

The standard dose of baricitinib (BAR) is 4 mg for patients with a normal renal function; however, there are many cases in which a dose reduction to 2mg is necessary for economic reasons ~~because of due to~~ its high cost. ~~We here~~ Herein we report cases of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) patients with a normal renal function who were treated with 2mg of BAR.

The total number of cases were was 17, consisting of (three males and 14 females)., Tthe mean age was 57.5 years, ~~the~~ mean disease duration was 12.6 years, rheumatoid factor (RF) was positive in 78.5% of the cases, anti-citrullinated protein antibody was (ACPA) positive in 80% ~~of the~~ cases, and the mean estimated eGFR glomerular filtration rate was 90.8mL/min/1.73 m². ~~The Concomitant~~ drugs ~~used~~ were as follows: MTCX in 14 cases (82.4%), other conventional synthetic disease modifying antirheumatic drugs (csDMARD) in ~~9~~ nine cases (52.9%), and the combination use of steroid was were used in ~~3~~ three cases (17.6%). In addition, there were five treatment naive naive cases (29.4%). The mean clinical disease activity index (CDAI) score was 19.3 and the mean CRP C-reactive protein was 1.09 mg/dL at the start of BAR treatment. The changes in CDAI scores after starting BAR treatment were 9.5 at 2 weeks, 7.8 at 4 weeks, 8.3 at 8 weeks, 8.5 at 12 weeks, 8.8 at 16 weeks, and 7.3 at 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, and 24 weeks, respectively ~~b, using~~ the last observation carried forward (LOCF) method. [The outcome at 24 weeks were as follows: resolution of symptoms and discontinuation of BAR in one case, remission in ~~3~~ three cases, low disease activity in ~~6~~ six cases, moderate disease activity in two ~~eases~~, discontinued due to adverse event in one ~~ease~~, termination due to ineffectiveness in ~~0~~ zero cases, dose increase to 4 mg in one ~~ease~~, and drop out in ~~3~~ three cases. In 10 cases of 14 cases (71.4%), excluding drop out cases, ~~the~~ disease activity was ~~below the level of controlled to low or below~~. ~~Altogether, it was indicated that~~ Thus, treatment with half-dose BAR administration is can be an option for RA patients with a normal renal function in cases where normal dose BAR administration is difficult due to conditions such as economic situations.

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[Article][GRA]

The indefinite article is used here

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[Other Grammar][GRA]

“because of” is used as it describes the verb “reduction”

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[Redundancy/ Repetition][LAN]

Edit made to improve avoid the redundancy

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[Word Choice][LAN]

A better word choice edit was made as per the context

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[Abbreviation][SDI]

Term is abbreviated as it has been used in the file further

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The numerical data is made consistent

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Improved readability by rephrasing