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CHAPTER

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# **A comprehensive evaluation of the antibody-verified status of eplets listed in the HLA Epitope Registry**

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## ABSTRACT

Matching strategies based on HLA eplets instead of HLA antigens in solid organ transplantation may not only increase the donor pool for highly sensitized patients, but also decrease the incidence of *de novo* donor-specific antibody formation. However, since not all eplets are equally capable of inducing an immune response, antibody verification is needed to confirm their ability to be bound by antibodies, such that only clinically relevant eplets are considered. The HLA Epitope Registry has documented all theoretically defined HLA eplets along with their antibody verification status and has been the foundation for many clinical studies investigating eplet mismatch in transplantation. The verification methods for eplets in the Registry range from polyclonal sera from multi- and uni-parous women to murine and human monoclonal antibodies (mAbs), and antibodies purified by adsorption and elution from sera of HLA immunized individuals. The classification of antibody verification based on different methods for validation is problematic, since not all approaches represent the same level of evidence. In this study, we introduce a classification system to evaluate the level of evidence for the antibody-verified status of all eplets in the HLA Epitope Registry. We demonstrate that for a considerable number of eplets, the antibody-verified status is solely based on polyclonal serum reactivity of multiparous women or on reactivity of murine mAbs. Furthermore, we noted that a substantial proportion of patient sera analyses and human mAb data presented in the HLA Epitope Registry Database has never been published in a peer-reviewed journal. Therefore, we tested several unpublished human HLA-specific mAbs by luminex single antigen beads assay to analyze their HLA reactivity for eplet antibody verification. Although the majority of analyzed mAbs indeed verified their assigned eplets, this was not the case for a number of eplets. This comprehensive overview of evidence for antibody verification of eplets in the HLA Epitope Registry is instrumental for future investigations towards eplet immunogenicity and clinical studies considering antibody-verified eplet mismatch in transplantation and warrants further standardization of antibody verification using high quality data.



## 1 INTRODUCTION

Donor-specific antibodies (DSA) are formed against mismatched polymorphic amino acid residues on donor human leukocyte antigens (HLA) and are a major complication in renal transplantation, leading to chronic rejection and graft loss<sup>1,2</sup>. HLA eplets are small configurations of surface-exposed amino acids within a 3-3.5 Ångstrom (Å) radius<sup>3,4</sup> and resemble the functional epitope, which generally determines the specificity of the antibody through interaction with the complementarity-determining region 3 (CDR3) of the heavy chain of the antibody<sup>5-7</sup>. Consideration of HLA eplets instead of HLA antigens may not only refine HLA matching strategies, resulting in decreased DSA formation, but also expand the donor pool for highly sensitized patients and facilitate personalized immunosuppressive treatment based on immunological risk evaluation<sup>8</sup>. Indeed, several studies have shown that eplet mismatches are correlated with DSA formation, graft rejection and graft loss<sup>9-14</sup>. However, as eplets have been theoretically defined, their clinical relevance needs to be validated by antibody verification<sup>8,15</sup>. Although antibody-verified eplet mismatches have been demonstrated to correlate with DSA formation and graft survival<sup>13,14</sup>, recent reports also indicated that there are still clinically relevant eplets which have not been antibody-verified yet<sup>13,16</sup>.

The HLA Epitope Registry is an online database founded under auspices of the 16<sup>th</sup> International HLA and Immunogenetics Workshop in 2012, which has documented all theoretically defined eplets, as well as their antibody verification status<sup>17</sup> with the aim to reflect the eplet repertoire incorporated in the widely used HLAMatchmaker software. The Registry has formed a pivotal source of information on eplets that have been defined on HLA as well as on MICA (Human Major Histocompatibility Complex Class I Chain-Related gene A) and has been of great benefit to the field of histocompatibility. Antibody-verified eplets in the Registry have been verified by analyzing reactivity patterns of either polyclonal sera from multi- or uni-parous women, murine monoclonal antibodies (mAb), human mAbs, or antibodies purified by adsorption and elution from sera of HLA immunized individuals<sup>18,19</sup>. The use of different methods for eplet verification is problematic because not all approaches represent the same level of evidence. In most, if not all cases, reactivity of polyclonal sera in luminex single antigen bead (SAB) assays cannot be attributed to a monoclonal response directed against a single eplet, and even adsorption and elution of antibodies from patient sera does not guarantee that the SAB reactivity is caused by antibody reactivity against a single eplet. Also the notion that purification of IgG may reveal “natural” (non-pathogenic) anti-HLA antibodies need to be considered when eluted antibodies are analyzed<sup>20,21</sup>. Additionally, the use of murine mAbs does not provide sufficient evidence for immunogenicity in the human setting, since the immunogenicity of mismatched HLA antigens is affected by the recipient’s HLA type<sup>22</sup>. Consequently, murine mAbs may recognize different HLA epitopes than human antibodies. Therefore, we consider the use of human HLA-specific mAbs as the highest level of evidence for eplet antibody verification. In previous versions of the Registry, a subcategory of provisionally antibody-verified eplets was present, which unfortunately was discontinued. Such category is useful for data that hint towards true eplet-antibody interaction, but that are not strong enough for actual antibody verification.

The disparity in the level of evidence of antibody verification hampers the clinical application of evidence-based eplet matching and is not only caused by the different methods of antibody verification, but also by the incorporation of unpublished data in the HLA Epitope Registry, as opposed to experimental evidence from peer-reviewed literature. In this paper, we establish a comprehensive overview of the evidence for the antibody verification status of eplets included in the Registry by evaluating the level of evidence of different experimental methods using a classification system. Furthermore, we show previously unpublished SAB analyses of a number of human HLA-specific mAbs that are included in the Registry. We demonstrate that antibody-verified status of 45% of the eplets is based on analysis of polyclonal sera, murine mAbs or experiments with low resolution HLA typed cells and that several human mAbs have been wrongfully attributed to the verification of certain eplets. Our results illustrate the heterogenous and occasionally nontransparent methods of antibody verification and stress the importance of standardization of experimental procedures for antibody verification of HLA eplets.

## 2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 2.1 Review of references in the HLA Epitope Registry databases

HLA Epitope Registry HLA-ABC, HLA-DRB, HLA-DQ and HLA-DP databases were accessed on <http://www.EpRegistry.com.br> on 28 January 2021. All literature references for antibody-verified eplets present in these databases were reviewed for their level of evidence according to Table 1. Eplets with one or more references of A1 or A2 level were considered truly antibody-verified. Eplets with level B, C or D were classified as *provisionally* antibody-verified, a category of verification that was present in first report of the HLA Epitope Registry<sup>18</sup>, but has been removed since the second update<sup>23</sup>. Human mAb data presented in the database that had not been published in a peer-reviewed journal were considered as not sufficient for antibody verification. In order to provide a thorough overview of the antibody verification status of eplets, recent papers that provide evidence for antibody verification and which were not included in the HLA Epitope Registry at the moment of data extraction were also evaluated for their level of evidence.

**Table 1.** Level of Evidence.

<b>A1</b>	Human monoclonal antibody + single antigen beads (SAB) assay, possibly supported by complement dependent cytotoxicity assay (CDC) with high resolution HLA typed cells (second field).
<b>A2</b>	Adsorption and elution studies + SAB assay, possibly supported by CDC with high resolution HLA typed cells.
<b>B</b>	Patient serum tested in SAB assay and/or CDC with high resolution HLA typed cells.
<b>C</b>	Human monoclonal antibody <i>or</i> adsorption and elution studies <i>or</i> patient sera tested with low resolution HLA typed cells only (first field <i>or</i> serological typing).
<b>D</b>	Any reactivity analysis with antibodies from other species (e.g. murine monoclonal antibody).

