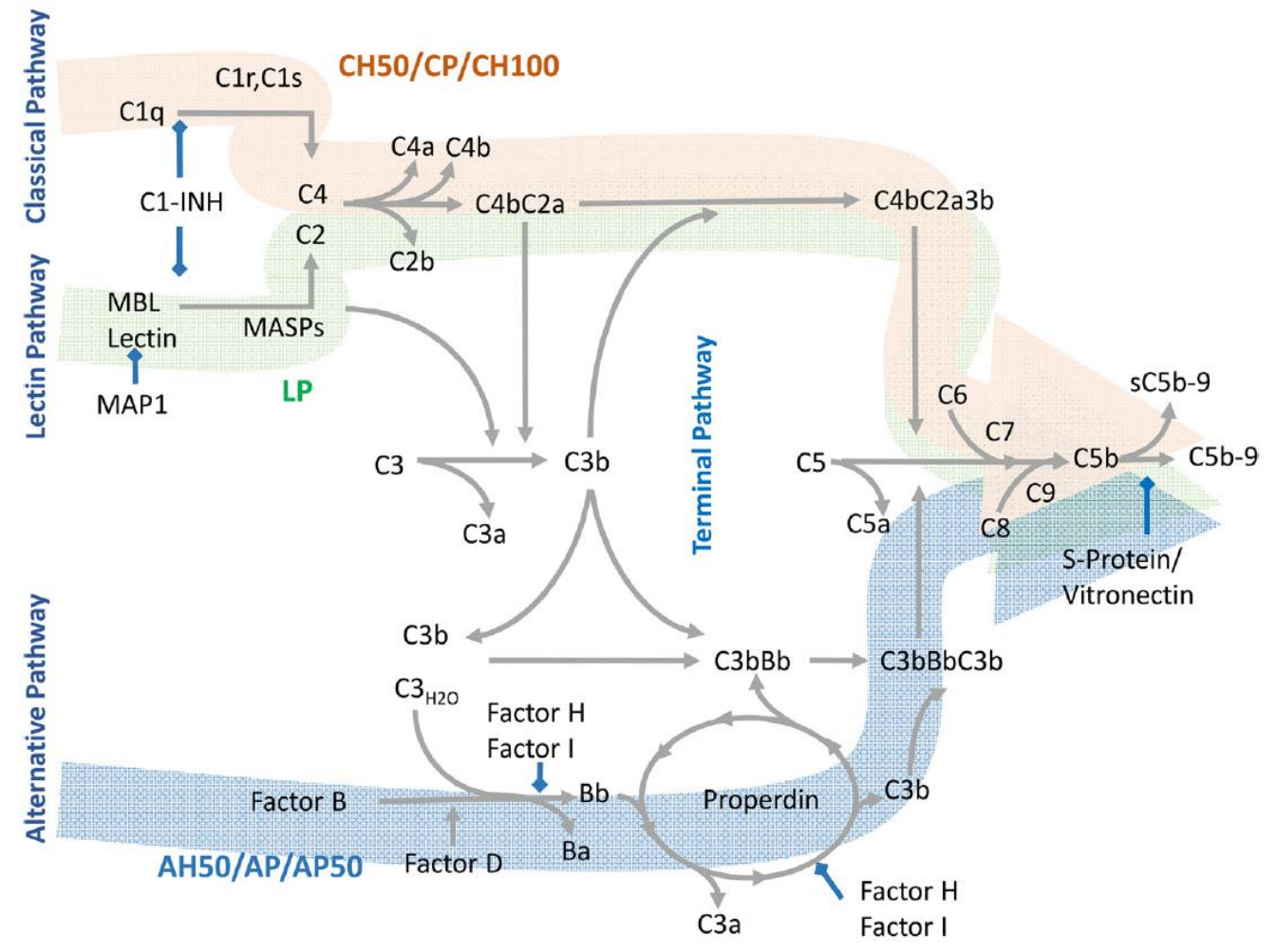
# Complementdiagnostiek: complementfunctie

## Methodes:

- Hemolytische assays
- ELISA
- Liposoom immunoassay

- ELISA


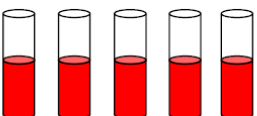
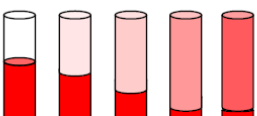
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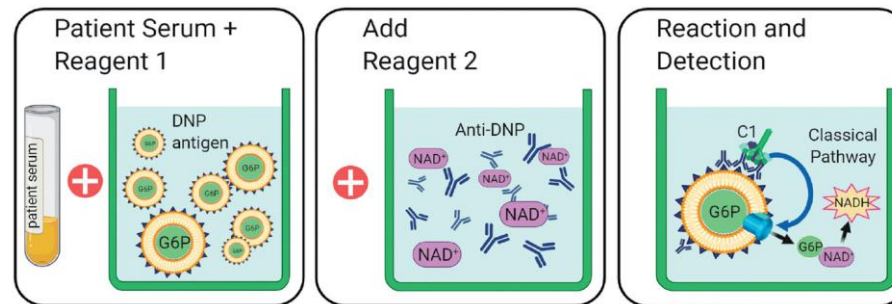
# Complementfunctie: type assays

