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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TACROLIMUS AND BREASTFEEDING

The Rapid Communication by Jain et al. in the August 27, 1997, issue of *Transplantation* (1997; 64(4): 559) provides the first published information on the excretion of tacrolimus into breast milk. Table 1 also provides information on the growth of the infants. It would be of interest to know which, if any, of the mothers breast-fed their infants while taking tacrolimus and how extensively (i.e., exclusive, partial) and for how long they nursed their infants. Perhaps the authors can provide this information.

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TACROLIMUS AND BREASTFEEDING (REPLY)

Thank you for your letter of inquiry regarding our Rapid Communication, "Pregnancy after liver transplantation under tacrolimus." The mothers were instructed not to breast-feed their babies. Because all of them followed this medical advice, there were no postpartum data of the kind requested by Dr. Anderson.

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