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DETECTION OF ANTI-HLA ANTIBODIES IN PRE-KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION CANDIDATES IN THE KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQRawand Al-Qadi¹, Saadallah F. Salih¹, Yaqo Rafil², Najeeb Sirwan¹¹Duhok Specialized Laboratory Center, Duhok, Iraq, ²School of Medicine, University of Duhok, Duhok, Iraq**Correspondence:** raqrawi@yahoo.com

The presence of anti-HLA antibodies in the sera of patients waiting for kidney transplantation is a well-known risk factor for development of antibody-mediated rejection (AMR), which eventually might lead to graft loss. The Luminex based bead detection of anti-HLA antibodies has facilitated the task of determining the sensitization status of these patients. In this study, we aim to determine the presence or absence of anti-HLA antibodies in candidates of kidney transplantation in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. Also, to determine the correlation between the Luminex data and the CDC crossmatches that we routinely perform for such patients. From the period between September 2014 and December 2016 we tested 462 sera for the presence of anti-HLA antibodies using Immucor's Deluxe Life-Screen, Class I and Class II ID (PRA), and LIFECODES LSA class I and II Single Antigens. Out of 462 sera, 170 (37%) were either sensitized for class I or class II anti-HLA antibodies or both. Of the sensitized sera, 30/170 (18%) had only class I anti-HLA antibodies, 61/170 (36%) had only class II anti-HLA antibodies, and 79/170 (47%) had both class I and class II anti-HLA antibodies. In the same period of time there were 16 positive CDC crossmatches between potential recipients and donors, of which 3 of them (19%) had only class I anti-HLA antibodies, 13 (81%) had both class I and class II anti-HLA antibodies and none had class II anti-HLA antibodies alone. The mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) values for the positive CDC crossmatch were all greater than 8000. This study is the first study to be done in the Kurdistan region of Iraq for the determination of the anti-HLA antibodies by using Luminex bead technology. Further studies in the region are required for better understanding the immunological patterns of the patients of the region.

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In solid organ transplantation the HLA-A,-B,-DR,-DQ donor-recipient matching results are insufficient for highly sensitized patients. In fact, solid phase single antigen assays, used to define HLA antibodies in transplant candidates, show the presence of antibodies specific for all HLA molecules. Thus, an extended HLA typing of deceased donor is necessary to improve selection of the most suitable transplant candidate. Until July 2016, in our laboratory all donors were typed for HLA-A,-B,-C,-DR,-DQ loci by a PCR-SSP technique; when a sensitized patient was selected, the donor typing was prospectively enlarged to pertinent HLA molecules. To simplify this procedure and improve organ allocation we introduced the new RT PCR-SSP technique, based on an innovative chemistry (Linkage Bioscience Inc.), it enables us to provide intermediate resolution typing of 11 HLA loci, in less than 90 minutes. Allele-specific amplification combined with SYBR Green and real-time PCR instruments are used to detect amplification products and to collect dissociation data for automatic interpretation by SureTyper software. Since August 2016, 76 potential deceased donors were typed by this technique. No allelic ambiguities were evidenced but rather high resolution typing were obtained in several cases: 11 HLA-A alleles, 55 HLA-B alleles, 48 HLA-C alleles, 41 HLA-DRB1 alleles, 37 HLA-DRB345 alleles, 20 HLA-DQA1 alleles, 30 HLA-DQB1 alleles, one HLA-DPA1 allele, and 50 HLA-DPB1 alleles. Moreover, the extended HLA typing obtained by RT PCR-SSP avoided additional HLA-C, -DRB1, -DQA1 and -DPB1 typing in 12 cases (15.8%) and allowed us to define donor molecules against which 10 patients (13.2%) showed preformed high fluorescence intensity antibodies (MFI > 5000). In conclusion, RT PCR-SSP is less hands-on and, considering the number of typed HLA loci, cheaper than traditional PCR-SSP techniques. The extended donor HLA typing gives useful information for a more precise pre-transplant virtual crossmatch and for a better donor-recipient selection to improve clinical transplant outcome.

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PREDICTION OF FLOW CYTOMETRIC CROSSMATCH OUTCOME FROM BEAD ARRAY DATASabine Wenda, Daniela Koren, Ingrid Faé, Gottfried F. Fischer
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In order to improve the virtual crossmatch for our center we studied the association of single antigen specific bead array results with the outcome of the flow cytometric crossmatch. Sera from 168 consecutive patients undergoing solid organ transplantation (kidney, liver, heart and lung) between May 2016 and November 2016 were drawn on the day of

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