## Hemolytische assay

1. Serially diluted serum   
Mix with Sensitized sheep erythrocytes 
2. Incubate at 37°C for 30 min
3. Measure hemolysis 
4. Identify amount of serum that lyses 50% of defined amount of erythrocytes

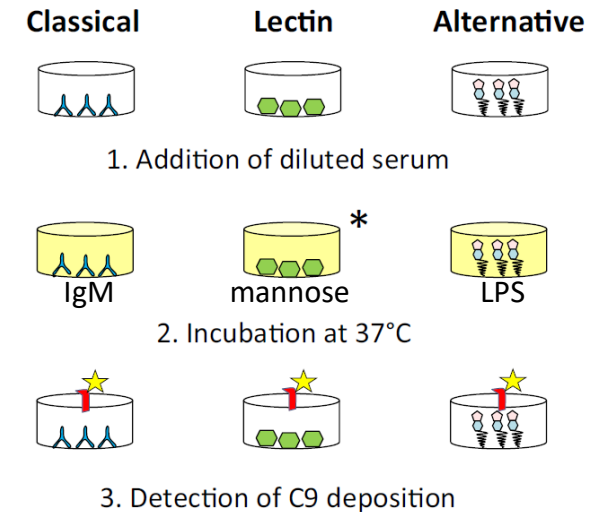
- Dierlijke erythrocyten
- Properdinedeficiëntie kan gemist worden

## Liposoom immunoassay



- Enkel CP
- + Geautomatiseerd

## ELISA



\*Lectin pathway; C1q blocked by specific antibody

- + Gemakkelijk uit te voeren
- + Accuraat
- + Detectie properdinedeficiëntie
- + Kan alle 3 de routes testen



# Complementfunctie: pre-analytische fase

- Serum (stollingsfactoren kunnen C3 splitsen)
- Afname op ijs
- Centrifugatie op 4°C voor 10 min
- Bewaring op -80°C
  - -20°C bevriest te traag
- Verzending: diepgevroren



# Complementfunctie: pre-analytische fase

Parameter	Uitvoerend laboratorium				
	UZL	UZA	UZG	VUB	ULB
<b>CP activiteit</b>					
<b>Staaltype</b>	Serum	Serum	Serum	Serum	Serum
<b>Verzendingsconditie</b>	Ingevroren	Diepgevroren	Ingevroren	Ingevroren	Ingevroren
<b>Methode</b>	ELISA	ELISA	Liposome Immunoassay	Turbidimetrie	Turbidimetrie
<b>AP activiteit</b>					
<b>Staaltype</b>		Serum	Serum		Serum
<b>Verzendingsconditie</b>		Diepgevroren	Ingevroren		Ingevroren
<b>Methode</b>		ELISA	ELISA		ELISA
<b>LP activiteit</b>					
<b>Staaltype</b>		Serum	Serum		Serum
<b>Verzendingsconditie</b>		Diepgevroren	Ingevroren		Ingevroren
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# Complementfunctie: interpretatie

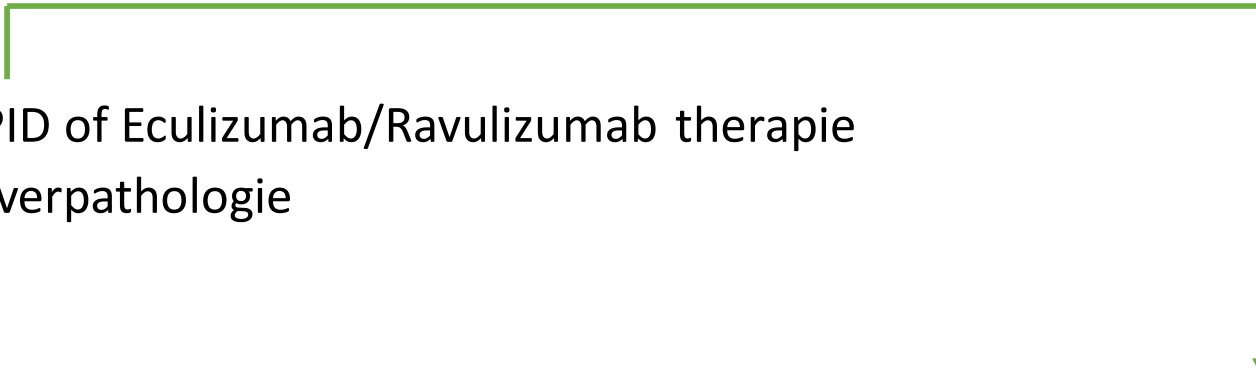


- **Daling**

- Complementdeficiëntie: PID of Eculizumab/Ravulizumab therapie
- Verminderde synthese: leverpathologie
- Complementconsumptie

- **Stijging**

- Inflammatie (acute fase)



