Islet Cell Transplantation

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Islet v Pancreas Two different approaches





What are the options available?

- Whole Pancreas Transplantation
 - Simultaneous pancreas + kidney (SPK)
 - Pancreas Transplant Alone (PTA)
 - Pancreas after kidney (PAK)
- Islet Transplantation
 - Islet Transplant Alone (ITA)
 - Islet after kidney (IAK)
 - Simultaneous islet + kidney (SIK)
 - Autotransplantation

History of islet cell transplantation

• 267 allografts, 1990-2000

• 41% some graft function

• 12.4% insulin-independence >1 week

• 8.2% insulin-independence for >1year

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ISLET TRANSPLANTATION IN SEVEN PATIENTS WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES MELLITUS USING A GLUCOCORTICOID-FREE IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE REGIMEN

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Islet Transplantation in Oxford

Pre-NHS up to 2008

9 Transplants pre-Edmonton Protocol

3 Transplants post-Edmonton Protocol (funded by DUK)

NHS post 2008

Currently 8-10 per annum (~30-40 Across UK)

April 2013 – present, 7 (2+5)

National NHS Consortium



Oxford Kings (Edinburgh)

Newcastle Manchester Royal Free

(Bristol)

NHS National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Understanding NICE guidance

Information for people who use NHS services

Transplanting donated pancreatic islet cells for patients with type 1 diabetes

NICE 'interventional procedures guidance' advises the NHS on when and how new procedures can be used in clinical practice. This leaflet is about when and how transplanting donated pancreatic islet cells can be used in the NHS to treat people with type 1 diabetes. It explains guidance (advice) from NICE (the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence).

Interventional procedures guidance makes recommendations on the safety of a procedure and how well it works. An interventional procedure is a test, treatment or surgery that involves a cut or puncture of the skin, or an endoscope to look inside the body, or energy sources such as X-rays, heat or ultrasound. The guidance does not cover whether or not the NHS should fund a procedure. Decisions about funding are taken by local NHS bodies

Islet cell transplantation: why?

To improve the quality of life of people with T1DM who suffer severe, recurrent and potentially life-threatening hypoglycaemia

To improve hypoglycaemia unawareness

? to achieve insulin-independence

Transplantation inclusion criteria

- T1DM, > 18 years of age, > 5 years duration
- Failure to optimise glycaemic control with standard therapy without hypoglycaemia
- Impaired awareness of hypoglycaemia
- Recurrent severe hypoglycaemia, (2 or more episodes within the last 2 years)

Process

 Referral by diabetologist to transplant team to Oxford Centre

 Detailed clinical assessment including exclusion of other causes of hypo

• Discuss/council - risks/benefits/alternatives

The Islet Transplant

Percutaneous transhepatic approach via portal vein, local anaesthetic

Infuse over 10-15 minutes

12 hours bed rest

Home 48-72 hours



Intensive Follow-up

• Metabolic control (Blood glucose 4-6 mmol)

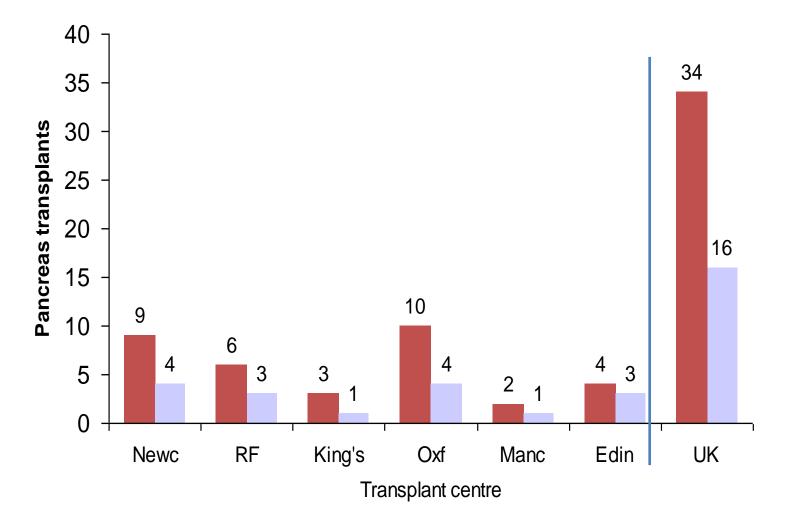
Immunosuppression (+infection/neoplasia)

