Antibody-mediated Rejection Without Detectable Donor-specific Antibody Releases Donorderived Cell-free DNA: Results From the Trifecta Study

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Table S1. List of abbreviations and their definitions.					
Abbreviation	Definition				
%dd-cfDNA	Percent donor-derived cell-free DNA as a fraction of total cfDNA				
dd-cfDNA quantity	Copies per ml				
AMR	antibody-mediated rejection				
AIC	Aikeke's information criterion				
ATAGC	Alberta Transplant Applied Genomics Centre				
AUC	Area under the curve				
BK	Polyoma virus nephropathy				
cfDNA	Cell-free DNA				
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments				
dd-cfDNA	Donor-derived cell-free DNA				
DSA	Donor-specific antibody				
EABMR	Early stage AMR				
FABMR	Fully-developed AMR				
IRB	Institutional review board				
LABMR	Late-stage AMR				
MMDx	Molecular Microscope Diagnostic System				
NK cells	Natural killer cells				
NRI	net classification indices				
OLI	One Lambda Inc.				
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction				
PRA	Panel-reactive antibody				
PRAHR	PRA – high risk				
SNP	Single nucleotide polymorphism				
SOC	Standard of care				
TCMR	T cell-mediated rejection				
TxBx	Time posttransplant				

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Table S2. Trifecta Study co-authors (N = 280 biopsies): 18 institutions and 41 investigatorsthat have contributed biopsies and cell-free DNA data.

 Table S3. Demographics and clinical features of the Trifecta Study (N = 280) biopsy cohort.

Biopsy characteristics (N = 280)			
Days to biopsy posttransplant			
Mean	1353		
Median (range)	447 (5-11 504)		
Days to most recent follow-up after biopsy	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Mean	34		
Median (range)	6 (0-308)		
Indication for biopsy n (%)			
For cause	261 (94)		
Surveillance	16 (6)		
Missing	3 (1)		
Patient demographics (N = 272)			
Mean patient age (range)	51 (19-77)		
Age > 65 years, count	25		
Mean donor age (range)	48 (6-81)		
Patient sex			
Male, n (%)	173 (64)		
Female, n (%)	97 (36)		
Not available, n (%)	2 (1)		
Donor gender			
Male, n (%)	137 (52)		
Female, n (%)	126 (48)		
Not available, n (%)	9 (3)		
Patient ethnicity, n			
African American	9		
Other	262		
Not available ^a	1		
Donor type n (% deceased donor transplants)	200 (75)		
Status at last follow-up, n (%)			
Functioning graft	233 (91)		
Graft failure/return to dialysis	21 (8)		
Patient death with functioning graft	3 (1)		
Primary disease, n			
Diabetic nephropathy (DN)	32		
Hypertension / large vessel disease	10		
Glomerulonephritis / vasculitis (GN)	102		
Interstitial nephritis / pyelonephritis	2		
Polycystic kidney disease	0		
Others	76		
Unknown etiology	50		
^a Some centers preferred not to identify ethnicity.			

Table S4. Clinical variables and histologic lesion scores in DSA-negative vs DSA-positive MMDx AMR/mixed biopsies (N = 80).

		Mean value			
Variable		No rejection (N = 164)	DSA-positive AMR ^b (N = 35)	DSA-negative AMR (N = 45)	<i>P</i> for DSA- positive vs DSA- negative
Clinical	Median time of biopsy posttransplant, days	935	1564	1608	0.91
	GFR, cc/min	43.34	43.94	42.01	0.72
	Donor age, years	49.70	40.84	44.11	0.34
AMR lesions/ features	g (glomerulitis)	0.22	1.17	1.32	0.56
	ptc (capillaritis)	0.17	1.69	1.14	0.04
	cg (double contours)	0.17	1.09	0.95	0.60
	C4d staining ^a	0.13	0.40	0.30	0.33
TCMR lesions	i (interstitial infiltrate)	0.01	0.89	0.93	0.84
	t (tubulitis)	0.51	0.80	0.93	0.58
Rejection lesions	v (vasculitis)	0.08	0.09	0.22	0.20
Atrophy-fibrosis- related	ci (fibrosis)	0.99	1.18	1.14	0.84
	ct (atrophy)	1.08	1.24	1.37	0.47
	cv (fibrous intimal thickening)	1.16	1.00	1.13	0.60
	ah (hyalinosis)	1.26	1.27	1.13	0.60

^a C4d staining is coded as positive = 1, negative = 0. Therefore, the means for this variable indicates the fraction of biopsies that were positive. Missing values were excluded from the calculations.

^b Includes PRA high-risk (PRAHR) biopsies. Biopsies from PRA-positive patients with missing/unavailable donor phenotyping to assign DSA status were called PRAHR in this study and were analyzed as DSA positive.

AMR, antibody-mediated rejection; DSA, donor-specific antibody; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; MMDx, Molecular Microscope Diagnostic System; PRA, panel-reactive antibody; TCMR, T cell-mediated rejection.