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Late renal graft dysfunction-An uncommon cause: A case report

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Patients receiving a solid organ transplant have an increased risk of developing post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder (PTLD). Incidence of PTLD is 1% in renal allograft recipients. Most of the PTLDs are of B cell origin, and are found to have evidence of Epstein–Barr virus (EBV) infection. The immunosuppressant mediated decrease in activity of the natural cytotoxic T-cells is probably one of the contributing factors. We report a case of PTLD occurring in the transplanted kidney of a 45 year old male, 7 years after transplant who presented with graft dysfunction. The graft biopsy revealed presence of lymphoid proliferation, confirmed by histochemistry and a diagnosis of monomorphic B-cell lymphoma was made. He was treated by reducing the immunosuppression and is doing well on follow up with stable graft function at 8 months follow up. We suggest that allograft dysfunction in renal transplant recipients should have a detailed evaluation, including for PTLD involving the allograft. PTLD limited to the renal allograft in renal transplant patients has a benign behavior; therefore it is important to screen renal recipients with allograft dysfunction for early diagnosis of PTLDs.

Biography

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