	Functionele assays		
Component	CP	LP	AP
C1q, C1r, C1s	↓	nl	nl
C4, C2	↓	↓	nl
MBL, MASP2	nl	↓	nl
Factor B, D, P	nl	nl	↓
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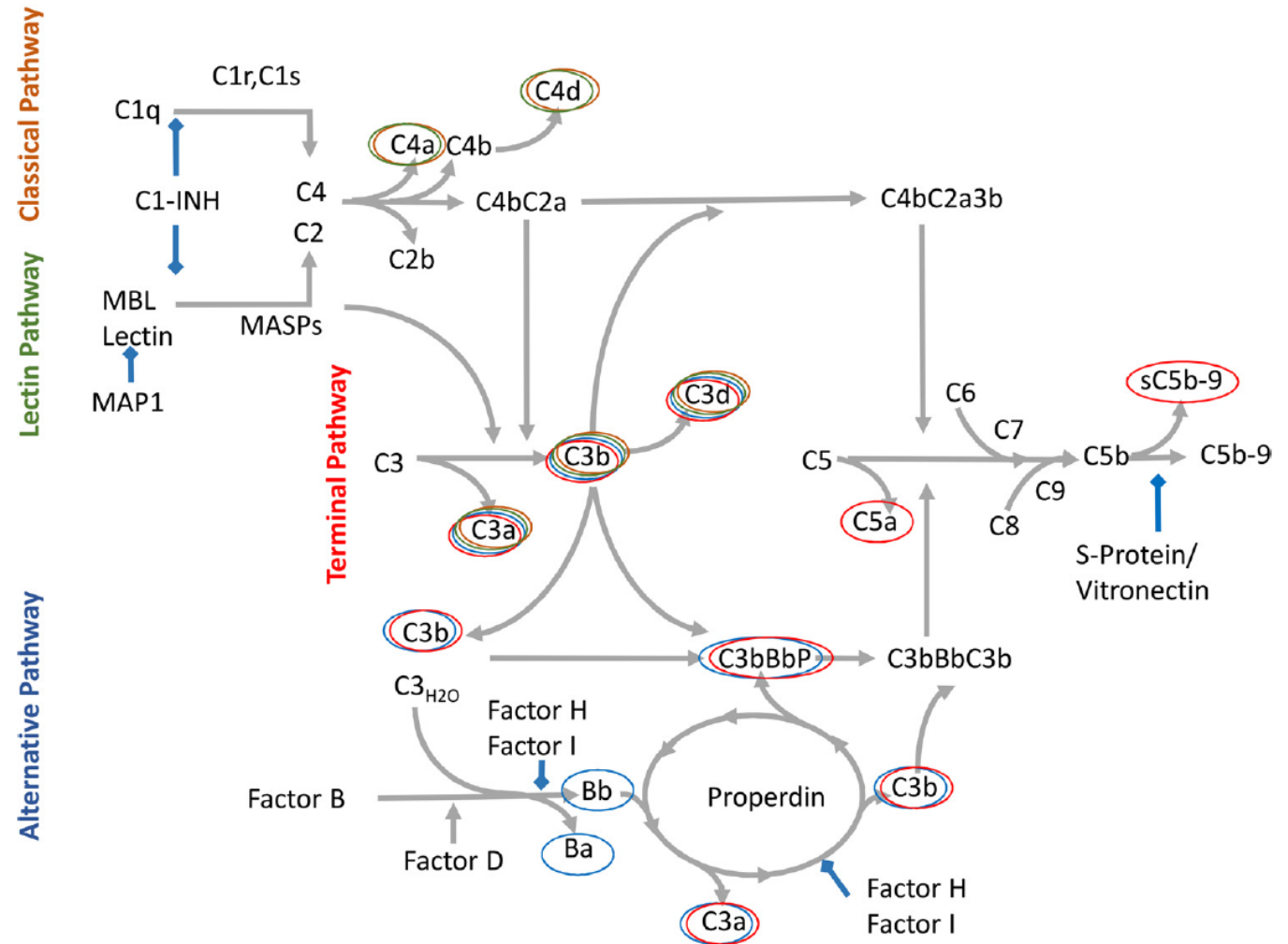
## Methodes

