



Perioperative ABO Blood Group Isoagglutinin Titer and the Risk of Acute Kidney Injury after ABO-Incompatible Liver Transplantation

Supplemental Materials

Table S1. Comparison of patient demographics and characteristics between patients with and without acute kidney injury.

| Characteristic | No AKI (n=75) | AKI Stage 1 (n=34) | AKI Stage 2 or 3 (n=21) | p-Value |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Age, year, median (range) | 55 (50 – 61) | 56 (49 – 69) | 58 (53 – 68) | 0.059 |
| Male, n | 43 (57.3) | 26 (76.5) | 12 (57.1) | 0.140 |
| Body-mass index, kg/m ² | 23.1 (20.9 – 25.5) | 23.3 (22.0 – 26.1) | 23.5 (22.2 – 26.5) | 0.022 |
| MELD score | 10 (8 – 14) | 18 (13 – 20) | 22 (17 – 24) | <0.001 |
| Child class, n (A/B/C) | 41 (54.7)/ 25 (33.3)/ 9 (12.0) | 14 (41.2)/ 12 (35.3)/ 8 (23.5) | 7 (33.3)/ 7 (33.3)/ 7 (33.3) | 0.153 |
| ABO blood group, recipient, n | | | | |
| O/ A/ B | 30 (40.0)/ 21 (28.0)/ 24 (32.0) | 20 (58.8)/ 9 (26.5)/ 5 (14.7) | 11 (52.4)/ 4 (19.0)/ 6 (28.6) | 0.452 |
| ABO blood group, donor, n | | | | |
| A/ B/ AB | 33 (44.0)/ 32 (42.7)/ 10 (13.3) | 18 (52.9)/ 10 (29.4)/ 6 (17.6) | 10 (47.6)/ 8 (38.1)/ 3 (14.3) | 0.778 |
| Etiology of liver disease, n | | | | |
| Alcoholic liver disease, n | 10 (13.3) | 5 (14.7) | 4 (19.0) | 0.807 |
| HBV hepatitis, n | 4 (5.3) | 4 (11.8) | 3 (14.3) | 0.136 |
| HCV hepatitis, n | 2 (2.7) | 1 (2.9) | - | 0.560 |
| Cholestatic disease, n | 8 (10.7) | 3 (8.8) | 4 (19.0) | 0.417 |
| Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis, n | | | | |
| HCC, n | 2 (2.7) | 1 (2.9) | 1 (4.8) | 0.656 |
| HCC associated with HBV hepatitis , n | 44 (58.7) | 19 (55.9) | 8 (38.1) | 0.129 |
| HCC associated with HCV hepatitis, n | 5 (6.7) | 1 (2.9) | 1 (4.8) | 0.574 |
| Initial baseline Ig M titer | 1:64 (1:16 – 1:512) | 1:256 (1:256 – 1:1280) | 1:1024 (1:224 – 1:2048) | <0.001 |
| Initial baseline Ig G titter | 1:32 (1:16 – 1:128) | 1:256 (1:64 – 1:512) | 1:256 (1:64 – 1:521) | <0.001 |
| Final pre-LT Ig M titer | 1:4 (none – 1:8) | 1:16 (1:4 – 1:32) | 1:16 (1:4 – 1:96) | <0.001 |
| Final pre-LT Ig G titer | 1:2 (none – 1:4) | 1:8 (1:4 – 1:16) | 1:8 (1:4 – 1:24) | <0.001 |
| Postoperative peak Ig M titer | 1:4 (none – 1:32) | 1:64 (1:16 – 1:128) | 1:128 (1:16 – 1:256) | <0.001 |
| Postoperative peak Ig G titer | 1:4 (none – 1:16) | 1:24 (1:8 – 1:36) | 1:32 (1:10 – 1:96) | <0.001 |

Data are presented as median (interquartile range) or number (%). AKI = acute kidney injury, Ig = immunoglobulin, MELD score = Model for end stage liver disease score, HBV = hepatitis B virus, HCV = hepatitis C virus, HCC = hepatocellular carcinoma, LT = liver transplantation.