## 2.2 HLA-specific human monoclonal antibodies

For a number of eplets, human mAb data presented in the Registry has not been published in a peer-reviewed journal. Therefore, these human mAbs which were previously produced by cloned B cell hetero-hybridomas derived from pregnancy immunized individuals<sup>24-28</sup>, were tested in luminex SAB assay and subsequently analyzed for their HLA-specificity. IgG human mAbs were tested in the Lifecodes HLA class I or HLA class II SAB assay (Immucor, Stamford, CT, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. For IgM mAbs, the PE-conjugated goat anti-human IgG was replaced with a PE-conjugated anti-human IgM detection antibody (One Lambda, Canoga Park, CA, USA) used in 1:100 dilution. All mAbs were tested at a concentration of 10 µg/ml<sup>29</sup>, unless the neat sample concentration was below 10 µg/ml. Supplementary Table 1 lists the alleles present in the SAB panel that was used. HLA antibody data were analyzed with Match It! Antibody software version 1.3.0 (Immucor). Results were expressed as background-corrected mean fluorescence intensity (MFI). Bead-specific cut-off based on raw MFI/lowest ranked antigen (LRA) (MFI/LRA) in combination with raw MFI >750 was utilized to assign positive beads. For some mAbs, the reactivity pattern was corroborated by testing with One Lambda SAB assay (LABscreen, One Lambda, Canoga Park, CA, USA).

## 2.3 Lymphocytotoxicity

Lymphocytotoxicity data for mAbs VDK1D12, VN2F1, DMS4G2 and SN66E3 were obtained from the 13th International HLA and Immunogenetics Workshop. In this project, a panel of more than 800 second-field HLA-typed cells were tested in complement dependent cytotoxicity (CDC) assays in twelve laboratories worldwide<sup>30</sup>. Only cells with a single SAB reactive allele were included for analysis. The average CDC score for each allele was calculated from the previously determined reactivity grades 1 (negative), 2 (doubtful positive), 4 (weakly positive), 6 (positive) and 8 (strongly positive). Lymphocytotoxicity data for mAbs DK1G8 and VIE6C10 were obtained from earlier performed CDC assays with second-field HLA typed cells, which were carried out as previously described with mAb FK5 (pan HLA class I) as positive control<sup>31</sup>. The percentages of target cell lysis were converted to CDC scores (0-10% lysis: 1, 11-20%: 2, 21-50%: 4, 51-80%: 6 and >80%: 8)<sup>32</sup> and average scores for each allele were calculated.

## 2.4 Reactivity analysis of human mAbs

HLA Epitope Mismatch Algorithm (HLA-EMMA) version 1.05<sup>33</sup> was used to determine the solvent accessible amino acid mismatches between the HLA of the antibody producer and the mismatched HLA allele of the immunizer. In case of an ambiguous second field HLA typing, the most likely second field typing was selected based on a high resolution typed panel (n=1305) from Leiden, the Netherlands ([http://www.allelefreqencies.net/pop6001c.asp?pop\\_id=0003257](http://www.allelefreqencies.net/pop6001c.asp?pop_id=0003257)). If the immunizer was unknown, the specificity of the bead with the highest MFI in SAB assay was used to determine amino acid mismatches. Next, we determined whether these solvent accessible amino acid mismatches were uniquely shared by the reactive HLA alleles and absent on the non-reactive HLA alleles. In order to visualize amino acid positions and to establish whether amino acids were within 3-3.5 Å to form an eplet, the following HLA crystal structures were visualized in Swissviewer<sup>34</sup>: Protein Data Bank (PDB) 1A6A, 1M6O, 1S9V, 1UVQ,

1X7Q, 1XR9, 3BO8, 3RL1, 3UTQ, 3WL9, 4U1H, 4Z7U, 5IND and 6PCL (downloaded from <https://www.rcsb.org/> on July 26, 2021). When HLA crystal structures were not available, modelled PBD structures were used; 3PL6, 3WEX, 4I5B, 4NT6 and 4Z7U (downloaded from <https://www.phla3d.com.br/> on July 26, 2021). For HLAMatchmaker analysis, ABC Antibody Analysis Program V3.1 and DRDQDP Antibody Analysis Program v3.1 were used (<http://www.epitopes.net/>).

## 2.5 Review of eplet definitions

For every eplet with the antibody-verified status in the HLA Epitope Registry that consisted of more than one polymorphic residue, it was determined whether the involved amino acids were indeed within 3-3.5 Å using Swissviewer<sup>34</sup>. If not, antibody reactivity analysis for this eplet was repeated using SAB data from the referenced paper to identify uniquely shared residues. If multiple uniquely shared residues were identified that were not within 3-3.5 Å (eplet definition), the eplet was classified as “reactivity pattern” (see Box 1).

### BOX 1

In this paper, the following definitions are used:

**Functional epitope:** The functional epitope determines the specificity of the antibody through its interaction with the complementarity-determining region 3 (CDR3) of the heavy chain of the antibody.

**Eplet:** The definition of an eplet resembles the functional epitope and comprises the minimal amino acid configuration on the HLA-molecule that is needed to induce an antibody response. Involved residues must be within 3-3.5 Å.

**Structural epitope:** The structural epitope comprises all amino acids of the HLA-molecule that are involved in the binding to the antibody paratope and spans a radius of approximately 15 Å.

**Reactivity pattern:** In some cases, the SAB analysis of a human mAb yields multiple uniquely shared residues or multiple uniquely shared combinations of residues that are not within 3-3.5 Å, indicating that there are multiple possible eplets that could have induced the formation of the antibody. Often, these amino acids are simultaneously present on HLA alleles, which limits the possibilities of determining the actual eplet using SAB or cellular assays. However, the fact that the residues involved always occur together on these HLA alleles, also means that these residues can be regarded as a “reactivity pattern” and can be used as a single entity in matching strategies and immunological risk assessment for the vast majority of transplant patients.

## 3 RESULTS

### 3.1 Antibody verification of HLA class I eplets by human mAbs

For 13 HLA class I eplets in the HLA Epitope Registry, antibody-verified status was based on data of 15 mAbs that had not been published in a peer-reviewed journal. Therefore, these mAbs were re-tested in luminex SAB assay to determine whether they would indeed provide evidence for antibody verification of these eplets. SAB analysis of the mAbs was performed by comparison of amino acid sequences of the reactive alleles in SAB assay with non-reactive alleles to identify uniquely shared amino acids that could have induced the antibody response. These uniquely shared residues were then mapped to corresponding eplets (Table 2). Overall, 12 human mAbs indeed verified the eplet as listed in the HLA Epitope Registry. mAbs JOK3H4, OK2F3, VTM4D9, GK31F12, MUL6D1, GV2D5, VP5G3 and IND3H3 verified eplets 107W, 161D, 65QIA, 144QL, 151AHA, 163RG, 163RW and 65GK respectively (Figure S1A-H). For mAbs DK1G8 and VN2F1, SAB data did not only show several beads

**Table 2.** HLA class I monoclonal antibodies tested in single antigen beads assay.

mAb	Eplet*	Reactive HLA alleles	Uniquely shared amino acids	Conclusion
<b>mAbs verifying eplets as included in the HLA Epitope Registry</b>				
JOK3H4 (IgM)	107W	A*02:01, A*02:02, A*02:03, A*02:05, A*69:01	107W	Verifies eplet 107W
OK2F3 (IgM)	161D	A*03:01	161D	Verifies eplet 161D
VTM4D9 (IgG)	65QIA (65A 66I 69A)	B*07:02, B*27:03, B*27:05, B*27:08, B*42:01, B*54:01, B*55:01, B*56:01, B*67:01, B*73:01, B*81:01, B*82:02	65Q + 66I + 69A	Verifies eplet 65QIA (65Q + 66I + 69A)
GK31F12 (IgM)	144QL (144Q 145L)	B*13:02	145L	Verifies eplet 144QL (144Q + 145L)
MUL6D1 (IgM)	151AHA (150A 151H 152A)	A*11:01, A*11:02	150A + 151H + 152A	Verifies eplet 151AHA (150A + 151H + 152A)
GV2D5 (IgG)	163RG (163R 167G)	A*01:01	163R + 166D + 167G	Verifies eplet 163RG (163R + 167G)
VP5G3 (IgM)	163RW (163R 167W)	A*11:01, A*11:02, A*25:01, A*26:01, A*43:01, A*66:01	163R + 166E + 167W	Verifies eplet 163RW (163R + 167W)
IND3H3 (IgG)	65GK (65G 66K)	A*23:01, A*24:02, A*24:03	65G	Verifies eplet 65GK (65G + 66K)
DK1G8 (IgG)	62LQ (62L 63Q)	A*29:01, A*29:02, A*43:01	62L or 63Q	Verifies eplet 62LQ (62L + 63Q)
VN2F1 (IgM)	62GRN (62G 65R 66N)	B*57:01, B*58:01	62G + 65R + 66N	Verifies eplet 62GRN (62G + 65R + 66N)
SN607D8 (IgG)	144TKH (142T 144K 145H)	A*02:01, A*02:02, A*02:03, A*02:05, A*68:01, A*68:02, A*69:01	142T or 145H	Verifies eplet 144TKH (142T + 144K + 145H)

