

FILSPARI[®] ▼ (sparsentan) is now recommended by KDIGO

for the management of IgA nephropathy (IgAN)
in patients at risk of progressive kidney failure¹

Explore how the KDIGO 2025 guidelines redefine IgAN
management, including the role of FILSPARI in treatment¹



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information and adverse events reporting**

FILSPARI is indicated for the treatment of adults with primary IgAN with a urine protein excretion (UPE) ≥ 1.0 g/day (or urine protein-to-creatinine ratio (UP/C) ≥ 0.75 g/g)²

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The KDIGO 2025 guidelines emphasise the need to reduce proteinuria in patients with IgAN¹

Patients are considered at **risk of progressive loss of kidney function** if they have **proteinuria ≥ 0.5 g/day** while on or off treatment for IgAN¹

Updated kidney biopsy threshold:¹

IgAN can only be diagnosed with a kidney biopsy; to ensure early diagnosis and prompt treatment, **a kidney biopsy should be considered in all adults with proteinuria ≥ 0.5 g/day in whom IgAN is a possible diagnosis and kidney biopsy is not contraindicated**

Newly defined IgAN treatment goals:¹



To maintain **UPE** at **<0.5 g/day**, and **ideally <0.3 g/day***



To reduce the rate of **loss of kidney function to <1 mL/min/year** for the rest of the patient's life

The 2 key dimensions of IgAN management:¹

Simultaneous focus on



Preventing or reducing IgA immune complex (IgA-IC) formation and immune complex-mediated glomerular injury

Managing the consequences of existing IgAN-induced nephron loss

¹In some patients with extensive kidney scarring this may not be possible and multiple treatment strategies are likely to be needed to achieve this.¹

FILSPARI is recognised by KDIGO 2025¹

The KDIGO 2025 guidelines recognise the ability of **FILSPARI, the first and only dual endothelin angiotensin receptor antagonist (DEARA)**, to reduce proteinuria and slow the progression of kidney disease through dual inhibition of the endothelin and angiotensin pathways^{1,3,4}