Table S2. Generalized estimating equation model to evaluate the time-dependent association between the isoagglutinin titers, tacrolimus levels and postoperative risk of AKI.

| Variable | Odds Ratio | 95% CI | p-Value |
|--|------------|-------------|---------|
| Age, recipient | 1.05 | 0.98 – 1.12 | 0.101 |
| Body-mass index, recipient | 1.09 | 1.00 – 1.22 | 0.045 |
| MELD score | 1.10 | 1.01 – 1.20 | 0.030 |
| Preoperative hemoglobin, g/dL | 0.85 | 0.63 – 1.11 | 0.081 |
| Intraoperative pRBC transfusion, per unit | 1.06 | 1.03 – 1.15 | <0.001 |
| Intraoperative FFP transfusion, per unit | 1.05 | 1.02 – 1.13 | 0.001 |
| Tacrolimus trough level during postoperative seven days, ng/ml | 1.09 | 0.92 – 1.35 | 0.357 |
| Perioperative Ig M titer | 1.04 | 1.02 – 1.08 | <0.001 |
| Perioperative Ig G titter | 1.02 | 0.98 – 1.05 | 0.125 |

MELD score = model for end-stage liver disease score; pRBC = packed red blood cell; FFP = fresh frozen plasma; Ig = immunoglobulin.

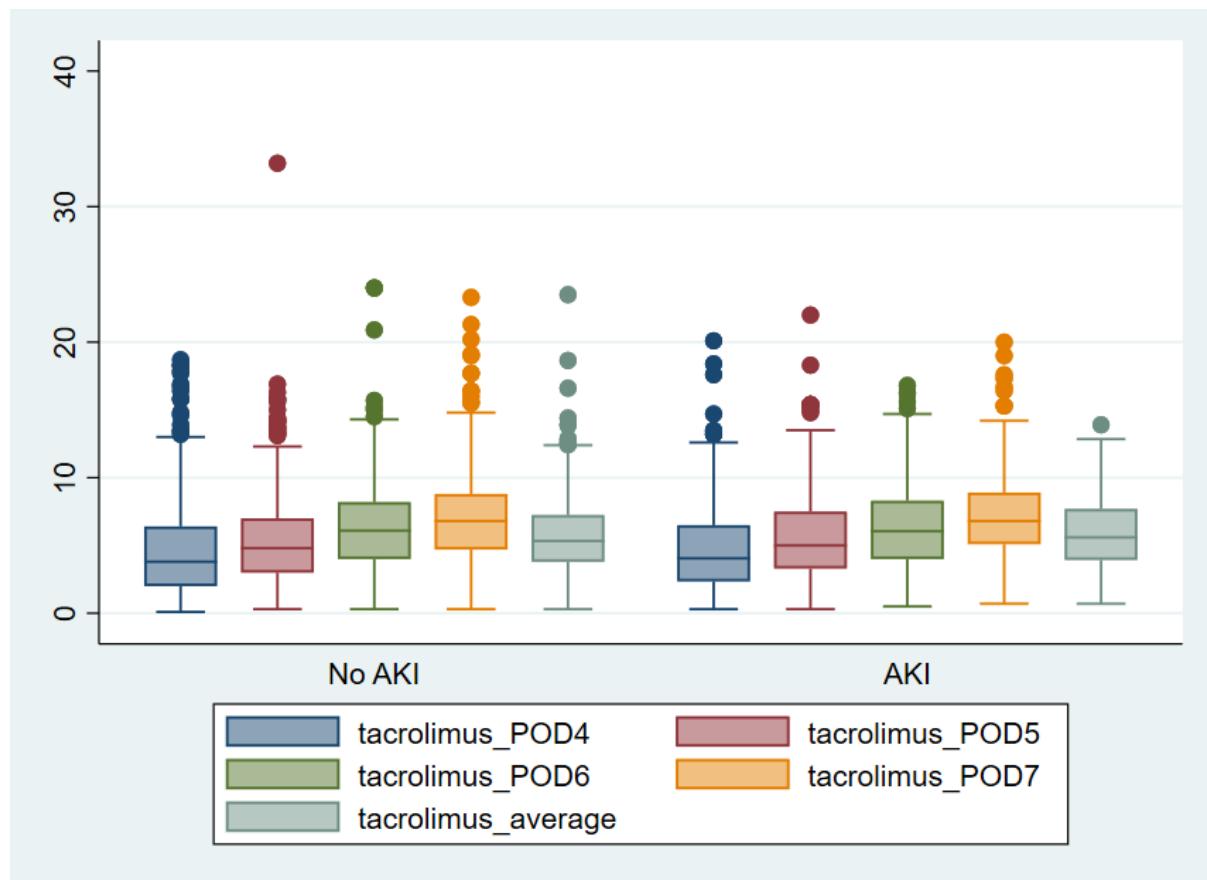


Figure S1. Comparison of daily tacrolimus trough level (ng/mL) between the patients who developed acute kidney injury (AKI) and who did not. POD = postoperative days.