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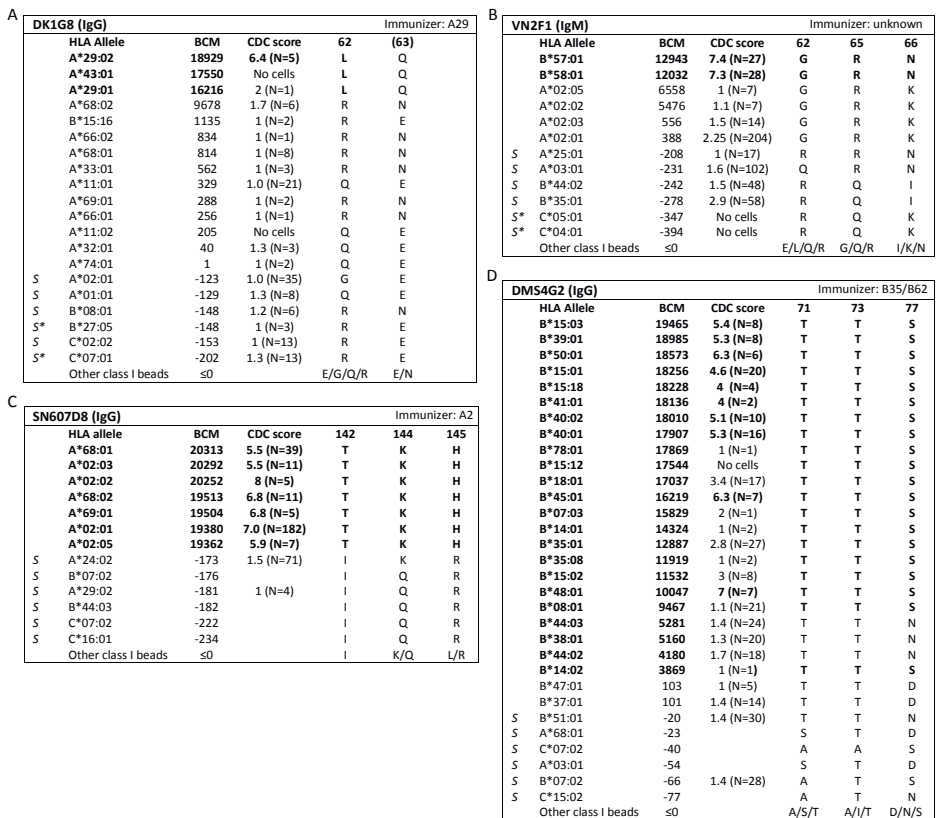
**Table 2.** [continued]

<b>mAb</b>	<b>Eplet*</b>	<b>Reactive HLA alleles</b>	<b>Uniquely shared amino acids</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
DMS4G2 (IgG)	71TTS (71T 73T 77S)	B*07:03, B*08:01, B*14:01, B*14:02, B*15:01, B*15:02, B*15:03, B*15:12, B*15:18, B*18:01, B*35:01, B*35:08, B*38:01, B*39:01, B*40:01, B*40:02, B*41:01, B*44:02, B*44:03, B*45:01, B*48:01, B*50:01, B*78:01	71T + 73T + 77S	Verifies eplet 71TTS (71T + 73T + 77S)
<b>mAbs not verifying eplets as included in the HLA Epitope Registry</b>				
VIE6C10 (IgG)	65GK (65G 66K)	A*23:01	Inconclusive	Does not verify eplet 65GK
SN66E3 (IgM)	144TKH (142T 144K 145H)	A*02:01, A*02:02, A*02:05, A*68:01, A*68:02, A*69:01	145H + 149A <i>or</i> 144K + 145H + 149A <i>or</i> 142T + 149A <i>or</i> 142T + 145H + 149A	Does not verify eplet 144TKH, but verifies eplet 145KHA (144K + 145H + 149A)
VDK1D12 (IgM)	44KM (44K 45M [149A 150V 151H 152A 158V])	A*01:01, A*36:01	44K <i>or</i> 150V <i>or</i> 158V	Does not verify eplet 44KM. Propose to define as reactivity pattern: 44K/150V/158V
<b>mAbs not listed in the HLA Epitope Registry</b>				
DK7C11 (IgG)	n/a	B*15:12, B*44:02, B*44:03, B*45:01, B*82:02	167S and 163L + 167G	Verifies eplet 163LS/G

\*Eplet definition as recorded in the HLA Epitope Registry.