### Individuele componenten

- Turbidimetrie
- Nefelometrie
- ELISA
- RID

### Activatiecomponenten

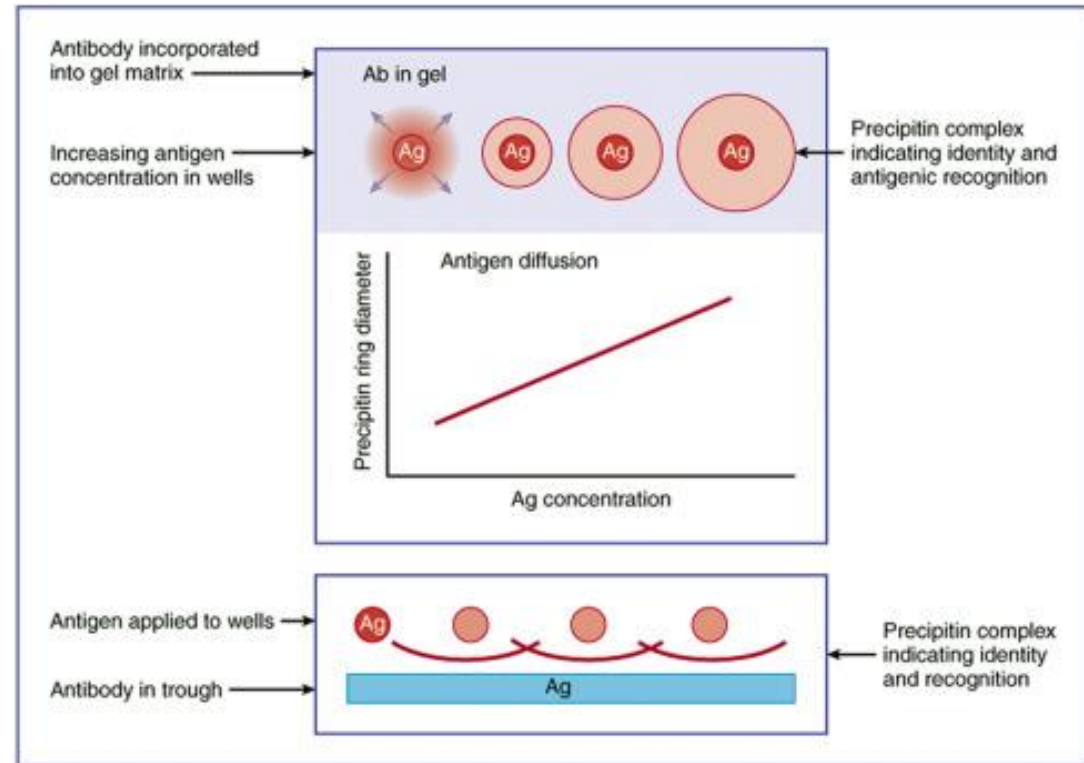
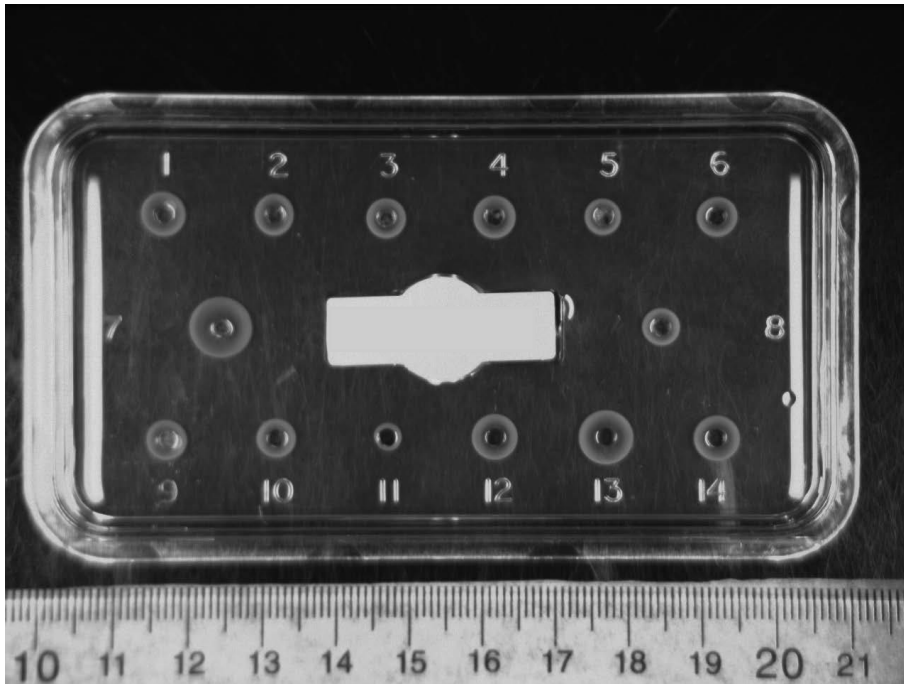
- Nefelometrie na PEG precipitatie
- ELISA





