

EVALUATION OF INTRA-PATIENT VARIABILITY OF THE TACROLIMUS PLASMATIC LEVELS IN DIFFERENT PERIODS AFTER LIVER TRANSPLANT

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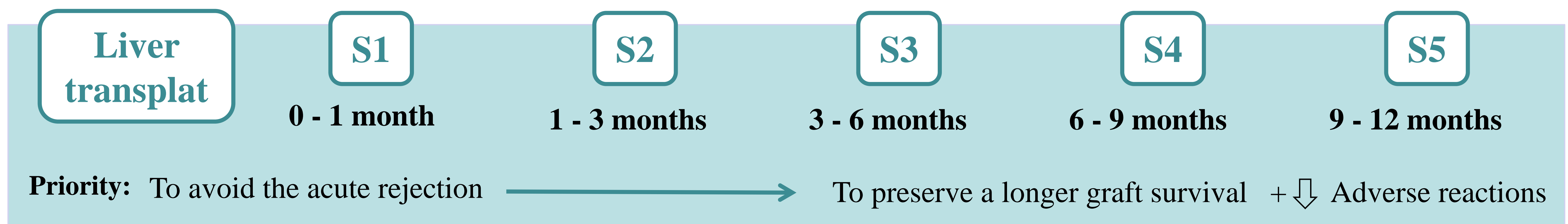
Purpose

To assess the mean concentration, the intra-patient variability of serum levels of tacrolimus (FKs) and their evolution along different periods after liver transplant.

Material and Methods

Observational retrospective study: January 2015 – minimum post-transplant follow-up of 1 year.

 Liver transplanted patients > 18 years old



Analyzed variables

- Mean of tacrolimus plasmatic concentrations
- Coefficient of variation
- Proportion of patients with coefficient of variation superior to 30%
- Percentage of values lower than 5 ng/ml (P5)
- Area under the concentration-estimated time

⇒ To describe the intra-patient variability was used the coefficient of variation

