

## **Report: Long-term follow-up of steroid avoidance in kidney transplant recipients in a randomized controlled trial - SAILOR II study**

We have received a generous research grant 2022 of 230 000 DK for a research project among three transplant units: Gothenburg, Aarhus och Malmö in two Scandinavian countries.

This project was a follow-up study to a multicentre randomized trial, the SAILOR study, we collaborated on together previously.

We studied now the impact of steroid avoidance in comparison with traditional triple treatment on long-term outcomes. It was an observational study, the median follow-up time was 7,3 years after kidney transplantation. Data collections were done manually, out of medical charts in all three centres. We shared an electronic case record file. Statistical analyses were performed in Gothenburg. All three centers participated in manuscript writing.

I am very pleased to announce that the manuscript has been submitted to **Kidney International Reports**, but we have not received any feedback yet.

We have acknowledged the Scandiatransplant for this research grant. The title is:

### **Steroid avoidance with low-dose tacrolimus is safe and effective at seven years for kidney transplant recipients with low immunologic risk: The SAILOR follow-up study**

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We split the grant into two parts, Aarhus received 100 000 DK and Gothenburg 130 000 DK. In the line with the budget, the money was spent to salaries for study doctors and study nurses at each centre, costs for statistical analyses and cost for the services around the database.

Would you like to receive more detail accounting?

Shall I send you the manuscript or shall we wait until it gets (hopefully) accepted? There will be certainly changes when reviewed.

Are any other obligation connected to the report?

We are very thankful to have received research grant from Scandiatransplant which made possible to finish of this nice project. It was as well a last paper within my PhD project.

With best regards

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