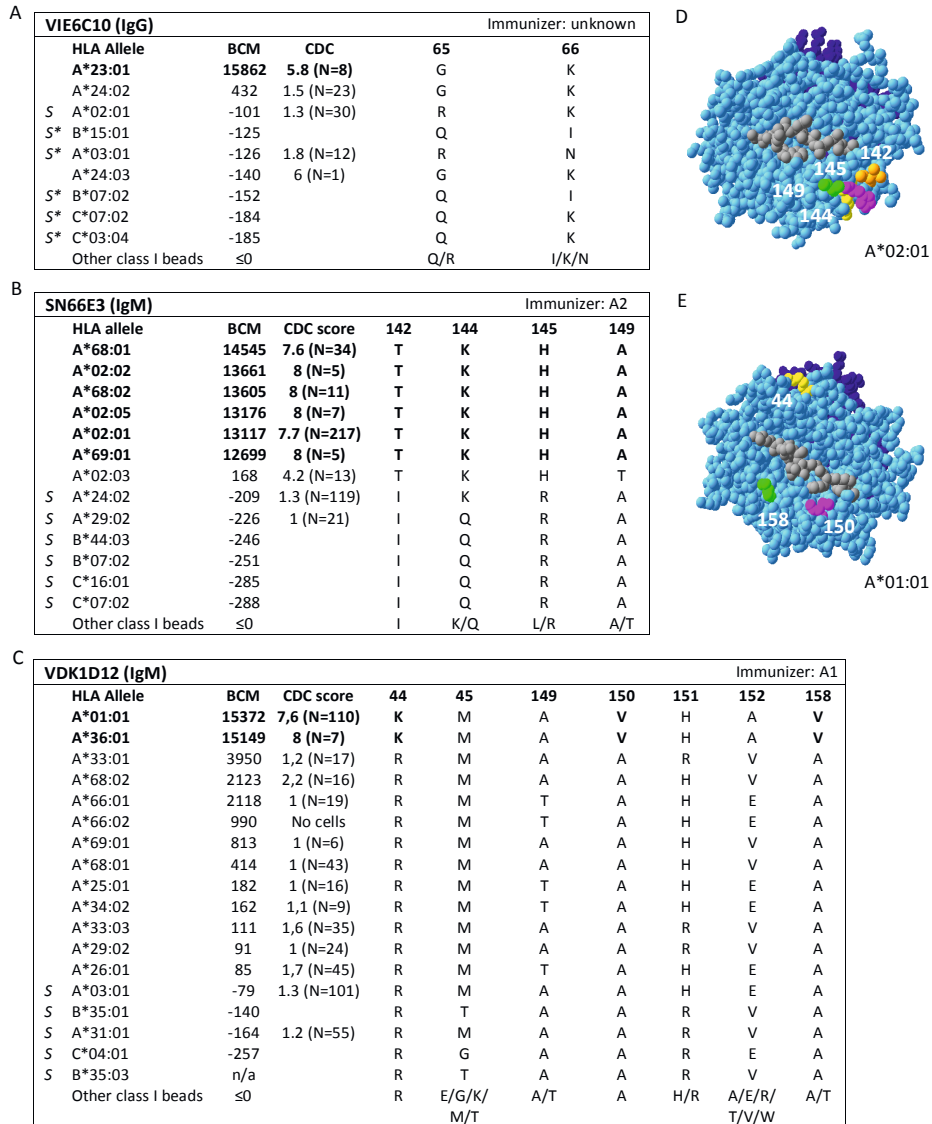
with MFI > 10,000 (uniquely shared by eplets 62LQ and 62GRN respectively), but also included multiple positive reactions with considerably lower MFIs (MFI 814 to 9678). Analysis of previously acquired CDC data demonstrated that cells bearing alleles with these lower MFI values were negative in CDC (Figure 1A-B). Thus, analysis of SAB and CDC data of mAbs DK1G8 and VN2F1 confirmed the verification of eplets 62LQ and 62GRN respectively. Analysis of mAb SN607D8, which is listed as evidence for antibody verification of eplet 144TKH (142T 144K 145H), showed that both 142T and 145H are uniquely shared residues and that 144K is not (Figure 1C). Therefore, it is possible that only one of these two residues, or the combination of 142T and 145H is required for antibody induction. However, since the combination of 142T, 144K and 145H is also uniquely shared and is within 3.5 Å (Figure S2K), it cannot be ruled out that all three residues are crucial. Therefore, we consider the SAB analysis of mAb SN607D8 as evidence for the antibody verification of eplet 144TKH. SAB data of mAb DMS4G2, which is listed in the HLA Epitope Registry for verification of eplet 71TTS, demonstrated a broad spectrum of positive MFI values and showed three alleles that do not bear the eplet but are positive in SAB (MFI 4180-5160) (Figure 1D). However, data from previously performed CDC assays demonstrated that these alleles were negative in CDC. Interestingly, also a number of alleles bearing eplet 71TTS were not reactive in CDC. Therefore, it appears that for this antibody producer, eplet 71TTS has induced the antibody response, but the antibody does not bind equally strong to all eplet-bearing alleles, presumably due to other amino acid residues that play a role in the antibody binding. For instance, although

alleles B\*14:01 and B\*14:02 only have one amino acid mismatch on position 11 (non-exposed), there is a large difference in MFI (14324 vs 3869). We hypothesize that the different amino acid sequence influences the structural and electrostatic properties of the epitope and consequently alters the antibody reactivity, as has been previously reported for the Bw6 epitope<sup>35</sup>. Therefore, since the SAB data of mAb DMS4G2 provides evidence that eplet 71TTS can induce antibody formation, we consider this eplet antibody-verified. The positions of the involved amino acid residues on the surface of the respective HLA molecules for all aforementioned eplets are depicted in Figure S2.



**Figure 1.** Comparison of the amino acid positions of interest of a selection of HLA class I alleles in the single antigen bead assay and complement dependent cytotoxicity assay for (A) mAb DK1G8, (B) VN2F1, (C) SN607D8 and (D) DMS4G2. mAb concentrations used for testing were 6.3 µg/ml for DMS4G2 and 10 µg/ml for the other mAbs. Self HLA alleles of the antibody producer marked with \* are the most likely high resolution HLA typing due to ambiguous second-field typing. Alleles in bold are considered positive. Amino acid residues in bold are uniquely shared by the reactive alleles, or are part of a uniquely shared combination of residues. BCM, background corrected mean fluorescence intensity; CDC, complement dependent cytotoxicity; S, self HLA alleles of antibody producer.





**Figure 2.** Reactivity analysis of HLA class I specific-monoclonal antibodies (mAb) that do not confirm eplets as defined in the HLA Epitope Registry. Comparison of the amino acid positions of interest of a selection of HLA class I alleles in the single antigen bead assay and complement dependent cytotoxicity assay for (A) mAb VIE6C10, (B) SN66E3 and (C) VDK1D12. Allele B\*35:03 is a self-allele that is not present in the single antigen beads assay panel and has only 1 amino acid mismatch on position 116 with the other self-allele B\*35:01. (D) Location of amino acids 142T (orange), 144K (yellow), 145H (magenta) and 149A (green) on the crystal structure of A\*02:01 (PDB: 3UTQ). (E) Location of amino acids 44K (yellow), 150V (magenta) and 158V (green) on the crystal structure of A\*01:01 (PDB: 3B08). The  $\alpha$  chain is depicted in light blue, the  $\beta$  chain in dark blue, and the peptide in grey. mAb concentrations used for testing were 10  $\mu$ g/ml. Self HLA alleles of the antibody producer marked with \* are the most likely high resolution HLA typing due to ambiguous second-field typing. Alleles in bold are considered positive. Amino acid residues in bold are uniquely shared by the reactive alleles, or are part of a uniquely shared combination of residues. BCM, background corrected mean fluorescence intensity; CDC, complement dependent cytotoxicity; PDB, Protein Data Bank; S, self HLA alleles of antibody producer.

### 3.2 Several human mAbs do not verify HLA class I eplets as listed in the HLA Epitope Registry

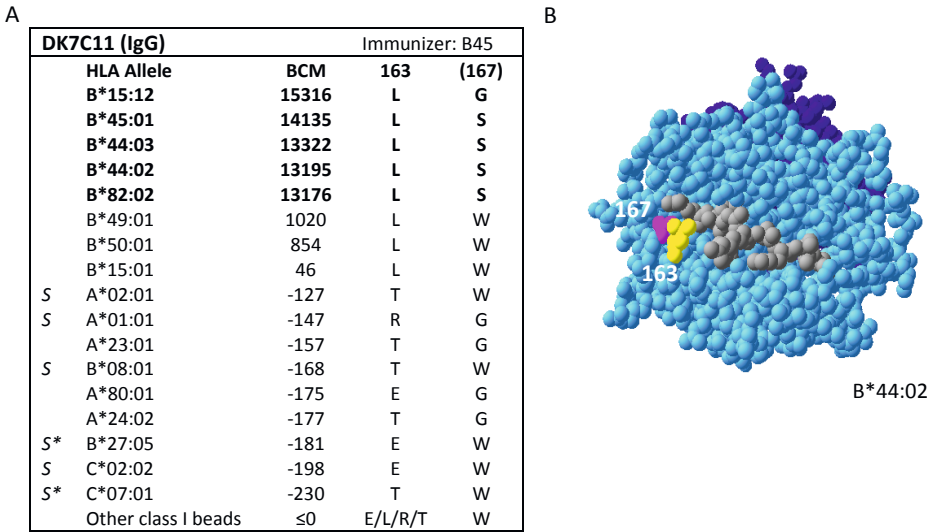
Analysis of SAB data of three HLA class I mAbs did not verify the eplets which they were attributed to by the HLA Epitope Registry. Firstly, according to the Registry, mAb VIE6C10 verifies eplet 65GK. However, SAB and CDC results demonstrated that mAb VIE6C10 is negative for allele A\*24:02, which bears eplet 65GK (Figure 2A). These data were confirmed in the One Lambda SAB assay (data not shown). Allele A\*24:03, which also bears eplet 65GK, was also negative in SAB, but a previous CDC result showed positivity (N=1). Therefore, mAb VIE6C10 was also tested in a lower concentration of 1 µg/ml in SAB (1:10 dilution), to rule out the prozone effect, which can occur when high-titer antibodies interfere with the detection of IgG in the SAB assay<sup>36</sup>. However, this SAB assay yielded similar results (data not shown). Reactivity analysis did not identify any other uniquely shared residue or eplet, and HLAMatchmaker analysis of the SAB data did not identify any eplet either. We therefore conclude that mAb VIE6C10 does not verify eplet 65GK.

