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technology appraisal guidance 85)**

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- 1. Systematic review evidence stratified according to first or subsequent
transplant and explanatory email** prepared by Peninsula Technology
Assessment Group (PenTAG)

**Information provided by Peninsula Technology Assessment Group (PenTAG),
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Did your systematic review include studies in patients starting a new immunosuppressive regimen at the time of a second or subsequent transplant?
Yes, such trials would have been included if patients were randomised at the time of transplantation.

If so, were any such studies identified, or do you know if any such patients were included in the studies we have discussed already?

Please see attached table for full details. However, there were 40 studies where patients received their first transplant, 14 studies did not report this, for the remainder of the studies the majority of the population (approx. 90%) received their first transplant.

If not, would it be possible to review whether these types of study were excluded during the screening stages of the SR, or to expand the SR to see whether any published studies are available?

Not applicable, because they would not have been excluded.

We did not include evidence about switching regimens while maintaining a functioning graft, since we only included studies which randomised at or around the time of transplantation. There may be some evidence about what proportion of “1st-line” patients switched and received “2nd-line” regimens, but there would be no estimates of the effectiveness for the 2nd-line regimens.

Study id	Induction therapy	Inclusion criteria	No previous transplant n/N (%)	One previous transplant n/N (%)	Two previous transplant n/N (%)
Bingyi 2003 ⁸¹		Primary cadaveric kidney transplant	6/6 (100%) vs 6/6 (100%)	NA	NA
Kahan 1999 ⁶⁷		Primary renal transplant	173/173 (100%) vs 173/173 (100%)	NA	NA
Lawen 2003 ⁶⁹	BAS vs PBO	First or second cadaveric renal transplant, excluded those who had received any immunosuppressive investigational drugs within 6 months of study entry	53/59 (89.8%) vs 56/64 (87.5%)	6/59 (10.2%) vs 8/64 (12.5%)	NA
Nashan 1997 ⁶⁶		Primary renal transplant	190/190 (100%) vs 186/186 (100%)	NA	NA
Ponticelli 2001 ⁶⁸		First or second kidney transplant	NR	NR	NR
Albano 2013 ⁸⁷	BAS vs no induction	Primary kidney/retransplantation (unless the graft was lost due to rejection within 12 months after first transplant)	267/283 (94.3%) vs 288/302 (95.4%)	16/283 (5.7%) vs 12/302 (4%)	0/283 (0%) vs 2/302 (0.7%)
Sheashaa 2003 ⁸³		Receiving their first transplant	50/50 (0%) vs 50/50 (0%)	NA	NA
Charpentier 2001 ⁸²		NR	NR	NR	NR
Samsel 2008 ⁸⁴		Primary deceased donor kidney	29/29 (100%) vs 33/33 (100%)	NA	NA
Sheashaa 2008 ⁸⁵	ATG vs no induction	First live donor renal transplantation	40/40 (100%) vs 40/40 (100%)	NA	NA
Charpentier 2003 ⁸⁸		Undergoing first kidney transplant or retransplantation from cadaveric donors	174/186 (93.5%) vs 170/185 (91.9%)	10/186 (5.4%) vs 14/185 (7.6%)	2/186 (1.1%) vs 1/185 (0.5%)

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Brennan 2006 ⁸⁹		Patients were excluded if they had been receiving immunosuppressive therapy before transplantation, had investigational medication within past 30 days	125/141 (88.6) vs 124/137 (90.5%)	Repeated transplant: 16/141 (11.3%) vs 13/137 (9.5%)	
Lebranchu 2002 ⁹⁰	BAS vs rATG	Undergo first cadaveric kidney transplantation	50/50 (100%) vs 50/50 (100%)	NA	NA
Mourad 2004 ⁹¹		Receiving first or second kidney transplant	49/52 (94%) vs 48/53 (90.6%)	3/52 (5.8%) vs 5/53 (9.4%)	NA
Sollinger 2001 ⁹²		Receive a first or second live-donor or cadaveric renal transplant	64/70 (91%) vs 59/65 (91%)	6/70 (9%) vs 6/65 (9%)	NA
Kyllonen 2007 ⁸⁶	BAS vs rATG vs no induction	Recipients of first or repeated deceased donor kidney transplants	52/58 (89.7) vs 50/53 (94.3%) vs 41/44 (93.2%)	6/58 (10.3%) vs 3/53 (5.7%) vs 3/44 (6.8%)	NA

