

Table 6**Immunosuppressive agents and common side effects**

Class of agent	Common side effects
Corticosteroids	Hyperglycaemia Mood change Weight gain Infection Osteoporosis Peptic ulceration
Calcineurin inhibitors (cyclosporin, tacrolimus)	Renal impairment Hypertension Hyperglycaemia Hypertrichosis Gum hypertrophy
Azathioprine	Bone marrow suppression Hepatotoxicity Skin cancer
Mycophenolate mofetil	Diarrhoea Bone marrow suppression (especially anaemia)
Cyclophosphamide	Bone marrow suppression (especially neutropaenia) Malignancy Infertility Haemorrhagic cystitis
Plasma exchange	Bleeding Allergic reaction