Additionally, although mAb SN66E3 is listed in the Registry as one of two mAbs that verifies eplet 144TKH, reactivity analysis did not verify this eplet. Although the 144TKH-bearing allele HLA-A\*02:03 is weakly positive in CDC (some cells bearing this allele being completely negative and some being positive), it was negative in SAB analysis. Considering A\*02:03 non-reactive, the combinations of 145H + 149A or 142T + 149A are uniquely shared by the reactive alleles (Figure 2B). All three involved residues are within 3.5 Å (Figure 2D) and correspond to eplet 145KHA (144K 145H 149A), which was also identified by HLAMatchmaker analysis. Similarly to the analysis of mAb SN607D8, it is not possible to determine whether the combination of two or three amino acid residues is crucial for antibody induction. Consequently, we consider mAb SN66E3 as evidence for the antibody verification of eplet 145KHA.

Lastly, SAB analysis of mAb VDK1D12 yielded three uniquely shared residues; 44K, 150V and 158V (Figure 2C), which are not within a 3.5 Å or 15 Å distance and therefore cannot form an eplet or structural epitope (Figure 2E). This mAb is listed as evidence for verification of eplet 44KM, which does not fit the eplet definition as the residues (44K 45M [149A 150V 151H 152A] [158V]) exceed the 3.5 Å radius. We therefore conclude that 44KM is not an antibody-verified eplet but propose to consider 44K/150V/158V as an antibody-verified reactivity pattern (see Box 1).

### 3.3 Reactivity analysis of an unlisted HLA class I mAb

Additionally, SAB analysis of mAb DK7C11, which is not included in the Registry, verified eplet 163LS/G (Figure 3). Tested at a concentration of 1 µg/ml, three alleles with  $46 \leq \text{MFI} \leq 1010$  became negative ( $\text{MFI} \leq 0$ ), while the five positive alleles remained positive with  $\text{MFIs} > 4000$  (data not shown). The immunizing antigen for this mAb was HLA-B45, which bears the uniquely shared residue 167S. Interestingly, the mAb showed cross-reactivity with HLA-B\*15:12, for which the combination of 163L + 167G is uniquely shared. No CDC data on cells bearing HLA-B\*15:12 were available. Based on these new mAb data, the level of evidence for antibody verification of eplet 163LS/G is raised from level B (patient sera) to level A1.



**Figure 3.** Reactivity analysis of mAb DK7C11. (A) Comparison of the amino acid positions of interest of a selection of HLA class I alleles in the single antigen bead assay. Monoclonal antibody concentration used for testing was 10  $\mu$ g/ml. Amino acid positions in brackets are not solvent-accessible according to HLA-EMMA. Self HLA alleles of the antibody producer marked with \* are the most likely high resolution HLA typing due to ambiguous second-field typing. (B) Location of amino acids 163L (yellow) and 167I (magenta) on the crystal structure of B\*44:02 (PBD: 1M6O). Alleles in bold are considered positive. Amino acid residues in bold are part of the combination of residues that is uniquely shared by the reactive alleles. BCM, background corrected mean fluorescence intensity; S, self HLA alleles of antibody producer; PBD, Protein Data Bank.

### 3.4 Reactivity analysis of HLA class II-specific human mAbs

For HLA class II, four mAbs that were included in the HLA Epitope Registry without having been published and one additional mAb were tested in SAB assays (Table 3). HLA-DPB-specific mAb TL3B6 verified eplet 84DEAV (Figure S3A-B) and HLA-DRB-specific mAb BVK3D6 verified eplet 74R (Figure S3C-D). The HLA-DR11 induced mAb VR1H5, which was included in the HLA Epitope Registry as evidence for verification of eplet 57DE on HLA-DR and eplet 56E on HLA-DPB indeed verified eplet 57DE and was cross-reactive with eplet 56E (Figure 4A). Interestingly, mAb RTLK10E12, which is currently not included in the Registry, showed the same reactivity as VR1H5, but was induced by immunizing allele DPB1\*09:01 and was cross-reactive with HLA-DR11 (Figure 4B). Hence, analysis of mAbs VR1H5 and RTLK10E12 confirm that both eplets can induce a cross-reactive antibody response and both eplets are therefore considered antibody-verified. SAB analysis of mAb RTLK1E2 was performed with the previously generated recombinant mAb RTLK1E2rec-IgG1<sup>37</sup>. Although RTLK1E2 is listed in the HLA Epitope Registry as evidence for antibody verification of eplet 96HK, SAB analysis showed that this mAb is reactive with allele DRB3\*03:01, which does not bear eplet 96HK (Figure 4C). Instead, residue 149H was identified as the uniquely shared residue for mAb RTLK1E2. Since this result was not in line with the data in the HLA Epitope Registry, the mAb was also tested using One Lambda SAB assay. In concordance with our data, this assay demonstrated allele DRB3\*03:01 to be reactive as well, and reactivity analysis demonstrated 149H to be uniquely shared (data not shown).