# Complementcomponenten: type assay

- RID (= radiale immunodiffusie)
  - Bv. C2, C6 dosage



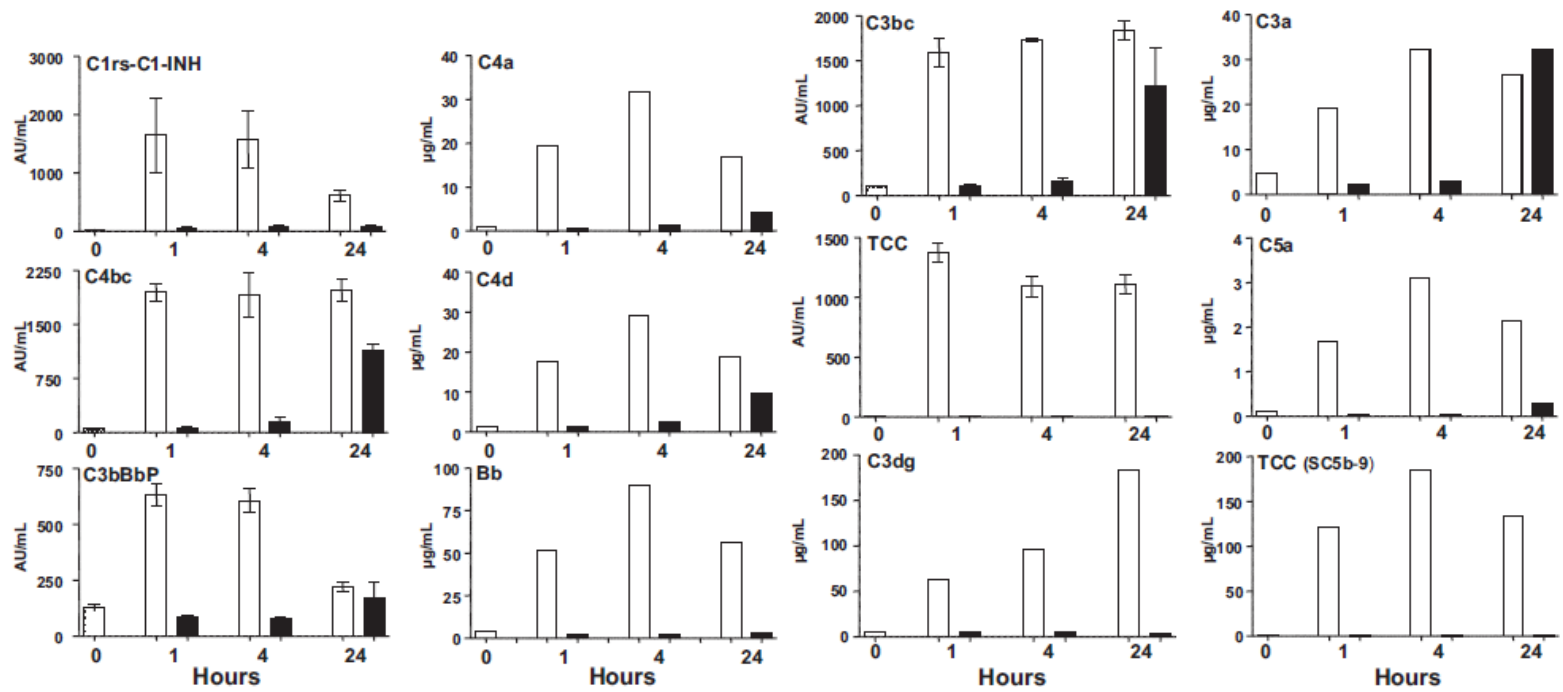


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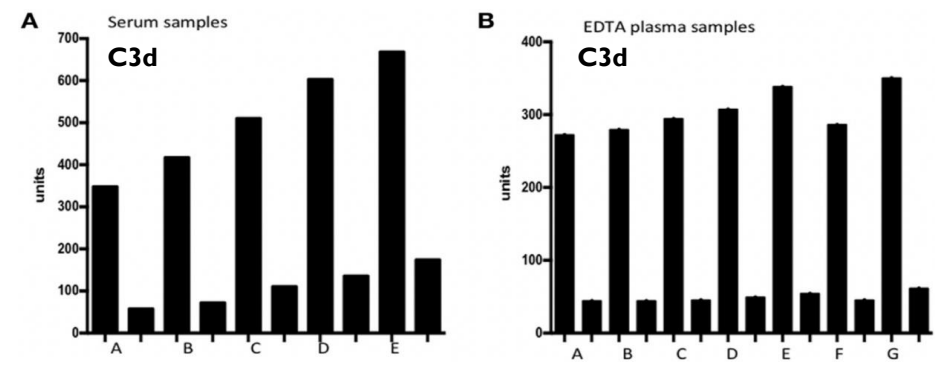
- Afzonderlijke componenten
  - Turbidimetrie: polyklonale As → meten ook activatieproducten! (C3 → C3a, C3b, iC3b, C3c, C3d)
  - Pre-analytisch minder streng (C3, C4): gekoeld/KT
  - **Serum**
  - ELISA: EDTA + invriezen
- Activatieproducten
  - Zeer lage concentraties (ng/mL) + snel in vitro geproduceerd
  - **EDTA** (cheleert  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  en  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  en zo complementactivatie)
  - Nafamostaat mesylaat (serine protease inhibitor)



# Complementcomponenten: pre-analytische fase



Bron: G. Bergseth et al., Molecular Immunology, 2013



Bron: Trolborg A, et al., Front Immunol. 2018

# Complementcomponenten: pre-analytische fase

Parameter	Uitvoerend laboratorium				
	UZL	UZA	UZG	VUB	ULB
<b>Individuele componenten</b>					
<b>C1q</b>					
<b>Staaltype</b>	Serum				EDTA
<b>Verzendingsconditie</b>	Ingevroren				Ingevroren
<b>Methode</b>	Nefelometrie				Nefelometrie
<b>C2</b>					
<b>Staaltype</b>	Serum				EDTA
<b>Verzendingsconditie</b>	Ingevroren				Ingevroren
<b>Methode</b>	Radiale immunodiffusie				Radiale immunodiffusie
<b>C3</b>					
<b>Staaltype</b>	Serum	serum	Serum/heparine	Heparine	EDTA
<b>Verzendingsconditie</b>	Ingevroren	Kamertemperatuur	Ingevroren		Ingevroren
<b>Methode</b>	Nefelometrie	Turbidimetrie	Turbidimetrie	Turbidimetrie	Turbidimetrie
<b>C4</b>					
<b>Staaltype</b>	Serum	serum	Serum/heparine	Heparine	EDTA
<b>Verzendingsconditie</b>	Ingevroren	kamertemperatuur	Ingevroren		Ingevroren
<b>Methode</b>	Nefelometrie	Turbidimetrie	Turbidimetrie	Turbidimetrie	Turbidimetrie
<b>C5</b>					
<b>Staaltype</b>	Serum				EDTA
<b>Verzendingsconditie</b>	Ingevroren				Ingevroren
<b>Methode</b>	Nefelometrie				Nefelometrie
<b>Activatiecomponenten</b>					
<b>C3d</b>					
<b>Staaltype</b>	EDTA	EDTA			EDTA
<b>Verzendingsconditie</b>	Ingevroren	Ingevroren			Ingevroren
<b>Methode</b>	Nefelometrie	Nefelometrie			Nefelometrie