• Assessment of graft function

• General medical review

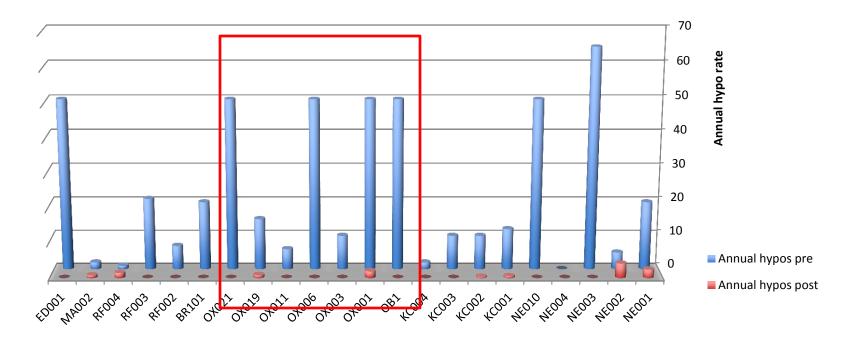
Pancreatic islet transplant activity by centre (1 April 2008 - 8 January 2012)

Routine Priority



Hypoglycaemia outcomes (snap shot of few patients 2008 – 2011)

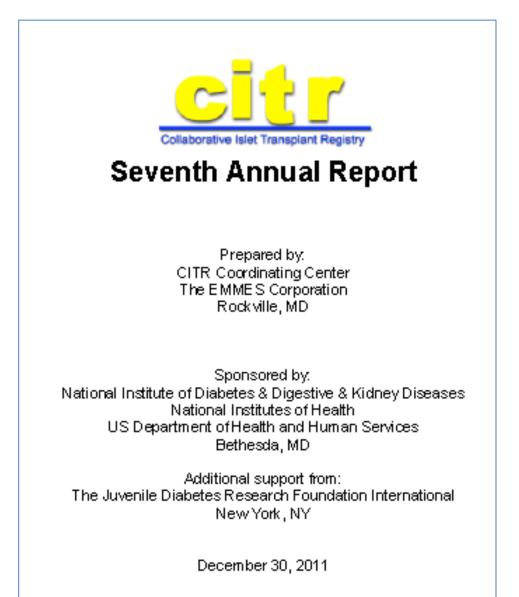
Impact of islet transplantation on annual hypo rate



(UK 1 year graft survival >85%*)

* Brooks AMSA Diabetic Med 2012; 29 (suppl1) :A15

International Outcome Data



Islet cell transplant outcomes

	1 year	3 year	5 year
Insulin independence	50%	35%	25%
Absence of severe hypoglycaemia	90%	75%	50%

(graft function >0.3ng/ml, 50-80% at 5 years)

