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TDM-CsAKTR- Therapeutic drug monitoring of oral cyclosporine after kidney transplantation

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The main objective of this study was to optimize the efficacy and minimize the toxicity of long-term oral CsA use, through monitoring of blood CsA trough level, dose adjustment, and evaluation of biomarkers related to organs function, in stable kidney transplant recipients (KTR). Patients and Methodss: A prospective therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM) study was conducted to measure the blood CsA trough level, kidney and liver function test, fasting blood glucose, serum electrolytes for a total of 37 KTR who received immunosuppressant regimen therapy including CsA for more than three months, were offered to participate in this study. Blood CsA trough levels and biomarkers measured at two time points, at starting the study and one month later. Results: Blood CsA trough levels at 1st and 2nd visit were within therapeutic range in 11 % : 27 % of the patients, lower in 22% : 25% and higher in 67% : 49% of the patients, respectively. Dose adjusment lead to significant improvement in kidney and liver function test parameters. The number of patients with high Cholesterol, triglyceride, fasting blood glucose, serum potassium and uric acid reduced at 2nd visit, as well. Conclusion: The current study confirmed the correlation between blood CsA trough level and the occurrence of CsA related toxicity that have a negative influence on graft function, morbidity and mortality of the KTR. TDM is the best way to optimize efficacy and minimize the toxicity of the oral CsA post-KT.

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