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**Etiquette Patient**

Médecin prescripteur :

Contact (tel/mail) :

## Diagnostic et monitoring des immunodéficiences congénitales

### Renseignements cliniques:

Code laboratoire

**Fonctions des cellules B :**

7165  ac anti-tétanos  
 7172  ac anti-pneumo (sérotypes) AVANT vaccin  
 7173  ac anti-pneumo (sérotypes) 4-8 sem APRES vaccin P23

**Phénotype des cellules B :**

7233  lymphos B mémoires CD27+ IFBMEM  
 7234  Sous-populations lymphos B (naïf, Bm1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, B8, B9, B10, B11, B12, B13, B14, B15, B16, B17, B18, B19, B20, B21, B22, B23, B24, B25, B26, B27, B28, B29, B30, B31, B32, B33, B34, B35, B36, B37, B38, B39, B40, B41, B42, B43, B44, B45, B46, B47, B48, B49, B50, B51, B52, B53, B54, B55, B56, B57, B58, B59, B60, B61, B62, B63, B64, B65, B66, B67, B68, B69, B70, B71, B72, B73, B74, B75, B76, B77, B78, B79, B80, B81, B82, B83, B84, B85, B86, B87, B88, B89, B90, B91, B92, B93, B94, B95, B96, B97, B98, B99, B100)  
 7221  CD81  
 7222  BAFF-R  
 7223  CD40  
 7230  Expression HLA-DR

**Phénotype des cellules T :**

7241  CD45RA-RO  
 7242  Emigrants thymiques récents (CD11-CD403g)  
 7247  Screening ALPS (T CD4-CD8-TCRab+)  
 7248  FAS (CD95)  
 7249  Apoptose induite par FAS (25 €)  
 7253  lymphos Treg CD4+CD25+CD127low  
 7254  Treg exprimant FoxP3  
 7252  WASP  
 7262  CD40L  
 7240  Sous-populations lymphos T (Th1, Th17, Th2, Th17, Th22)  
 7251  TCR diversity  
 7259  HES diagnostic

**Fonctions des cellules T :**

7255  TTL mitogènes (OVA, PMA, a, a/c10)-PAS le VENDREDI  
 7261  TTL anatoxine tétanique PAS le MERCREDI et le JEUDI  
 7260  TTL autres antigènes : .....  
 7228  Récepteurs axe IL-12/IFN-g  
 7229  Production IFN-g (axe IL-12/IL-23/IFN-g) ♦  
 7231  Profil Th1/Th2/Th17 ♦

**Fonctions des cellules NK :**

7237  Perforine intracyto NK et T CD8+  
 7238  Dégranulation (CD107a) NK et T CD8+ ♦

♦ Pas le vendredi et arrivée au labo avant 13 h

**MAP d'un syndrome hémophagocytaire :**

7324  Dosage CD25 soluble (25 €)  
 7322  Fraction glycosylée de la ferritine (22 €)

**Phénotype Autres :**

7243  iNKT TCR Va24-Ja18  
 7244  Sous-populations NK (CD16/CD56/CD94)  
 7226  CD11a-CD11b-CD18a  
 7227  Sous-populations cellules dendritiques

**IMMUNITÉ INNÉE : COMPLEMENT** (Une demande séparée est disponible pour l'évaluation du complément dans un contexte de microangiopathie thrombotique)