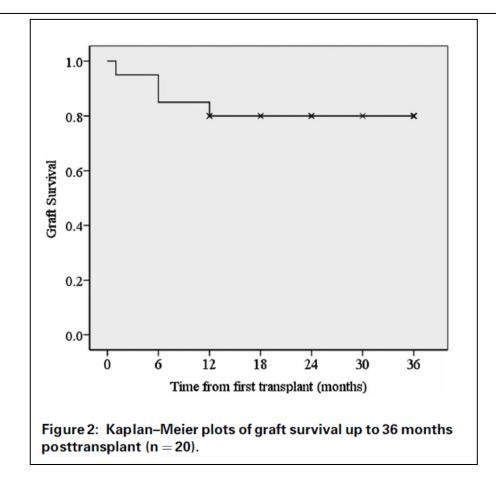


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Brief Communication

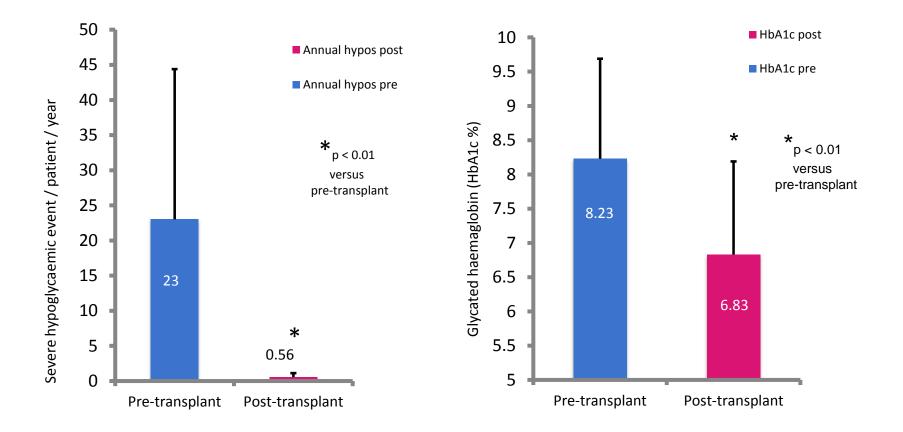
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Attainment of Metabolic Goals in the Integrated UK Islet Transplant Program With Locally Isolated and Transported Preparations



Brookes AM et al

Post-Islet Transplant Metabolic Outcomes



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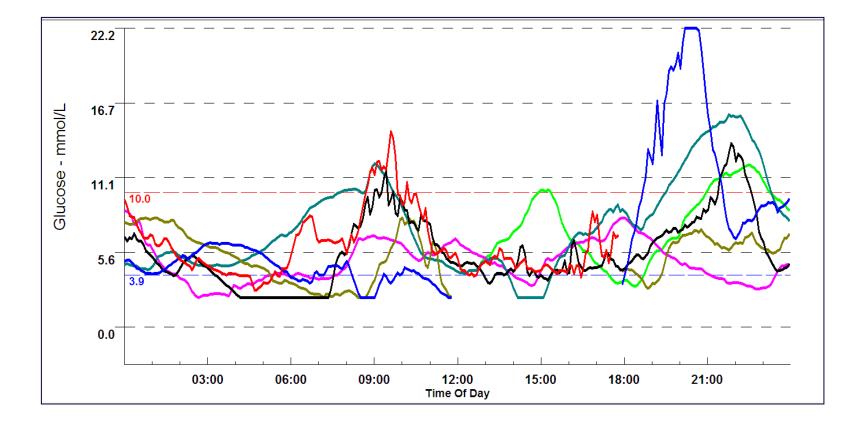
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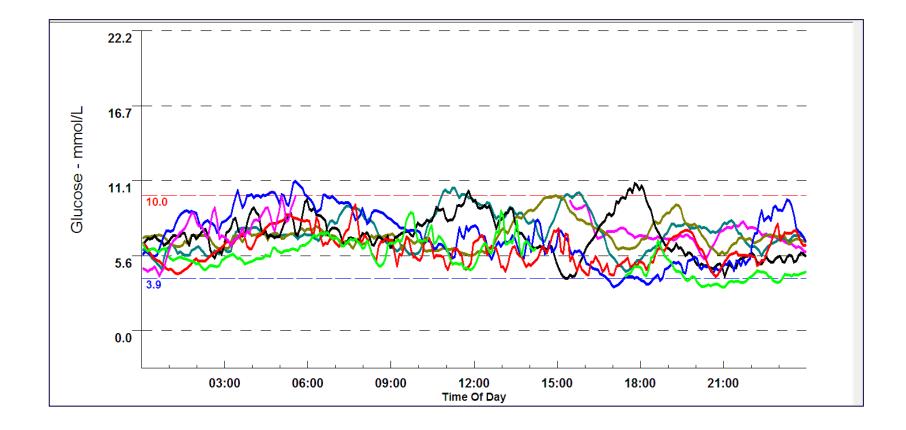
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Pre-transplant glucose profile (September 2009)



