



# Intermediate term outcome of bortezomib treated resistant Acute Antibody-Mediated Rejection among renal transplant recipients: single center experience

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## Introduction:

The most vexing clinical condition caused by antibodies in organ transplants is antibody-mediated rejection. The effects of bortezomib on mature plasma cells may represent a quantum advance in anti-humoral therapy.

## Aim of the work:

We aimed to present our relatively long term experience with bortezomib as an anti-plasma cell therapy for the management of renal allograft recipients with resistant episodes of antibody mediated rejection.

**Patients and methods:** During the last 4 years, we revised our data base, and collected demographic and clinico-metabolic parameters of those patients who received bortezomib as an anti-humoral agent in renal allograft recipients with resistant acute antibody mediated rejection in Kuwait.

**Results:** In this work, we present the outcome of 7 cases with resistant-acute antibody-mediated rejection to the standard therapies that were managed successfully with one cycle of bortezomib. We tried to evaluate the impact of such new strategy in the management regarding intermediate term graft and patient outcome.

Table (1) showed demographic data of the studied patients

	Case No.1	Case No.2	Case No.3	Case No.4	Case No.5	Case No.6	Case No.7
DATE AND NUMBER OF TRANSPLANT	15.8.2011 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.4.2008 1 <sup>st</sup>	29.7.2007 1 <sup>st</sup>	19.6.13 1 <sup>st</sup>	12.9.13 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.12.12 1 <sup>st</sup>	27.8.12 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Original kidney disease	DN	? IgA nephropathy	Chronic T1D	? Ch GN	VU reflux	DN	idiopathic
Donor type	Unrelated	Brother	Father	Unrelated	Sister	Brother	Unrelated
HLA mismatches	0:01:02	1:01:01	1:01:01	1:2:1	0:1:1	2:1:1	2:2:2
Immunosuppression induction	Thymoglobulin	Basiliximab	Basiliximab	Thymoglobulin	Thymoglobulin, Rituximab, PE, IVIG	Thymoglobulin, Basiliximab (DGF)	Thymoglobulin, Rituximab, PE
Maintenance	STM	SCM—STM (ACUTE ABMR)	SCM—SRM—STM	STM	STM	STM	STM
Conversion1		10.5.10	4.6.2008				
Conversion2			17.3.2010 (ACUTE ABMR)				

Table 2: showed results of biopsies and management of rejection episodes of the studied patients

	Case No.1	Case No.2	Case No.3	Case No.4	Case No.5	Case No.6	Case No.7
1 <sup>st</sup> biopsy Date Result	23.8.2011 ACUTE ABMR	27.4.2010 ACUTE /CAMR	8.3.2010 ACUTE ABMR	23.6.2013 ACUTE ABMR		16.12.12 ACUTE ABMR	12.9.12 ACR2A
Treatment	PE (14), IVIG(120)+ Rituximab (1)	ST, PE(16), Rituximab (2)+ Valcade(1 cycle)	PE(20), IVIG(120)+ Rituximab (2)+ Valcade(1 cycle)	PE(13), IVIG(120)+ Rituximab(3)+ Valcade(1 cycle)	PE(17)+IVIG (120)+ Rituximab(3)+ Valcade(1 cycle)	PE(17)+IVIG (120)+ RITUXIMAB(3)+ Valcade one dose (Low plat.)	Thymo(10) + PE (10) Rituximab
2 <sup>nd</sup> biopsy Date Result	21/9/2011 AMR + mild chronic changes	none	none	17.7.2013 Resolving rejection	none	23.12.12 ACUTE ABMR grade 2	ACUTE ABMR grade 2,
Treatment	PE (14), IVIG, Valcade(2 cycles)						Valcade (2 cycles)

Table 3: showed laboratory parameters of the studied patients and significant post-transplant complications

	Case No.1	Case No.2	Case No.3	Case No.4	Case No.5	Case No.6	Case No.7	Case No.1
PRA (1) Date ELISA(class I,II)% DSA MFI	15.9.2011 30 & 67 Positive 14900	26.5.2010 53 (I) Negative			24.4.13 76 & 80 A2,96,93,DR51 1777-1788	19.9.13 96 & 53 bw4,cw7,A3	23.10.12 100,100 Positive	19.9.12 70 & 47 bw6,DQ5,DR53
PRA (2) Date ELISA(class I,II)% DSA MFI	15/9/2013 30 & 67 Positive 14000	16/6/2010 43(I) Negative			16.6.13 70 & 80 DR51 1772	29.9.13 96 & 80 cw7	16.12.12 100 & 57 DQ2, DQ5	3.3.13 76 & 80 bw6
PRA (3) Date ELISA(class I,II)% DSA MFI					9.7.13 100 & 93 DR51, DR53 148998,9561		26.12.12 100 & 23 DQ5	
PRA (4) Date ELISA(class I,II)% DSA MFI					17.7.13 94 & 100 DR51, DR53 19600 & 811650		2.6.13 96 & 100 A2, DR52, DQ2 6178, 17200 & 17200	
CREATININE	BASAL 186 (21.8.2011) PEAK 373 (6.8.2011) LAST 267 (17.10.2013)	90 (10.5.2008) 127 (7.6.2010) 104 (17.9.2013)	110 (29.10.2008) 298 (24.6.13) 127 (3.3.2010) 190 (27.10.2013)	77 (21.6.13) 298 (24.6.13) 105 (30.10.13)	52 (17.9.13) 94 (5.10.13) 58 (29.10.13)	180 484 196(6.10.13) On steroid alone	115(4.9.12) 214 (14.9.12) 125 (4.11.13)	
Complications	Recurrent salmonella gastroenteritis, Duodenal Neuro endocrine tumor	Legionella pneumonia within 1 year	Recurrent UTI			UTI (once) Urine leak (post-bx)	Wound infection BK infection Mucormycosis of paranasal sinuses (debridement combined antifungal)	CMV infection

## Conclusions

Bortezomib represents a rescue therapy for early resistant acute ABMR among renal transplant recipients despite the associated risk of infection. Within the limitation of our small sample, it will need to be evaluated in prospective, randomized, and well-controlled studies.