Supplementary methods:

Renal biopsy processing: Biopsy tissue for light microscopy was fixed in 10% formalin, embedded in paraffin, sectioned (2-3 µm) and stained with hematoxylin-eosin, periodic acid Schiff, Masson's trichrome and methenamine silver. Routine immunofluorescence using fluorescein isothiocyanate-conjugated primary anti-human rabbit polyclonal antibodies against immunoglobulins (Ig)-IgG, IgA, IgM, C1q, C3 and light chains was performed in all cases, while C4d was done in allograft biopsies.

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