**Table 3.** HLA class II monoclonal antibodies tested in single antigen beads assay.

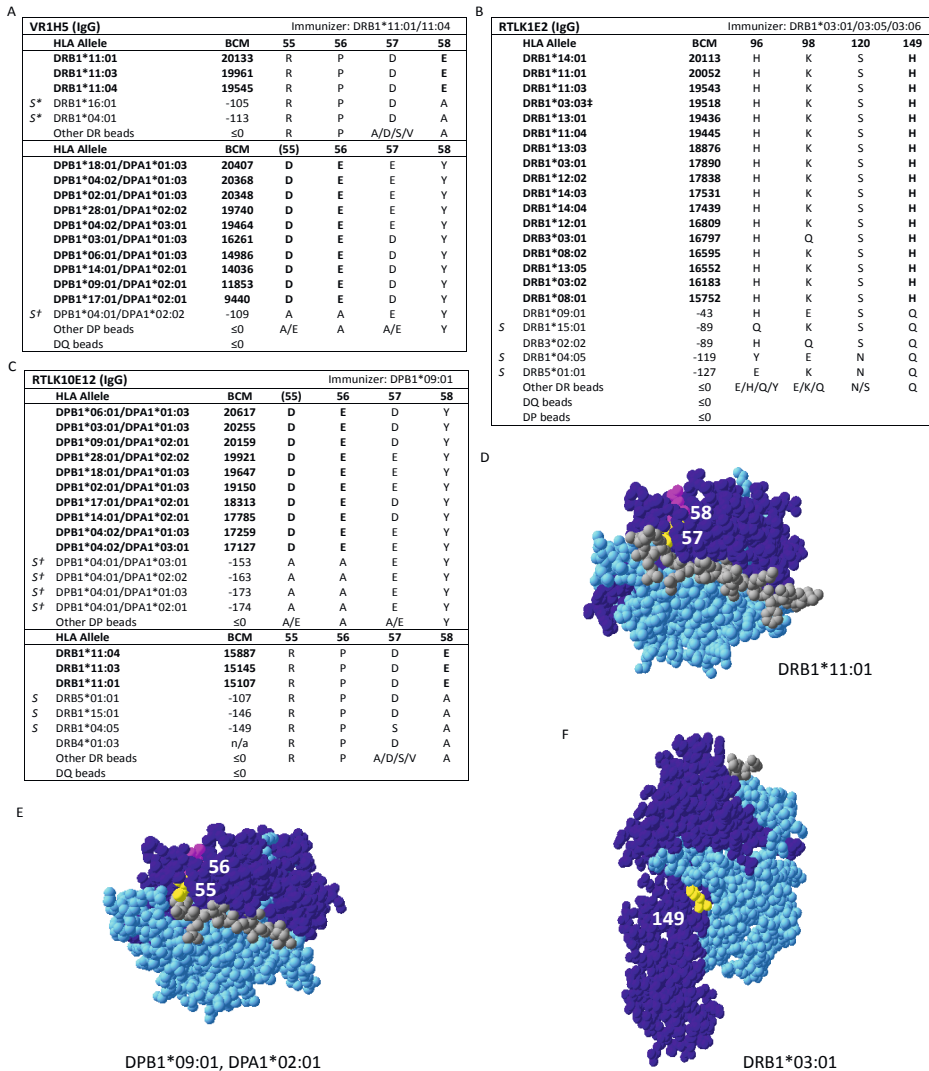
mAb	Eplet*	Reactive HLA alleles	Uniquely shared amino acids	Conclusion
<b>mAbs verifying eplets as included in the HLA Epitope Registry</b>				
TL3B6 (IgG)	84DEAV (84D 85E 86A 87V)	DPB1*01:01, DPB1*03:01, DPB1*05:01, DPB1*06:01, DPB1*09:01, DPB1*11:01, DPB1*13:01, DPB1*14:01, DPB1*17:01, DPB1*19:01	84D or 85E or 86A or 87V	Verifies eplet 84DEAV (84D + 85E + 86A + 87V)
BVK3D6 (IgM)	74R (70Q 73G 74R)	DRB1*03:01, DRB1*03:02, DRB1*03:03, DRB3*01:01	74R	Verifies eplet 74R (70Q + 73G + 74R)
VR1H5 (IgG)	DRB: 57DE (57D 58E) & DPB: 56E (55D 56E)	DRB1*11:01, DRB1*11:03, DRB1*11:04, DPB1*02:01, DPB1*03:01, DPB1*04:02, DPB1*06:01, DPB1*09:01, DPB1*14:01, DPB1*17:01, DPB1*18:01, DPB1*28:01	DRB: 58E DPB: 55D or 56E	Verifies DRB eplet 57DE (57D + 58E)
<b>mAbs not verifying eplets as included in the HLA Epitope Registry</b>				
RTLK1E2 (IgG)	96HK (96H 98K 120S)	DRB1*03:01, DRB1*03:02, DRB1*03:03, DRB1*08:01, DRB1*08:02, DRB1*11:01, DRB1*11:03, DRB1*11:04, DRB1*12:01, DRB1*12:02, DRB1*13:01, DRB1*13:03, DRB1*13:05, DRB1*14:01, DRB1*14:03, DRB1*14:04, DRB3*03:01	149H	Does not verify eplet 98HK but verifies eplet 149H
<b>mAbs not listed in the HLA Epitope Registry</b>				
RTLK10E12 (IgG)	n/a	DRB1*11:01, DRB1*11:03, DRB1*11:04, DPB1*02:01, DPB1*03:01, DPB1*04:02, DPB1*06:01, DPB1*09:01, DPB1*14:01, DPB1*17:01, DPB1*18:01, DPB1*28:01	DRB: 58E DPB: 55D or 56E	Verifies DPB eplet 56E (55D + 56E)

\*Eplet definition as recorded in the HLA Epitope Registry.

Furthermore, the same reactive alleles have previously been described to be positive in a C3d SAB assay<sup>37</sup>. Hence, based on analysis of mAb RTLK1E2, eplet 96HK cannot be regarded as antibody-verified. Instead, RTLK1E2 verifies eplet 149H, which was already present in the HLA Epitope Registry, but had not been antibody-verified yet. Localizations of eplet 57DE, 56E and 149H on the surface of HLA molecules are visualized in Figure 4D-F.

### 3.5 Critical review of all evidence for antibody verification status of eplets in the HLA Epitope Registry

The HLA Epitope Registry databases include a total of 492 eplets of which 72 HLA class I, 36 HLA-DRB, 27 HLA-DQ and 11 HLA-DP have the antibody-verified status. In order to assign a level of evidence for antibody verification status of these eplets, a total of 121 literature references that are incorporated in the Registry were critically reviewed according to the classification in Table 1. Eplets with level A1 or A2 evidence were considered as truly antibody-verified, while level B, C and D were considered as provisionally antibody-verified (Table 4). The complete overview of all reviewed literature and level of evidence classification per eplet can be found in Supplementary Table 2 and 3 for HLA class I and II respectively.



**Figure 4.** Reactivity analysis of HLA class II specific-monoclonal antibodies. Comparison of the amino acid positions of interest of a selection of DRB1 and DPB1 alleles in the single antigen bead assay for (A) mAb VR1H5, (B) RTLK10E12 and (C) RTLK1E2rec-IgG1 (Kramer et al. HLA. 2019 Nov;94(5):415-424.). Monoclonal antibody concentrations used for testing were 10, 2.5 and 10 µg/ml for mAb VR1H5, RTLK10E12 and RTLK1E2 respectively. Self HLA alleles of the antibody producer marked with \* are the most likely high resolution HLA typing due to ambiguous second-field typing. Self-allele DRB4\*01:03 for mAb RTLK10E12 is not present in the single antigen beads assay panel. (D) Location of amino acids 57D (yellow) and 58E (magenta) on the crystal structure of DRB1\*11:01 (PBD: 6PCL). (E) Location of amino acids 55D (yellow) and 56E (magenta) on the crystal structure of DPA1\*02:01/DPB1\*09:01 (Modelled PBD: 3WEX). (F) Location of amino acid 149H (yellow) on the crystal structure of DRB1\*03:01 (PBD: 1A6A). † DPA1 typing of antibody producer is not known. ‡ The sequence of DRB1\*03:03 is not fully known. For the unknown sections (residue positions 1-5 and 95-226), the same sequence as DRB1\*03:01 is assumed (C. Heylen, Immucor, personal communication, August 4, 2020). Alleles in bold are considered positive. Amino acid residues in bold are uniquely shared by the reactive alleles. BCM, background corrected mean fluorescence intensity; S, self HLA alleles of antibody producer; PBD, Protein Data Bank.

For HLA class I, 44 eplets were considered truly antibody-verified based on human mAb data (n=22), including the mAb data presented in this paper, and adsorption and elution studies (n=22). A number of 22 eplets were considered provisionally antibody-verified based on reactivity analysis of patient sera (n=15), CDC with serologically typed cells only (n=1) and murine mAbs (n=6). The HLA Epitope Registry included four eplets that were listed as ‘eplet pairs’. Eplet pairs were considered not antibody-verified since they consist of two separate eplets that are located too far from each other to form a single eplet (> 3.5 Å), and thus are not jointly capable of inducing an antibody response. For two eplets, 44KM and 193PL, the residues that comprise these eplets as defined by the HLA Epitope Registry exceed the 3.5 Å range (Figure 2E and Figure S4A). Since eplet 44KM is verified by human mAb analysis and verification of eplet 193PL is based on adsorption and elution studies, we consider them as antibody-verified *reactivity patterns* (see Box 1), of which the actual eplets remain unknown. The overall list of HLA class I antibody-verified eplets and reactivity patterns including literature references<sup>24, 38-42</sup> is depicted in Table 5.