Study (multiple publications)	Maintenance therapy	Inclusion criteria	No previous transplant n/N (%)	One previous transplant n/N (%)	Two previous transplant n/N (%)
Schleibner 1995 ⁹³		Primary renal transplantation	31/31 (100%) vs 16/16 (100%)	NA	NA
Laskow 1996 ⁹⁴ (Vincenti 1996) ⁹⁵		Primary cadaveric kidney transplant (low tac vs med tac vs hig tac vs CSA)	33/33 (100%) vs 30/30 (100%) vs 29/29 (100%) vs 28/28 (100%)	NA	NA
Mayer 1997 ⁹⁶ (Mayer 2002, 1999) ^{97 98}		NR	274/303 (90.4%) vs 130/145 (89.7%)	Retransplant: 29/303 (9.6%) vs 15/145 (10.3%)	
Radermacher 1998 ⁹⁹		NR	25/28 (89.3%) vs 11/13 (84.6%)	2/28 (7.1%) vs 2/13 (15.4%)	1/28 (3.6%) vs 0/13 (0%)
Jarzembowski 2005 ¹⁰⁰		Primary cadaveric renal transplantation	14/14 (100%) vs 21/21 (100%)	NA	NA
Baboolal 2002 ¹⁰¹	Tac + Aza vs CsA + Aza	NR	NR	NR	NR
Campos 2002 ¹⁰²		NR	80/85 (94%) vs 78/81 (96%)	5/85 (6%) vs 3/81 (4%)	NA
Margreiter 2002 ¹⁰³ (Kramer 2005 ¹⁰⁴ & Kramer 2008 ¹⁰⁵)		NR	267/286 (93.4%) vs 252/271 (93.0%)	One or two previous: 19/286 (6.6%) vs 19/271 (7.0%)	
Van Duijnhoven 2002 ⁷³		NR	9/11 (81.8%) vs 9/12 (75%)	Retransplant: 2/11 (18.2%) vs 3/12 (25%)	
Waller 2002 ⁷⁴ (Murphy 2003) ¹⁰⁶		NR	46/52 (88%) vs 44/50 (88%)	5/52 (10%) vs 4/50 (8%)	
Charpentier 2003 ⁸⁸		Undergoing first kidney transplant or retransplantation from cadaveric donors	174/186 (93.5%) vs 158/184 (85.9%)	10/186 (5.4%) vs 26/184 (14.1%)	2/186 (1.1%) vs 0/184 (0%)
Toz 2004 ¹⁰⁷					NR

Study (multiple publications)	Maintenance therapy	Inclusion criteria	No previous transplant n/N (%)	One previous transplant n/N (%)	Two previous transplant n/N (%)
Hardinger 2005 ¹⁰⁸ (Brennan 2005) ¹⁰⁹		De novo renal transplant recipients	134/134 (100%) vs 66/66 (100%)	NA	NA
Sollinger 1995 ⁷⁵		Primary cadaveric renal allograft as their first transplant	167/167 (100%) vs 166/166 (100%) vs 166/166 (100%)	NA	NA
Tricontinental MMF renal study 1996 ¹¹⁰ (Mathew 1998, ¹¹¹ Clayton 2012 ¹¹²)	CsA + MMF low vs CsA + AZA vs CsA + MMF	First or second cadaveric renal transplant	149/173 (86.1) vs 148/166 (89.2%) vs 146/164 (89.0%)	24/173 (13.9%) vs 18/166 (10.8%) vs 18/164 (11.0%)	NA
Sadek 2002 ¹¹³		First cadaveric or living donor kidney transplant	162/162 (100%) vs 157/157 (100%)	NA	NA
Tuncer 2002 ⁷⁶		First-graft cadaveric or living-donor renal transplant	38/38 (100%) vs 38/38 (100%)	NA	NA
Merville 2004 ¹¹⁴	CsA + MMF vs CsA + AZA	Receiving their first ABO-compatible cadaver kidney transplant	37/37 (100%) vs 34/34 (100%)	NA	NA
Remuzzi 2007 ¹¹⁵ (The MYSS trial, Remuzzi 2004 ¹¹⁶)		First kidney transplant from deceased donors	124/124 (100%) vs 124/124 (100%)	NA	NA
Wlodarczyk 2005 ¹¹⁷ (Wlodarczyk 2002 ¹¹⁸)	TAC + MMF vs TAC + AZA	Primary renal transplant or transplantation	229/243 (94.2%) vs 234/246 (95.1%)	14/243 (5.8%) vs 12/246 (4.9%)	NA
Vacher-Coponat 2012 ¹¹⁹			NR		
Zadrazil 2012 ¹²⁰			NR		
Hernandez 2007 ¹²¹	TAC + MMF vs CsA + MMF	Primary renal transplantation	80/80 (100%) vs 80/80 (100%)	NA	NA
Rowshani 2006 ¹²²		Renal transplant recipients of a first or second graft	NR	NR	NR

