Living Donor Single Lobe Lung Transplantation for Bronchiolitis Obliterans in 4 Years Old Child

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Abstract: A left lower lobe lung transplantation from a living related donor was performed for a 4 y 11 m old boy with bronchiolitis obliterans. The patient received peripheral blood stem cell transplantation (PBSCT) from an HLA 2 mismatched donor (mother) for his juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia at 1 y 3 m of age. He developed bronchiolitis obliterans as a complication around 100 days after PBSCT and his respiratory condition progressively deteriorated thereafter. Finally, mechanical ventilation had to be instituted because of the onset of CO₂ narcosis with an increased PaCO₂ level of up to 200 mmHg. Three weeks after mechanical ventilation was started, the patient was transferred to Fukuoka University Hospital to prepare for the possibility of undergoing a living-donor lung transplantation. The height and weight were 98 cm and 13 kg for the recipient and 159 cm and 58 kg for the donor. Transplantation was successfully perfromed under a partial cardiopulmonary bypass by means of a "clam-shell" bilateral thoraco-sternotomy. The patient was successfully weaned from the ventilator 10 days after surgery. A 3 dimentional CT scan taken on day 44 after transplantation indicated the lung graft volume to be 427 ml in comparison to 906 ml before transplantation. This finding may suggests that an oversized lung graft can work adequately in spite of severe compression resulting in the graft size being compressed to only 47% of its original size. The patient recovered uneventfully and returned home on his 53 rd day after transplantation. To our knowledge, this is the youngest recipient of a living related lobar transplantation ever reported.

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