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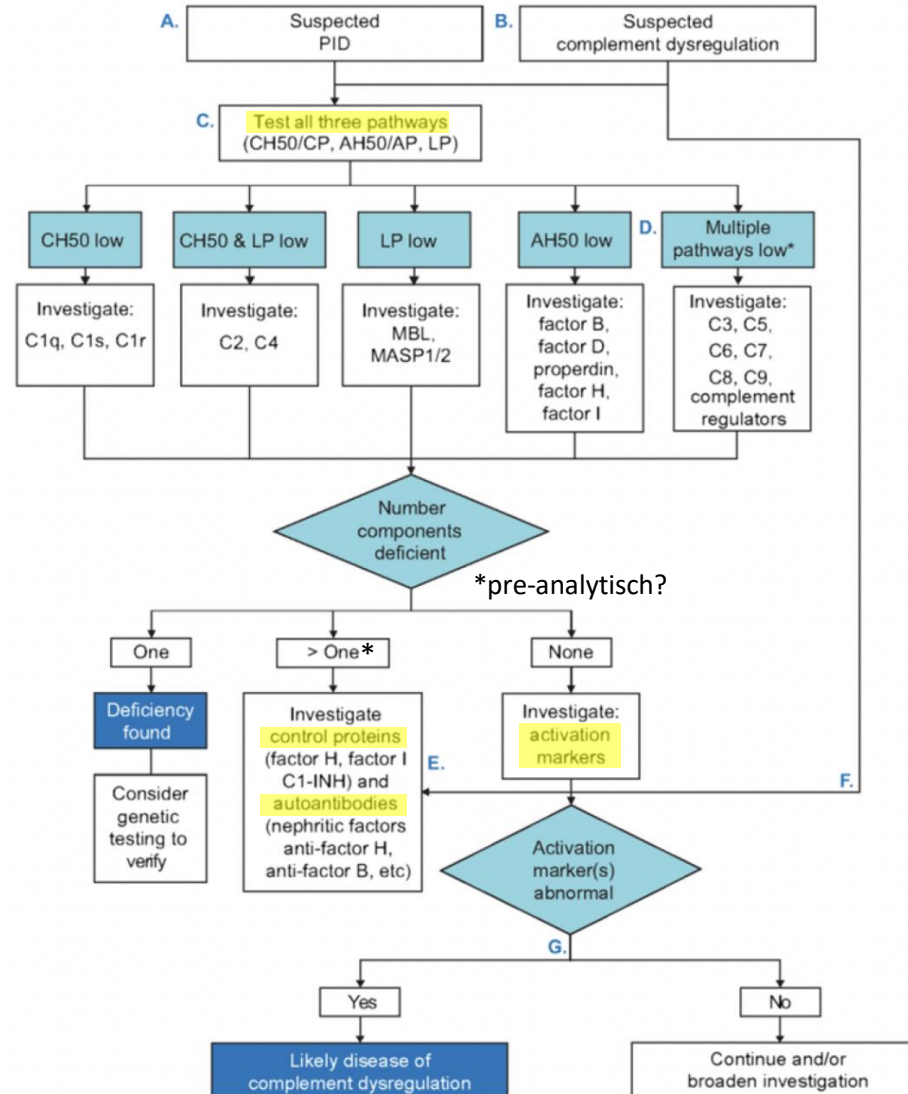
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European Society for Immunodeficiencies (ESID) and European Reference Network on Rare Primary Immunodeficiency, Autoinflammatory and Autoimmune Diseases (ERN RITA) Complement Guideline: Deficiencies, Diagnosis, and Management

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## Abstract

This guideline aims to describe the complement system and the functions of the constituent pathways, with particular focus on primary immunodeficiencies (PIDs) and their diagnosis and management. The complement system is a crucial part of the innate immune system, with multiple membrane-bound and soluble components. There are three distinct enzymatic cascade pathways within the complement system, the classical, alternative and lectin pathways, which converge with the cleavage of central C3. Complement deficiencies account for ~5% of PIDs. The clinical consequences of inherited defects in the complement system are protean and include increased susceptibility to infection, autoimmune diseases (e.g., systemic lupus erythematosus), age-related macular degeneration, renal disorders (e.g., atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome) and angioedema. Modern complement analysis allows an in-depth insight into the functional and molecular basis of nearly all complement deficiencies. However, therapeutic options remain relatively limited for the majority of complement deficiencies with the exception of hereditary angioedema and inhibition of an overactivated complement system in regulation defects. Current management strategies for complement disorders associated with infection include education, family testing, vaccinations, antibiotics and emergency planning.