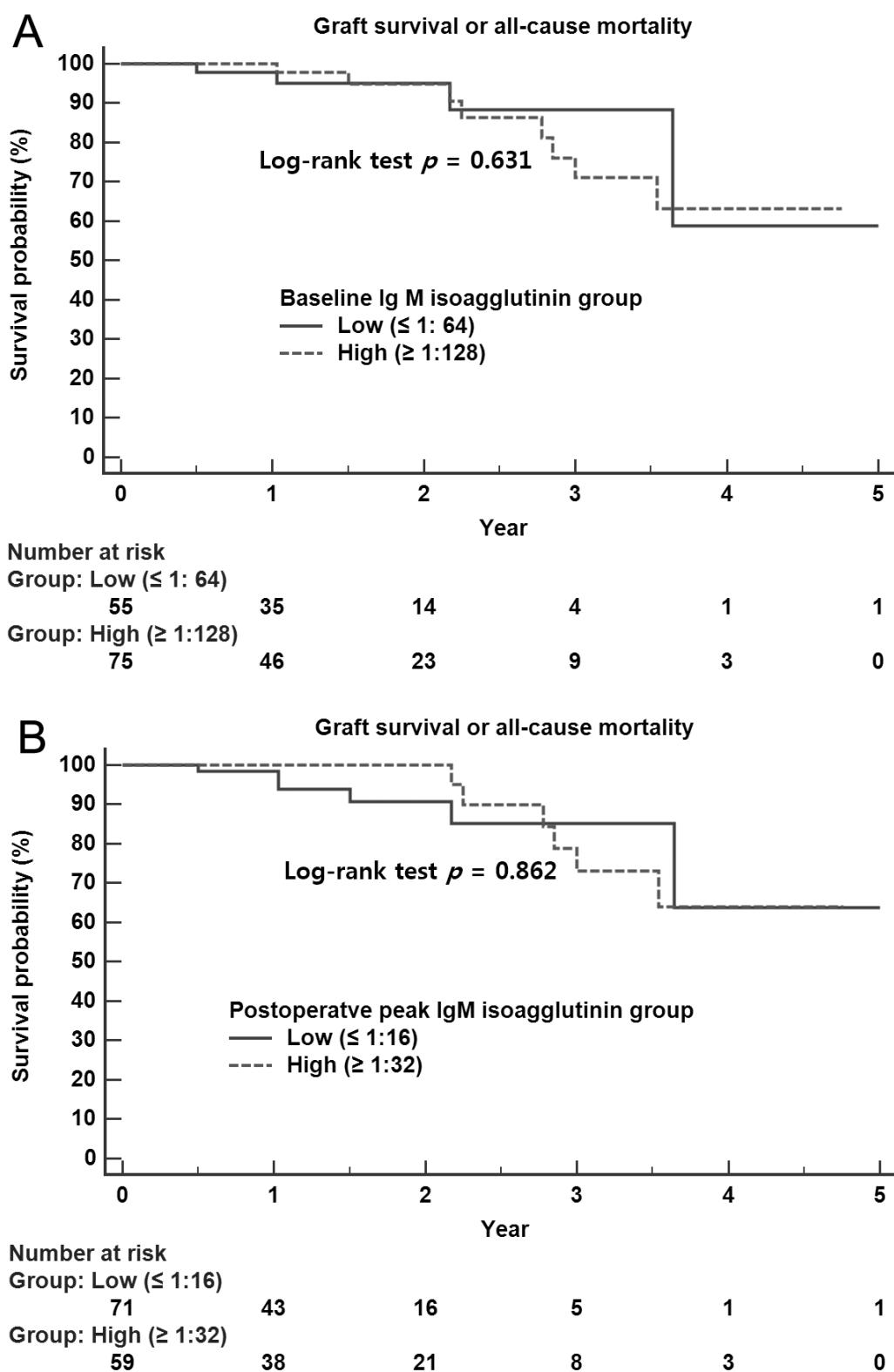


Figure S2. Kaplan-Meier survival curve analysis between the high and low baseline (A) and postoperative peak isoagglutinin groups (B).