

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT

Pulmonary-renal syndromes, including Goodpasture syndrome (GP) and ANCA-associated vasculitis, are rapidly progressive glomerulonephritides. This study describes the discovery of an inhibitory anti-peroxidase autoantibody within this disease spectrum that is present before and at the time of clinical GP presentation. *In vitro*, this antibody inhibited hypobromous acid production by peroxidase, a critical step in the formation of sulfilimine crosslinks in the collagen IV auto-antigen. Disruption of sulfilimine crosslinks is thought to expose the NC1 domain of collagen IV chains to recognition by autoantibodies in GP. The anti-peroxidase antibodies are specific for peroxidase but were also found in some patients with anti-myeloperoxidase ANCA vasculitis, and are associated with more active disease. Investigation of anti-peroxidase antibodies may inform disease pathogenesis and better classification and prognosis in some patients.