Pregnancy after lung transplantation: A retrospective multicenter French study about 39 pregnancies

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Introduction

- Lung transplantation (single, double, heart/lung): 301 transplantations in 2013 in France (agence de Biomédecine, 2013)
- Women: 49 % and 18 to 30 years: 24%
- Pregnancy in transplant = risk
- Important cohort in kidney transplant (EBPR, 2002; McKay, 2006; Armenti, 2008)
- Higher risk of arterial hypertension, preeclampsia, gestational diabetes, prematurity
- International recommandation for management of pregnancy in solid organ transplantation
- Higher risk for lung transplant: survival, rejection, lung function (Estensen M., 2011; Zurbano F., 2012)
- No specific recommandation, few studies, few reported pregnancies: US cohort: 35 pregnancies (Shaner, 2012). UK cohort: 14 pregnancies (Thakrar, 2014).















Objectives

Pregnancy impact on lung function Maternal and newborn outcomes

Methods

Population:

retrospective multicenter french study Inclusion: all pregnancies in adult lung recipients from january 1991 to april 2013 9/11 transplantation center included (2 centers without pregnancy)

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Major criteria:

- FEV1 = lung function
- FEV1 express in % of predictive value
- Comparison between FEV1 one year after the end of the pregnancy and last FEV1 before pregnancy

Other data:

- Patient, Pregnancy, Newborn
- BMI, FEV1, renal deficiency, diabetes, arterial hypertension, acute rejection, CLAD: before, during, after pregnancy













Results: population

35 recipients

Age at transplantation, years	23±5	13-34
Age at pregnancy, years	28± 5	19-38
BMI before pregnancy	19,8±2,5	16-25
FEV1 before pregnangy, .pred	83± 25	31-122
Transplantation-pregnancy period, month	63 ±44	6-172
Pulmonary disease		
Cystic fibrosis (n, %)	25	71
Pulmonary hypertension (n, %)	7	20
Others (n, %)	3	9
Type of transplantation		
Double lung (n, %)	22	63
Heart-lung (n, %)	13	37

39 Pregnancies

	n	%
Births (n, %)	26	67
Miscarriage (n, %)	7	18
Termination for medical reasons (n, %)	3	8
Voluntary termination (n, %)	2	5
Death of recipient (n, %)	1	3

Higher rate of birth compared to others: 42% Thakrar, 56% Shaner









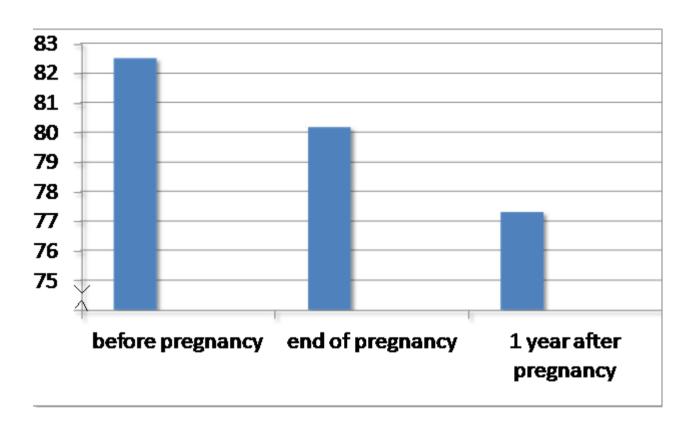






Results: lung function

Significant decrease of FEV1 1 year after pregnancy 83.9% to 77.3%, *p*=0.04

















Results: Maternal outcomes during pregnancy

n	%
19	51
18	55
2	6
18	51
17	59
3	10
21	58
19	61
1	3
14	39
0	0
11	33
8	24
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Results: Maternal outcomes after pregnancy

- 15 CLAD: 10 after pregnancy
- Period between transplantation and CLAD: 78.1 months
- Difficult to compare with general lung transplanted recipients because of « selected » patients
- In April 2014: 9 deaths: 4.6 years after pregnancy, 8.2 years after transplantation
- Causes: 2 infections, 1 pulmonary embolism, 6 graft dysfunctions















Results: newborns

- 26 newborns
- 90%: well at birth
- 2 newborns with serious outcome linked with prematurity (22 et 28 weeks gestation)
- 1 dead birth
- 48% low birth weight (<2.5 kg)
- No malformation or cystic fibrosis

Gestational age, n (mean±SD, minmax)	36±5	22-41
Induced labor (n, %)	11	50
Caesarean (n, %)	12	48
Prematurity (<37 weeks) (n, %)	11	43
Birth weight, g (moy±SD, min-max)	2409 ±0.9	600- 3990
Low birth weight (n, %)	12	48
Breastfeeding (n, %)	1	5

> More prematurity and low birth weight but poor consequences for future developpment









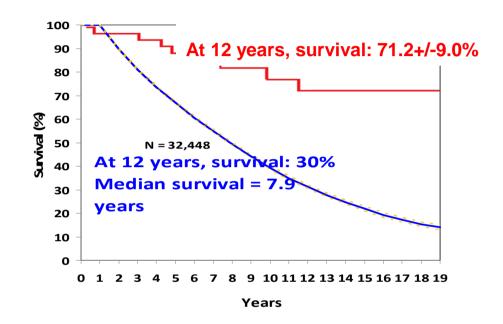






Discussion

- First multicenter French study
- The biggest cohort : NTPR registry (USA): 35 pregnancies no specific study of lung function
- Significant decrease of FEV1 one year after pregnancy
- 14 recipients: decrease >5%
- 4 CLAD at 1 year
- 2 CLAD at 2 year
- 1 CLAD before pregnancy
- 7 without CLAD, no death
- ➤ Real clinical meaning of this decrease?



Adult Lung Transplants: Kaplan-Meier Survival Conditional on Survival to 1 Year (Transplants: January 1990 – June 2012)

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Our population (Transplants: november 1989september 2010)















Conclusion

- Pregnancies with healthy babies are possible for lung recipients
- Risk of FEV1 decrease? Risk for lung function?
- No increased mortality
- No rejection during pregnancy
- Healthy babies even if more prematurity and lower birth weight
- Agreement of transplantation staff and stabilized comorbidities before pregnancy
- Pregnancies with close follow-up