**Keywords** Complement · complement deficiencies · classical pathway · alternative pathway · mannan-binding lectin

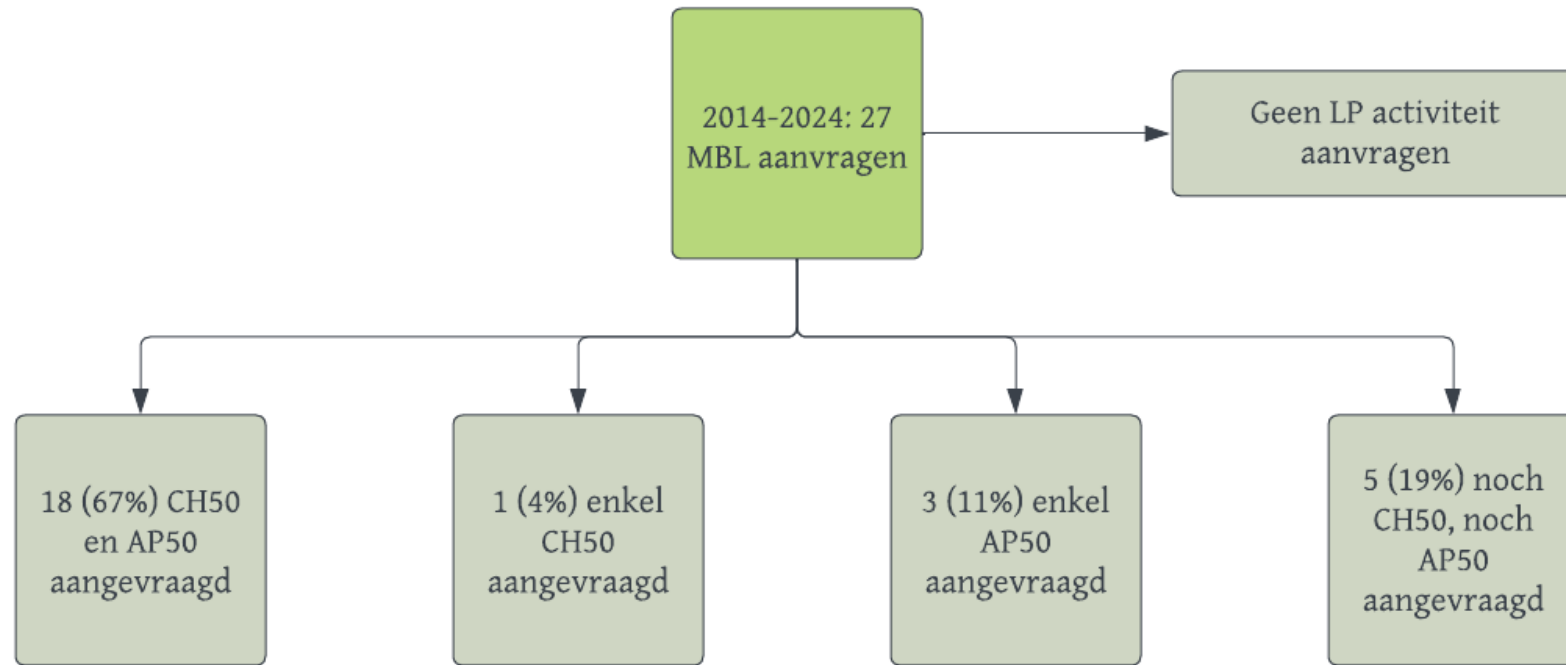
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	Nummer	Leeftijd	Geslacht	Kliniek	MLB (ng/mL)	CH50 (U/mL)	AP50 (%)
2018	1.	<1	V	Pneumokokkenmeningitis	1037	51,3	65
	2.	2	M	Recidiverende otitiden	3380	50	64
2020	3.	1	M	Recidiverende otitiden	>4000	59,9	28
	4.	3	V	Recidiverende BWI, zus heeft MBL deficiëntie	163	54,3	32
	5.	3	V	Pneumokokkensepsis, recidiverende virale infecties	188	60,8	37
2021	6.	2	V	Ernstige pneumonie met abces	tw	59,6	57
	7.	1	V	Pneumonie met abcesvorming	3422	45,9	29
2022	8.	3	M	Recidiverende otitiden	>4000	42,3	NA
	9.	3	M	Otitis media, broer gekend met PID	1735	NA	NA
	10.	1	M	<i>H. influenza</i> meningitis	>4000	76,1	85
	11.	2	V	Recidiverend ziek (viraal)	tw	Tw	81
	12.	1	V	Recidiverende otitiden	>4000	NA	NA
2023	13.	4	V	Recidiverende bronchieëctasiën, negatieve CF genetica	330	NA	93
	14.	1	M	Atelectase, multiële pneumonieën	tw	44,6	NA
	15.	<1	M	2x mastoïditis met een acute mastoïdectomie	reagens probleem	tw	71
	16.	<1	M	Recidiverende BWI	8121	25,1	50
	17.	1	M	RSV, griep, buikgriep, keelontsteking, 3x otitis	3491	38,1	72
	18.	4	M	Recidiverend ziek (viraal)	5789	43	91
	19.	<1	M	Bronchiolitis met recidiverende otitiden	nut (staal niet op ijs)	NA	NA
	20.	2	M	Recidiverende bronchopneumonie (4x)	reagens probleem	41,5	58
	21.	2	V	Persisterende otitis serosa	reagens probleem	56,7	80
	22.	3	V	Recidiverende pneumonie, pneumosepsis	reagens probleem	57,4	NA
2024	23.	<1	V	Bronchiolitis	nut (staal niet op ijs)	46,3	nut (staal niet op ijs)
	24.	2	M	Recidiverende otitiden	50%	67,7	86
	25.	1	M	Otitis media	20	54,3	47
	26.	<1	V	Recidiverende BWI	nut (staal niet op ijs)	NA	NA
	27.	1	M	Recidiverende otitiden	nut (staal niet op ijs)	NA	NA



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# To do's

1. Strenger toezien op de pre-analytische fase
  - 1) Staal correct aangekomen op het labo (op ijs, correct recipiënt?)?
  - 2) Staal binnen de nodige tijd verwerkt?
  - 3) Verzending diepgevroren?  
→ indien niet correct → nieuw staal
2. Correcte indicaties a.d.h.v. de ESID/ERN RITA richtlijnen  
→ aanvragende arts informeren + juiste analyse(s) aanvragen
3. MBL aanvragen omzetten naar lectine activiteit  
→ normaal resultaat = “Een normale activiteit van de lectine pathway (>10%) sluit een MBL deficiëntie uit”



Vragen?