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Yang 1999 ¹²³ (Ulsch 1999 ¹²⁴)		First cadaveric or living related renal transplant	30/30 (100%) vs 30/30 (100%)	NA	NA
Weimer 2006 ¹²⁵ (Weimer 2005 ¹²⁶)	TAC + AZA vs CsA + AZA vs CsA + MMF	NR	24/28 (86%) vs 22/25 (88%) vs 26/31 (84%)	4/28 (14%) vs 3/25 (12%) vs 5/31 (16%)	NA
Wlodarczyk 2009 ¹²⁷			NR		
Kramer 2010 ⁵³ (NCT00189839)	TAC + MMF vs TAC PR + MMF	Not clear, but likely retransplantation permitted: exclusion criteria: previous nonrenal transplant; panel reactive antibody level >50% in the previous 6 mo and/or previous graft survival <1 year due to immunological-related graft loss			
Tsuchiya 2013 ¹²⁸			NR		
Oh 2014 ¹²⁹					
Albano 2013 ⁸⁷ (NCT00717470) OSAKA Trial	TAC + MMF vs TAC PR 0.2 + MMF vs TAC PR 0.3	Primary kidney/retransplantation (unless the graft was lost due to rejection within 12 months after first transplant	296/309 (95.8%) vs 288/302 (95.4%) vs 285/304 (93.8%)	13/309 (4.2%) vs 12/302 (4.0%) vs 17/304 (5.6%)	0/309 (0%) vs 2/302 (0.7%) vs 2/304 (0.7%)
Ciancio 2008 ¹³⁰ (Ciancio 2011 ¹³¹), R01DK25243-25)	MMF + TAC vs MPS + TAC	Primary kidney transplant from a deceased or living donor	29/29 (100%) vs 31/31 (100%)	NA	NA
Salvadori 2004 ¹³²	MMF + CsA vs MPS + CsA	Received a first... ..kidney transplant	210/210 (100%) vs 213/213 (100%)	NA	NA
Vincenti 2005 ¹³³ (Vincenti 2010 ¹³⁴)	BEL low+ MMF vs BEL high + MMF	Patients who had previously undergone renal transplantation, patients with acould make up no more than 10% of the study population	NR	NR	NR
BENEFIT (Vincenti 2010 ⁵⁴ , Larsen 2010 ⁵⁵ ,	vs CsA + MMF	Exclusion: retransplants with a panel reactive antibody >30% (also includes not available: 1% vs 1% vs 2%)	97% vs 96% vs 94%	2% vs 2% vs 4%	0% vs 1% vs 0%