HbA1c 7.0%

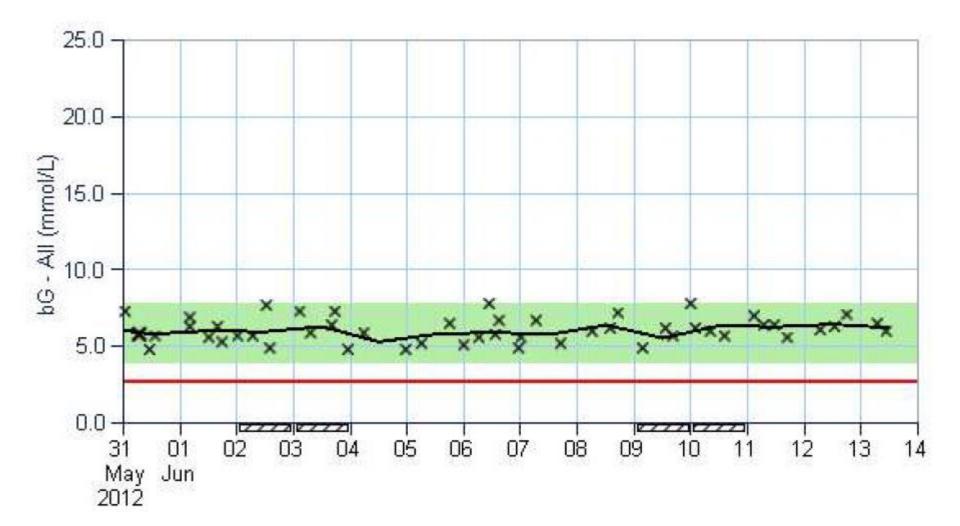
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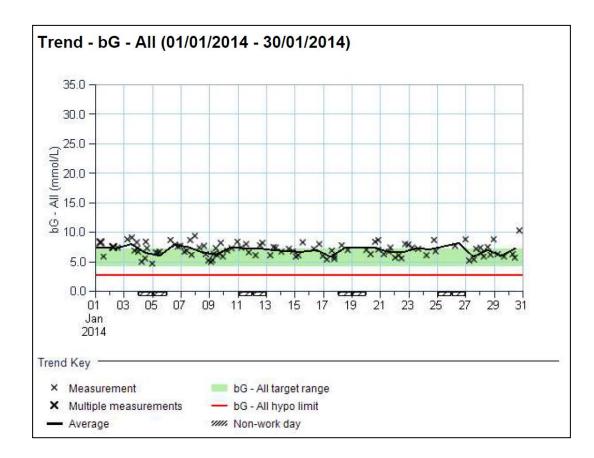
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Glucometer trends May – June 2012

Trend - bG - All (31/05/2012 - 13/06/2012)



January 2014



1st transplant September 2009 Remains off insulin, on Liraglutide 1.2 mg OD

Challenges

- National funding for 100 per year
- Oxford largest centre 8-10 per year
- Most referrals from 2-3 centres
- Post-transplant follow-up, intensive
- Have 1 satellite clinic (Birmingham)

Proposal

• Increase hub and spoke service across TV

• AHSN funded transplant coordinator

• Satellite clinics

• Use of IT, (? Skype follow up in local centre)

Conclusions

Islet cell transplantation

Research to Clinical (NHS) service

NICE Outcome Measures are being achieved

- Prevention of recurrent severe hypoglycaemia

– Attainment of HbA1c <53 mmol/mol (7%)</p>

Need to expand the service

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