

## Correlation between prognosis and response to treatment in children with FSGS

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### Abstract

To determine the prognostic value of response to treatment in patients with focal segmental glomerulo-sclerosis. FSGS includes 10-15% of idiopathic Nephrotic syndrome in children. Bulk of evidence supports disease relationship with immune system. Unfortunately, responses to immunosuppressive drugs are not desirable and progression to end-stage renal disease is common. We analyzed 62 out of 99 cases of biopsy proven idiopathic FSGS who were followed for at least 2-years or until renal failure occurred during study. Study design was historical cohort and patients were divided into two groups: exposed (resistant to treatment) and non-exposed (responsive to treatment). Correlation between prognosis and response to treatment was statistically evaluated. P-value ( $< 0.05$  and relative risk ( $> 1$ ) was considered significant. In 2 out of 20 steroid responsive patients (10%) and 22 out of 37 steroid resistant patients (59.5%), disease progressed to renal failure. Disease progressed to renal failure in 2 out of 11 cyclophosphamide responsive patients (18.2%), 17 out of 22 cyclophosphamide resistant patients (77.3%), and 4 out of 14 cyclosporine resistant patients (28.6%). 2 patients who responded to cyclosporine had normal renal function at the time of the last follow up. We concluded that favorable response to steroid and cyclophosphamide treatment is a protective factor against disease progression to end stage renal disease and resistance to these drugs imply a poor prognosis. For making any definite conclusion concerning response to cyclosporine treatment and prognosis, similar studies with a larger sample are required. © 2009 Tehran University of Medical Sciences. All rights reserved.

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