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BENEFIT EXT (Durrbach 2010 ¹³⁵ Medina Pestana 2012 ¹³⁶ , Charpentier 2013 ¹³⁷ Larsen 2010 ⁵⁵)		De novo adult recipients (from pestana)	175/175 (100%) vs 184/184 (100%) vs 184/184 (100%)	NA	NA
Ferguson 2011 ¹³⁸	BEL+MMF vs BEL+SIR vs TAC+MMF	NR	32/33 (97%) vs 26/26 (100%) vs 30/30 (100%)	1/33 (3%) vs 0/26 (0%) vs 0/30 (0%)	NA
Lorber 2005 ¹³⁹	EVL low +		NR		
ATLAS Vitko 2005 ¹⁴⁰ (Vitko 2004 ¹⁴¹ & 2005b ¹⁴²)	CsA vs EVL high + CsA vs MMF+CsA	De novo renal transplant	194/194 (100%) vs 198/198 (100%) vs 196/196 (100%)	NA	NA
Takahashi 2013 ¹⁴³	EVL + CSA vs MMF + CSA	Primary kidney transplant	61/61 (100%) vs 61/61	NA	NA
Chadban 2013 (SOCRATES) ¹⁴⁴	EVL vs EVL +CsA vs CsA + MPS	De novo kidney transplant recipients	49/49 (100%) vs 30/30 (100%) vs 47/47 (100%) vs	NA	NA
Tedesco Silva 2010 ¹⁴⁵	EVL low + CsA vs EVL high + CsA vs MPA + CsA	Primary kidney transplant	277/277 (100%) vs 279/279 (100%) vs 277/277 (100%)	NA	NA
Bertoni 2011 ¹⁴⁶	EVL + CsA vs MPS + CsA		NR		

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Budde 2011 ¹⁴⁷ (Budde 2012 ¹⁴⁸ , Liefeldt 2012 ¹⁴⁹ , NCT00154310)	EVL + MPS vs CsA + MPS	Exclusion: retransplants	155/155 (100%) vs 145/145 (100%)	NA	NA
Mjornstedt 2012 ¹⁵⁰ (NCT00634920)		Receiving first or second kidney transplant	93/102 (91.2%) vs 94/100 (94%)	9/102 (8.8%) vs 6/100 (6%)	NA
Barsoum 2007 ¹⁵¹	SRL + CsA vs MMF + CsA	De novo transplants	76/76 (100%) vs 37/37 (100%)	NA	NA
Stallone 2003 ¹⁵²			NR		
Anil Kumar 2005 ¹⁵³				NR	
Mendez 2005 ¹⁵⁴ (Gonwa 2003 ¹⁵⁵)				NR	
Sampaio 2008 ¹⁵⁶				NR	
Gelens 2006 ¹⁵⁷	SRL + TAC vs MMF + TAC	Excluded: high immunological risk (panel reactive antibody grade >85% in the previous 6 mo and/or having a previous graft survival <1 year due to rejection)	18/18 (100%) vs 16/18 (89%)	0/18 (0%) vs 2/18 (11%)	NA
Gallon 2006 ¹⁵⁸ (Chhabra 2012 ¹⁵⁹)		NR	37/37 (100%) vs 45/45 (100%)	NA	NA
Van Gorp 2010 ¹⁶⁰		Primary renal transplantation or replantation (unless the graft was lost due to rejection within the previous 12 months); also includes 0/318 vs 1/316 (0.3%) for three previous transplants	306/318 (96.2%) vs 301/306 (95.3%)	12/318 (3.8%) vs 14/316 (4.4%)	0/318 vs 0/316 (0%)
Flechner 2002 (Flechner 2004, 2007)	SRL + MMF vs CsA + MMF	Excluded: prior transplantation	31/31 (100%) vs 30/30 (100%)	NA	NA
Noris 2007 ¹⁶¹ (Ruggenti 2007 ¹⁶²)		Primary kidney transplant recipients	11/11 (100%) vs 10/10 (100%)	NA	NA

