

혈액형 불일치 신장 이식에서 면역학적 위험도에 따른 리툭시맙 용량 결정

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Determination of Rituximab dose According to Immunologic Risk in ABO Incompatible Kidney Transplantation

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The adequate rituximab (RTX) dosage in ABO incompatible transplantation (ABO IKT) remains undetermined. We used two kinds of RTX dose (low (100 mg/m²) and typical (375 mg/m²) dosage) according to immunologic risk and investigated the change of B-cell, anti-ABO antibodies and the clinical outcome in ABO IKT according to RTX dose. Fifteen patients with high immunologic risk (PRA>50%, Retransplant, AB to O transplant) were assigned to typical RTX group and 17 patients without risk were assigned to low RTX group. We compared the change of B-cell, anti-ABO antibody titer, required number of plasmapheresis (PP) and the clinical outcome after transplantation between 2 groups. After infusion of RTX, peripheral blood B-cell counts were successfully depleted to <1% in both groups. Before kidney transplantation, the minimal number of PP to achieve the target titer (1:16) (2.6 ± 2.7 vs. 2.2 ± 2.5 ; $p=0.66$) and the titer reduction rate of anti-ABO antibodies did not differ between the 2 groups (low RTX: 1.52 ± 1.21 vs. typical RTX: 1.53 ± 1.20 , $p=0.94$). After kidney transplantation, anti-ABO antibody titer was suppressed less than 1:32 in both groups up to post-transplant 1 year. The allograft function and infectious complication did not differ between 2 groups as well. In ABO IKT, low dose RTX is comparable to typical RTX dosing with respect to B-cell depletion, antibody rebound suppression. Therefore, it could be used safely in patients with low immunologic risk without increased risk for antibody mediated rejection.

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