**Table 4.** Classification of level of evidence for antibody-verification of HLA class I and class II eplets.

	HLA Class I	HLA-DR	HLA-DQ	HLA-DP
<b>Antibody-verified</b>				
A1 (human mAb included in registry)	21	4		2
A1 (new human mAb)	1	3	2	
A2 (adsorption and elution studies)	22	1	5	
B (patient sera; HLA-DP only)				2
<i>Total antibody-verified</i>	<b>44</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Provisionally antibody-verified</b>				
B (patient sera)	15	18	10	6
C (low resolution HLA-typing)	1	4		
D (murine or other species mAb)	6	5		1
<i>Total provisionally antibody-verified</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Not antibody-verified</b>				
According to Registry	152	84	56	51
Human mAb is peptide-dependent		1		
Eplet located in the peptide-binding groove		1		
Eplet included as “eplet pair” only	4	1		
<i>Total not antibody-verified</i>	<b>156</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Antibody-verified reactivity patterns</b>				
A1 (human mAb included in registry)	1	1	1	
A1 (new human mAb)			3	
A2 (adsorption and elution studies)	1		6	
<i>Total antibody-verified reactivity patterns</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>62</b>

**Table 5.** HLA class I antibody-verified eplets and reactivity patterns.

	Polymorphic residue	Highest level of Evidence	Reference	Comment
<b>Eplets</b>				
21H	21H	A2	38	
41T	41T	A1	39	
56R	56R	A2	38	
62GE	62G 63E	A1	40†	
62GRN	62G 65R 66N	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb VN2F1 verifies eplet 62GRN (Figure 1B).
62LQ	62L 63Q	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb DK1G8 verifies eplet 62LQ (Figure 1A).
65GK	65G 66K	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb IND3H3 verifies eplet 65GK (Figure S1H).
65QIA	65Q 66I 69A	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb VTM4D9 verifies eplet 65QIA (Figure S1C).
69AA	69A 71A	A2	41	
69TNT	69T 70N 71T	A2	41	
70IAQ	66I 69A 70Q	A2	41	
71TTS	71T 73T 77S	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb DMS4G2 verifies eplet 71TTS (Figure 1D).
73TVS	73T 76V 77S	A2	42	
76ANT	76A 77N 80T	A2	41	
76ESN	76E 77S 80N	A2	41	
76VRN	76V 79R 80N	A2	38	
80I	80I	A1	39	
80K	80K	A2	38	
80N	80N	A1	39	
80TLR	80T 82L 83R	A2	41	
82LR	82L 83R	A1	39, 40†	
90D	90D	A2	41	
107W	107W	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb JOK3H4 verifies eplet 107W (Figure S1A).
127K	127K	A2	41	
144K	144K	A2	41	
144KR	144K 145R	A1	40†	
144QL	144Q 145L	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb GK31F12 verifies eplet 144QL (Figure S1D).
144TKH	142T 144K 145H	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb SN607D8 verifies eplet 144TKH (Figure 1C).

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**Table 5.** [continued]

Polymorphic residue		Highest level of Evidence	Reference	Comment
145KHA	144K 145H 149A	A1	24, *	SAB analysis of human mAb SN66E3 (Figure 2B) verifies eplet 145KHA.
149TAH	149T 150A 151H	A2	38	
151AHA	150A 151H 152A	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb MUL6D1 verifies eplet 151AHA (Figure S1E).
161D	161D	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb OK2F3 verifies eplet 161D (Figure S1B).
163EW	163E 167W	A2	41	
163LS/G	163L 167G/S	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb DK7C11 verifies eplet 163L 167G/S (Figure 3).
163LW	163L 167W	A1	39, 40†	
163R	163R	A2	41	
163RG	163R 167G	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb GV2D5 verifies eplet 163RG (Figure S1F).
163RW	163R 167W	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb VP5G3 verifies eplet 163RW (Figure S1G).
166DG	166D 167G	A1	40†	
177KT	177K 178T	A2	38	
180E	180E	A2	41	
219W	219W	A1	40†	
253Q	253Q	A2	38	
267QE	267Q 268E	A2	38	
<b>Reactivity patterns</b>				
44KM	44K 45M (149A 150V1 51H 152A) (158V)	A1	*	Proposed reactivity pattern definition: 44K/150V/158V, based on SAB analysis of human mAb VDK1D12 (Figure 2C and 2E).
193PL	193P 194L (273S)	A2	38	Proposed reactivity pattern definition: 193P+194L / 273S (Figure S4A).

\*Evidence for antibody-verification by human mAb single antigen beads analysis is provided in this paper.

†This literature reference is not included yet in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.

For HLA class II, we observed that for several eplets, especially HLA-DQ, the residues that comprise the eplet as defined by the HLA Epitope Registry exceed the 3.5 Å radius. For these eplets, previously published SAB data were re-analyzed to determine the uniquely shared residues and subsequently the possible eplets, which led to proposed new definitions of these reactivity patterns. The list of HLA class II antibody-verified eplets and antibody-verified reactivity patterns including literature references<sup>43-50</sup> are depicted in Table 6 and Table 7 respectively.

For HLA-DR, five eplets were considered antibody-verified based on human mAb data that were included in the Registry (n=4) and based on reactivity analysis of adsorbed and eluted antibodies (n=1). Three previously not-verified eplets could be verified based on recent literature that was not yet included in the Registry (eplets 31FY and 70QA)<sup>44</sup> and based on new human mAb analysis in this current paper (eplet 149H). 27 eplets were considered provisionally antibody-verified based on reactivity analysis of patient sera (n=18), CDC with low resolution HLA typed cells only (n=4) and murine mAbs (n=5).

**Table 6.** HLA class II antibody-verified eplets.

Antigen	Eplet	Polymorphic residue	Highest level of Evidence	Reference	Comment
DRB	16Y	16Y 25R	A1	43	-
DRB	25Q	25Q 30L 14K	A1	44†	Residue 30L is not within 3.5 Å distance of 14K and 25Q and is not solvent-accessible according to HLA-EMMA. Proposed new definition: 14K+25Q, based on Kramer et al.
DRB	57DE	57D 58E	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb VR1H5 verifies eplet 57DE (Figure 4A).
DRB	74R	70Q 73G 74R	A1	*	Reactivity pattern analysis of human mAb BVK3D6 verifies eplet 74R (Figure S3C).
DRB	77T	77T	A2	45	-
DQB	45EV	45E 46V 47Y	A1	46†	-
DQB	45GV	45G 46V	A2	47	-
DQB	55PP	55P 56P	A2	47	-
DQB	55R	55R	A1	46†	-
DQB	77R	75V 77R	A2	47	-
DQB	77T	77T	A2	47	-
DQB	125SQ	125S 126Q	A2	47	-
DPB	56A	56A	B	48	-
DPB	56E	55D 56E	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb RTLK10E12 verifies eplet 56E (Figure 4B).
DPB	84DEAV	84D 85E 86A 87V	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb TL3B6 verifies eplet 84DEAV (Figure S3A).
DPB	85GPM	85G 86P 87M	B‡	48	-
<b>New antibody-verified eplets</b>					
DRB	31FY	31F 32Y	A1	44†	Proposed new definition: 31F+32Y+37Y, based on data from on Kramer et al.
DRB	70QA	70Q 73A	A1	44†	-
DRB	149H	149H	A1	*	SAB analysis of human mAb RTLK1E2 verifies eplet 149H (Figure 4C).

\*Evidence for antibody-verification by human mAb single antigen beads analysis is provided in this paper.

†This literature reference is not included yet in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.

‡Human recombinant mAb LB\_DP4\_A provides A1 evidence (Kramer et al. Manuscript in preparation).