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Lebranchu 2009 ¹⁶³ (Servais 2009 ¹⁶⁴ , Lebranchu 2011 ¹⁶⁵ , Joannides 2011 ¹⁶⁶ , 2004-002987-62)		First renal transplant	95/95 (100%) vs 97/97 (100%)	NA	NA
Büchler 2007 ¹⁶⁷ (Lebranchu 2012 ¹⁶⁸ , Joannides 2010 ¹⁶⁹)		NR	68/71 (95.8%) vs 66/74 (89.2%)	3/71 (4.2%) vs 8/74 (10.8%)	NA
Soleimani 2013 ⁷⁷		Exclusion: prior transplantation	29/29 (100%) vs 59/59 (100%)	NA	NA
Durrbach 2008 ¹⁷⁰ (0468E1 – 100969)		First or second ECD allograft recipients		NR	
Kreis (2000) ¹⁷¹ - Identified from Campistol 2005 ¹⁷²		Primary cadaveric donor kidney	40/40 (100%) vs 38/38 (100%)	NA	NA
Guba 2010 ¹⁷³		De novo renal transplants	69/69 (100%) vs 71/71 (100%)	NA	NA
Martinez-Mier 2006 ¹⁷⁴		Adult first degree living related kidney allograft recipient			
Nafar 2012 ¹⁷⁵ (IRCT138804333049N7)		Receiving primary or secondary kidney allograft		NR	
Larson 2006 ¹⁷⁶ (Stegall 2003 ¹⁷⁷)		NR	66/84 (79%) vs 69/81 (86%)	18/84 (21.4%) vs 12/81 (14.8%)	NA
Schaefer 2006 ⁷⁸	TAC + MMF vs SRL + MMF	Primary transplants	39/39 (100%) vs 41/41 (100%)	NA	NA
Heilman 2011 ¹⁷⁸ (Heilman, 2012 ¹⁷⁹ ; NCT00170053)		Exclusion: loss of previous transplant from rejection or recurrent primary disease			NR

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Welberry Smith 2008 ⁷⁹			NR		
Silva 2013 ¹⁸⁰ (NCT01802268)	TAC + MPS vs SRL + MPS	De novo kidney transplant	107/107 (100%) vs 97/97 (100%)	NA	NA
Hamdy 2005 ¹⁸¹ (Hamdy 2008 ¹⁸² , Hamdy 2010 ¹⁸³)	TAC + SRL vs MMF + SRL	Exclusion: subjects requiring a second renal transplantation	65/65 (100%) vs 67/67 (100%)	NA	NA
Charpentier 2003 ¹⁸⁴ (Groth 1999 ¹⁸⁵)	SRL + AZA vs CsA + AZA	Received a primary cadaveric donor kidney	41/41 (100%) vs 42/42 (100%)	NA	NA
Chen 2008 ¹⁸⁶	TAC + SRL vs CsA + SRL	With their first renal transplant	21/21 (100%) vs 20/20 (100%)	NA	NA
Vitko 2006 ⁸⁰	SRL low + TAC vs SRL high + TAC vs MMF + TAC	Primary renal transplantation or retransplantation (Also includes 1/325 (0.3%) for low SRL)	296/325 (91.1%) vs 302/325 (92.9%) vs 295/327 (90.2%)	26/325 (8.0%) vs 20/325 (6.2%) vs 29/327 (8.9%)	2/325 (0.6%) vs 3/325 (0.9%) vs 3/327 (0.9%)
Flechner 2011 ¹⁸⁷ (ORION study, NCT00266123)	SRL + TAC vs SRL + MMF vs MMF + TAC	Primary or secondary renal allograft	139/152 (91.5%) vs 128/139 (92.1%)	13/152 (8.6%) vs 11/139 (7.9%)	NA
Grinyo 2009 ¹⁸⁸ , (SYMPHONY study Ekberg 2009 ¹⁸⁹ , Demirbas 2009 ¹⁹⁰ , Ekberg 2010 ¹⁹¹ , Frei 2010 ¹⁹² , Claes 2012 ¹⁹³)	MMF + CsA vs MMF + low CsA vs MMF + low TAC vs MMF low SRL (1 study)	Patients receiving a second renal transplant were eligible, providing that the first allograft was not lost owing to acute rejection within the first year after transplantation		NR	

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Anil Kumar 2008 ¹⁹⁴ (Anil Kumar 2005 ¹⁵³ ; CRG110600009)	TAC + MMF vs TAC + SRL vs CsA + MMF vs CsA + SRL	De novo kidney recipients	50/50 (100%) vs 50/50 (100%) vs 50/50 (100%) vs 50/50 (100%)		