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Challenging aspects of the Banff classification

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Chronic renal disease (CRD), requiring dialysis or renal transplantation, is a growing health concern in Gulf Council Countries (GCC). The Banff Classification of renal allograft, first published in 1993, still remains a great scientific tool to assess and to quantify allograft renal injury. It helped unify the language between renal transplantation centers, and professionals worldwide, thus promoting patient's care and collaborative research. Every two years, the world's transplantation experts, convene to incorporate new evidence-based modification(s) into the existing scheme. The Banff 2013 meeting introduced major updates in the diagnosis of antibody mediated rejection. In addition, recent literature addresses C4d interpretive issues and introduces newer molecular alternatives such as ENDATs. Finally, the value of post transplantation baseline biopsy cannot be overemphasized.

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