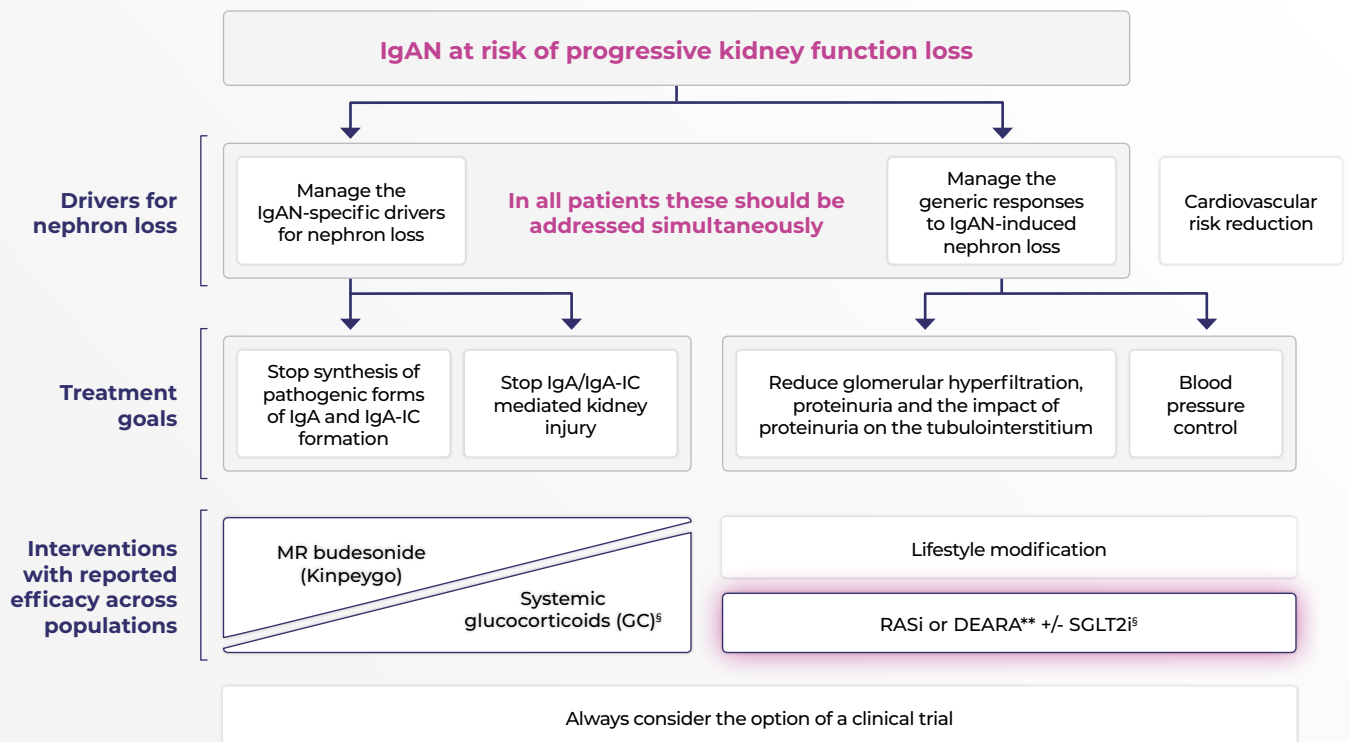
KDIGO recommendation 1.4.4.2

We suggest that patients who are at risk of progressive kidney function loss with IgAN be treated with FILSPARI^{1†}

Practice point 1.4.4.3

FILSPARI is a DEARA and should not be prescribed together with RASi^{1‡}

KDIGO 2025 treatment targets in IgAN and the positioning of drugs included in the guidelines



Adapted from KDIGO. 2025

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The observed greater proteinuria reduction and eGFR preservation with combined dual blockade of the renin-angiotensin and endothelin systems via a DEARA suggest that this approach may be an appropriate first-line approach to manage the responses of IgAN-induced nephron loss in contrast to the RASi-first approach.¹

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[†]Included as recommendation 2B within the KDIGO guidelines.¹ [‡]Coadministration of FILSPARI with angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs), endothelin receptor antagonist (ERAs), or renin inhibitors is contraindicated.² [§]Systemic GCs and SGLT2i are not licensed in the UK for the treatment of IgAN. ^{**}FILSPARI is indicated for the treatment of adults with primary IgAN with a UPE ≥ 1.0 g/day (Or UP/C ≥ 0.75 g/g).²

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The DEARA, FILSPARI, is the only drug to have shown efficacy beyond in-trial uptitrated RASi. Of note, more patients were included in the PROTECT trial than in all the trials of RASi in IgAN combined.¹

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PROTECT is a Phase 3 trial in patients with IgAN, investigating the safety and efficacy of FILSPARI vs irbesartan to determine whether FILSPARI led to greater reductions in proteinuria and risk of chronic kidney disease progression. Patients with UPE ≥ 1 g/day were randomised to either FILSPARI or irbesartan.^{1,5}

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Key considerations for implementation of FILSPARI:

- FILSPARI, as a DEARA, should not be prescribed together with RASi, because FILSPARI already combines RASi with an endothelin antagonist in a single molecule¹
- There is no need for a washout period when initiating FILSPARI⁴

References and Abbreviations

ARB, angiotensin II receptor blocker; **DEARA**, dual endothelin angiotensin receptor antagonist; **eGFR**, estimated glomerular filtration rate; **ERA**, endothelin receptor antagonist; **GC**, glucocorticoid; **HCP**, healthcare professional; **IgA**, immunoglobulin A; **IgA-IC**, immunoglobulin A immune complexes; **IgAN**, immunoglobulin A nephropathy; **IgAV**, immunoglobulin A vasculitis; **KDIGO**, Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes; **MR**, modified release; **RASi**, renin-angiotensin system inhibitor; **SGLT2i**, sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitor; **UP/C**, urine protein-to-creatinine ratio; **UPE**, urine protein excretion.

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