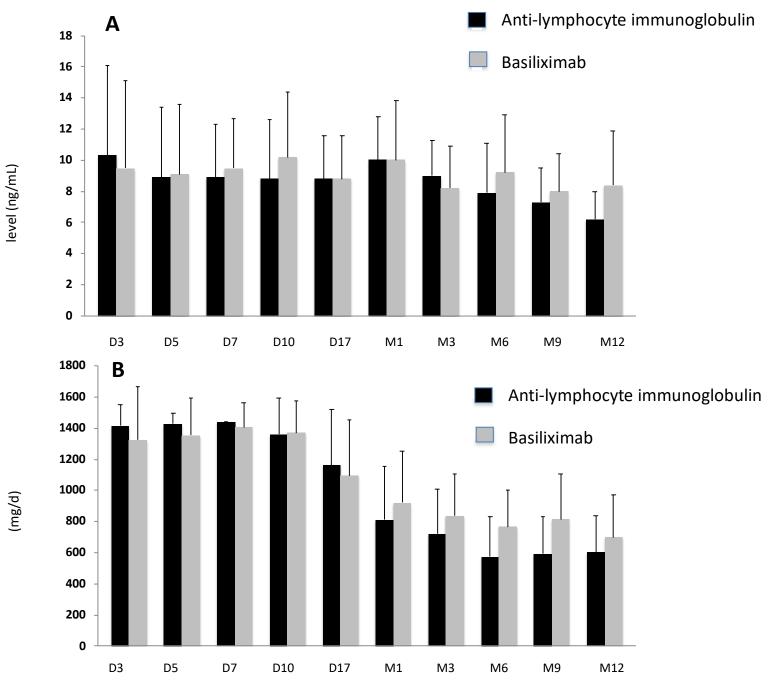
Supplementary Figure 1



Tacrolimus trough

Mycophenolic acid

CONSORT 2010 checklist for clinical trials

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Title and abstract			
	1a	Identification as a randomised trial in the title	1
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Introduction	1		
Background and objectives	2a	Scientific background and explanation of rationale	5
	2b	Specific objectives or hypotheses	5
Methods	-		
Trial design	3a	Description of trial design (such as parallel, factorial) including allocation ratio	13
	3b	Important charges to methods after trial commencement (such as eligibility criteria), with reasons	13
Participations	4a	Eligibility criteria for participants	13
	4b	Settings and locations where the data were collected	13
Interventions	5	The interventions for each group with sufficient details to allow replication, including how and when they were actually administered	N/A
Outcomes	6a	Completely defined pre-specified primary and secondary outcome measures, including how and when they were assessed	14
	6b	Any changes to trial outcomes after the trial commenced, with reasons	N/A
Sample size	7a	How sample size was determined	
	7b	When applicable, explanation of any interim analyses and stopping guidelines	N/A
Randomisation			
Sequence generation	8a	Method used to generate the random allocation sequence	13
	8b	Type of randomisation, details of any restriction (such as blocking and block size)	13
Allocation concealment mechanism	9	Mechanism used to implement the random allocation sequence (such as sequentially numbered containers), describing any steps taken to conceal the sequence until interventions were assigned	13
Implementation	10	Who generated the random allocation sequence, who enrolled participants, and who assigned participants to interventions	13
Blinding	11a	If done, who was blinded after assignment to interventions (for example, participants, care providers, those assessing outcomes) and how	13
	11b	If relevant, description of the similarity of interventions	N/A
Statistical methods	12a	Statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes	15
	12b	Methods for additional analyses, such as subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses	15
Results			
Participant flow (a diagram is strongly recommended)	13a	For each group, the numbers of participants who were randomly assigned, received intended treatment, and were analysed for primary outcome	Fig 1

	13b	For each group, losses and exclusions after randomisation,	Fig 1
		together with reasons	
Recruitment	14a	Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up	12
	14b	Why the trial ended or was stopped	N/A
Baseline data	15	A table showing baseline demographic and clinical characteristics for each group	19
Number analysed	16	For each group, number of participants (denominator) included in each analysis and whether the analysis was by original assigned groups	Figure 1
Outcomes and estimation	17a	For each primary and secondary outcomes, results for each group, and the estimated effect size and its precision (such as 95% confidence interval)	P6 to 8 and Tables 1, 2, 3
	17b	For binary outcomes, presentation of both absolute and relative effect sizes in recommended	N/A
Ancillary analyses	18	Results of any other analyses perform, including subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory	N/A
Harms	19	All important harms or unintended effects in each group (for specific guidance see CONSORT for harms [28])	N/A
Discussion	•		•
Limitations	20	Trial limitations, addressing sources of potential bias, imprecision, and, if relevant, multiplicity of analyses	12
Generalisability	21	Generalisability (external validity, applicability) of trial findings	12
Interpretation	22	Interpretation consistent with results, balancing benefits and harms, and considering other relevant evidence	12
Other information			
Registration	23	Registration number and name of trial registry	12
Protocol	24	Where the full trial protocol can be accessed, if available	Available on clinicaltrial.go
Funding	25	Sources of funding and other support (such as supply of drugs), role of funders	2