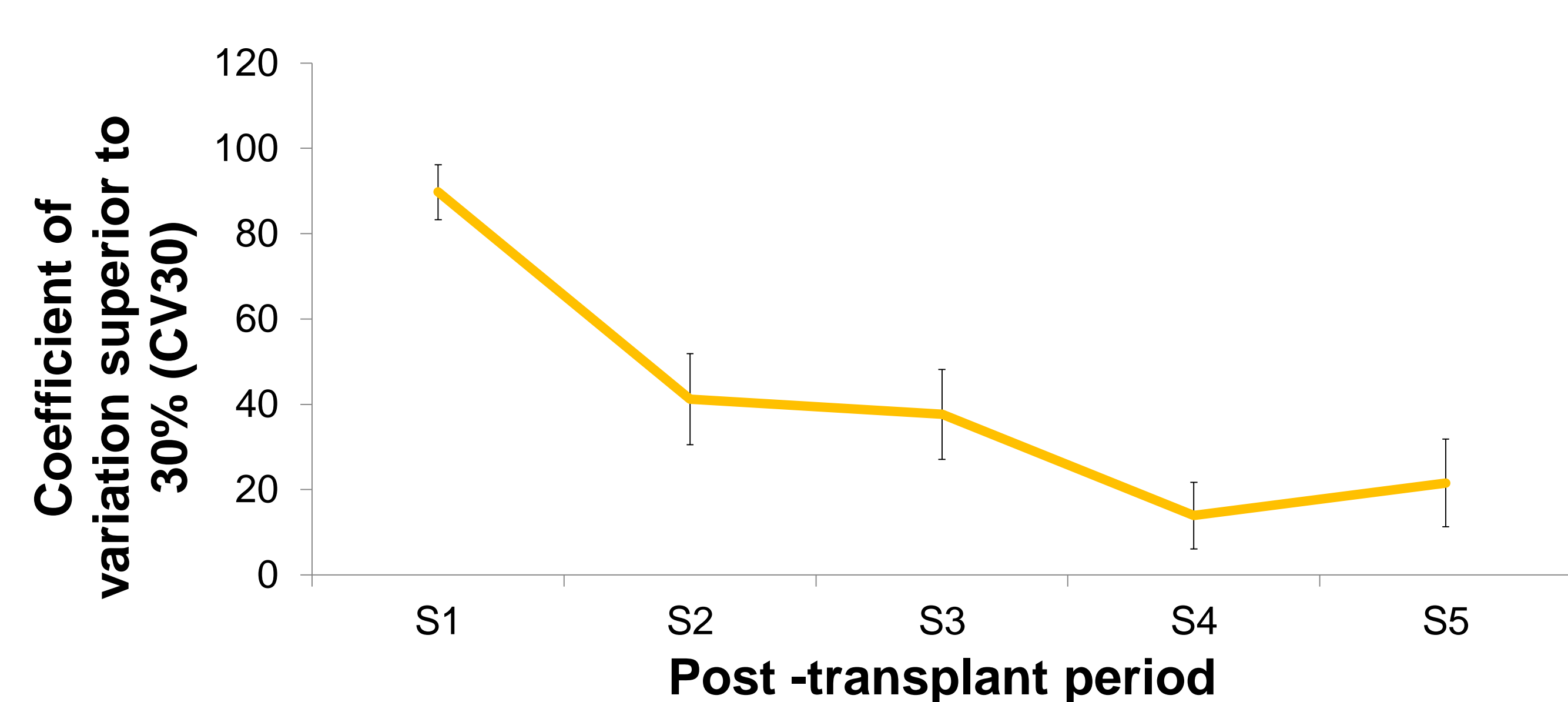
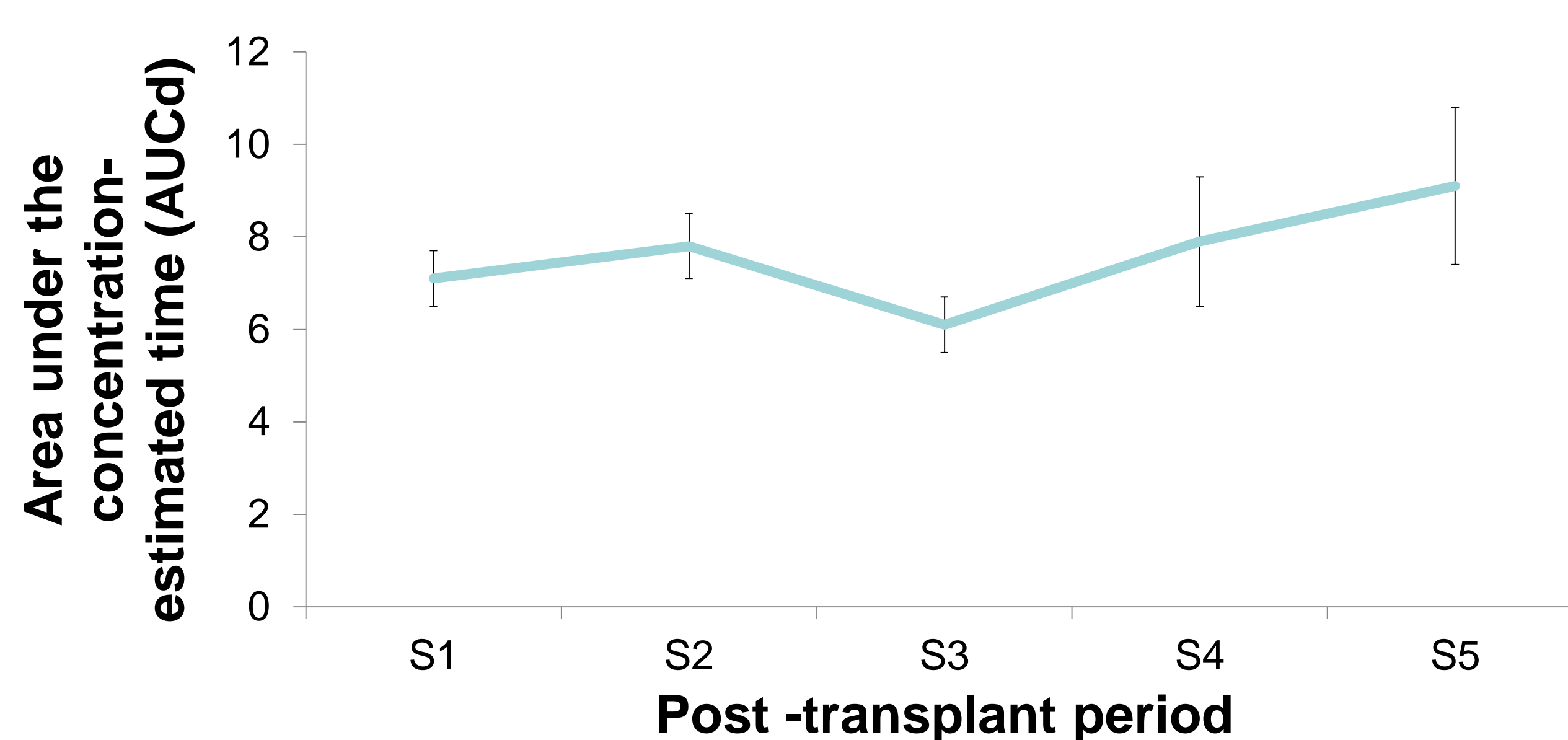
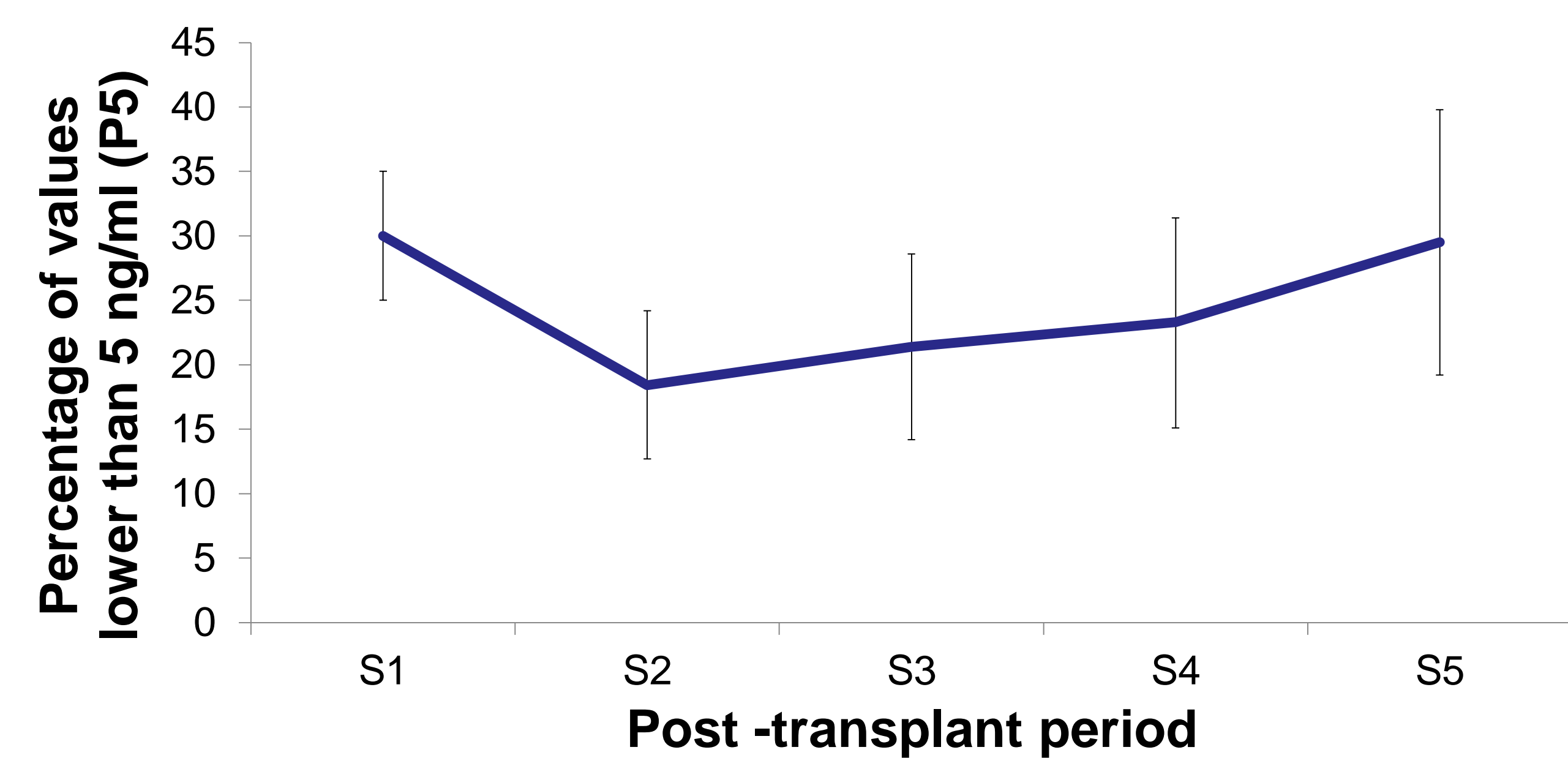
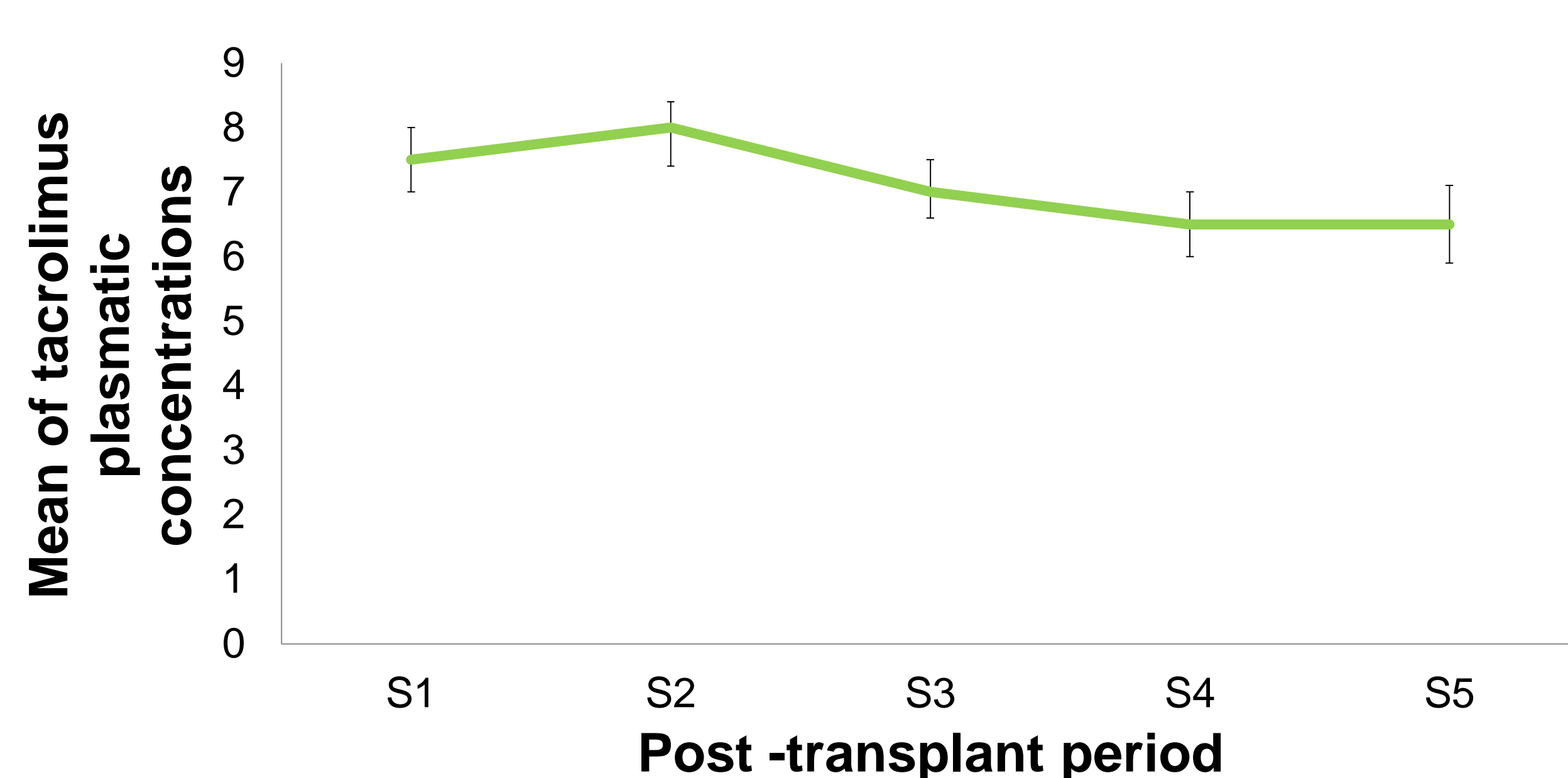
⇒ Therapeutic control is considered inadequate if intra-patient variability is superior to 30 % or the P5 is superior to 20 %.

Results



88 patients

* Range of therapeutic tacrolimus plasmatic levels values is established between 5-20 ng/ml



Tecnically, for each period: 89.8%, 43.5%, 44.7%, 27.9% and 40% patients had poor control of serum levels of tacrolimus.

Mean of serum levels of tacrolimus, P5, AUCd and CV30 observed varied widely among periods, achieving statistical differences for almost all parameters: $p < 0.001$, $p < 0.001$, $p = 0.002$ and $p < 0.001$.

Conclusion

Taking into account the limitation of this study, the early detection of patients with high intra-patient variability or analytical values lower than 5 ng/mL along the different stages of liver post-transplant could justify a greater need for pharmacokinetic monitoring and therapeutic control.