**Table 7.** HLA class II antibody-verified reactivity patterns.

Antigen Eplet	Polymorphic residue	Highest level of Evidence	Reference	Proposed new definition	Comment
DRB	98ES	A1	44†	78V / 96H+98E / 98E+120S	Residue 78V is also uniquely shared by the reactive HLA alleles (data from Kramer et al.). However, residue 78V is not within a 3.5 Å radius from the other residues (Figure S4B).
DQB	46VY	A2	47, 49	28T / 46V / 52P	These 3 residues are all uniquely shared but are not within 3.5 Å (Figure S4C). Residue 28T is not solvent-accessible according to HLA-EMMA.
DQB	52LL	A1	46†	46E / 52L / 55L / 71K / 74A	Not only residue 28S, 30S, 37I, 52L and 55L, but also 46E, 71K and 74 are uniquely shared by DQB1*02:01 and DQB1*02:02. These residues are not within a 3.5 Å radius (Figure S4D). Residues 28S, 30S and 37I are not solvent-accessible according to HLA-EMMA.
DQB	52PQ	A2	47	53Q / 84E / 85V / 89G / 90I / 220R / 221Q	Not only residues 53Q, 89G and 90I, but also 84E, 85V, 220R and 221Q are uniquely shared by DQB1*05 and DQB1*06. However, these residues are not within a 3.5 Å radius (Figure S4E).
DQB	74S	A1	50	74S / 26G	Both residues are uniquely shared, but are not within a 3.5 Å radius (Figure S4F). Residue 26G is not solvent accessible according to HLA-EMMA.
DQB	84QL	A1	46†	53L / 84Q / 85L / 86E / 87L / 89T / 90T / 125A / 220H / 221H	Not only residues 84Q, 86E, 87L, 89T, 90T and 125A but also 53L, 220H and 221 are uniquely shared by DQB1*02, DQB1*03 and DQB1*04. However, these residues are not within a 3.5 Å radius (Figure S4G).
DQB	116I	A2	47	116I / 125S / 224R	Residues 116I, 125S and 224R are all uniquely shared but not within a 3.5 Å radius (Figure S4H). 116I is not solvent accessible according to HLA-EMMA.
DQB	182N	A1	46†	52P+53L / 140T / 182N	Not only residue 182N, but also 52P+53L and 140T are uniquely shared by DQB1*03 and DQB1*04, but are not within a 3.5 Å radius (Figure S4I).
DQB	182S	A2	47	140A / 182S	Not only residue 182S, but also 140A is uniquely shared by DQB1*02, DQB1*05 and DQB1*06. However, the residues are not within a 3.5 Å radius (Figure S4J).
DQA	40GR	A2	47, 49	40G / 47C / 50V / 51L / 53Q	Not only residues 40G, 47C, 50V and 51L, but also 53Q is uniquely shared by DQA1*04, DQA1*05 and DQA1*06. However, the residues are not within a 3.5 Å radius (Figure S4JK).
DQA	47KHL	A2	47	47K / 52H / 54L	These 3 residues are all uniquely shared but are not within a 3.5 Å radius (Figure S4L).

† This literature reference is not included yet in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.

Three eplets listed as antibody-verified by the HLA Epitope Registry were considered not antibody-verified. Eplet 11STS was not considered antibody-verified because the amino acids defining this eplet are located on the bottom of the peptide-binding groove<sup>45</sup>, making it very unlikely that it is accessible for the B cell receptor and can induce antibody formation. Eplet 67LQ was not considered antibody-verified as it was solely listed as an eplet pair, and eplet 30C was considered not antibody-verified because binding of the mAb that was used for verification is peptide-dependent<sup>51,52</sup> and no other evidence was available.

The residues defining eplet 98ES exceed the 3.5 Å distance, which is therefore considered as an antibody-verified reactivity pattern (Figure S4B). Eplet 96HK is provisionally antibody-verified (level B) as human mAb data analysis showed that not eplet 96HK but eplet 149H was uniquely shared (Figure 4C), leaving patient sera tested in SAB assay (published on the HLA Epitope Registry website, not peer-reviewed) as highest level of evidence for eplet 96HK. Furthermore, we propose to redefine eplet 25Q (25Q 30L 14K) to 14K + 25Q, since residue 30L is not solvent accessible and is not within 3.5 Å radius of residues 14K and 25Q<sup>44</sup>.

For HLA-DQ, 10 of the antibody-verified eplets exceed the 3.5 Å radius and are therefore considered as antibody-verified reactivity patterns (Figure S4C-L). We consider seven eplets truly antibody-verified based on new mAb data (n=2) and adsorption and elution experiments (n=5). The remaining 10 eplets are provisionally antibody-verified based on patient sera.

For HLA-DP, two eplets were antibody-verified based on human mAb data and seven eplets were provisionally antibody-verified based on reactivity analysis of patient sera (n=6) and a murine mAb (n=1). An exception regarding antibody verification classification was made for eplets 56A and 85GPM, of which the highest level of evidence is patient sera. These eplets were considered antibody-verified because of the extensive analysis on multiple sera performed by Cano et al.<sup>48</sup>, and the fact that these particular HLA-DP epitopes are well established<sup>53</sup>. Additionally, unpublished data from our own laboratory provides A1 evidence for eplet 85GPM (Kramer et al. manuscript in preparation).

Overall, we consider 44 HLA class I eplets and 19 HLA class II eplets as being truly antibody-verified and a total of two HLA class I and 11 HLA class II reactivity patterns as being antibody-verified.

## 4 DISCUSSION

The HLA Epitope Registry and HLA Matchmaker have formed the foundation for the vast majority of clinical studies investigating the role of HLA eplets in transplantation. In this study, we have critically reviewed the evidence for the antibody verification status of eplets included in the HLA Epitope Registry. The different methodologies that are currently used for antibody-verification do not represent the same level of evidence for the antibody-verified status of eplets. However, while previously a category of 'provisionally verified' was present, the current dichotomous

yes or no antibody-verified status in the HLA Epitope Registry does not take the heterogeneity in the level of evidence into account. To provide insight on what basis an eplet is considered antibody-verified by the Registry, we have introduced a classification system to score the level of evidence. Our results show that for many eplets, especially for HLA class II, the antibody-verified status is based on sera from multi- or uni-parous women or transplant patients, experiments with only serologically typed cells, or murine mAbs. However, we argue that these methods are not suitable for definitive antibody verification of eplets. Although SAB analysis of sera from immunized individuals can be informative, the reactivity of sera tested in SAB is in most, if not all cases the result of a polyclonal antibody response. These patterns are often broad and do not permit the identification of a single HLA eplet, since the pattern of reactive HLA alleles is caused by multiple antibodies recognizing several HLA epitopes. Even seemingly narrow SAB reactivity may be caused by more than one eplet mismatch. For several other eplets, antibody verification status was based on experiments using serologically typed cells only. These cells are not suitable for state-of-the-art reactivity analysis due to the low resolution of HLA typing, which makes definitive assignment of the inducing eplet very difficult. Furthermore, for 11 eplets only reactivity analysis of murine mAbs was available. Murine mAbs are generated by immunization with HLA but do not necessarily recognize the same epitopes as human mAbs, since immunogenicity of HLA antigens is affected by the recipients' HLA type<sup>22</sup>. Therefore, we argue that if antibody-verified status in the HLA Epitope Registry is solely based on reactivity analysis of patient sera, experiments with serologically typed cells or murine mAbs, this should result in provisional evidence for antibody verification, but not a definitive antibody-verified status. In the first report of the antibody verification of eplets in the HLA Epitope Registry, antibody-verified eplets were classified as 'confirmed' or 'provisional' depending on the amount and degree of evidence that was available<sup>8</sup>. However, this classification was removed in the second update of the Registry<sup>23</sup>.

Aside from eplets, the HLA Epitope Registry also includes "eplet pairs", of which a number have been assigned the antibody-verified status. HLA eplets are based on the concept that one or multiple mismatched amino acid residues induce the humoral immune response through interaction with the CDR3 region of the B cell receptor heavy chain. Accordingly, the residues that constitute an eplet should be in a 3.5 Å radius<sup>4</sup>. However, eplet pairs consist of two eplets (a combination of a nonself-eplet and a self-eplet) that are located within the 15 Å radius that constitutes the structural epitope, but are not within 3.5 Å from each other<sup>54</sup>. Therefore, eplet pairs cannot be regarded as the configuration that induces the antibody response and subsequently, we did not consider eplet pairs for antibody verification.

Our review of the HLA Epitope Registry does not only provide insight in the heterogeneity of the level of evidence of eplet antibody verification, but also demonstrates that a substantial portion of the presented mAb data and patient sera analyses had not been published in peer-reviewed journals. Aiming to substantiate the antibody-verified status of eplets based on human mAbs which reactivity analyses have not been published previously, we tested these mAbs in SAB assays and performed reactivity analysis. For the majority of mAbs tested, the

identified uniquely shared amino acids indeed corresponded with the eplet. However, SAB analysis of three mAbs did not confirm the antibody verification of the eplet as assigned by the Registry. The analyses of mAbs SN66E3 and RTLK1E2 supported the verification of two different eplets, while no inducing eplet could be determined for mAb VIE6C10. Furthermore, the reactivity analyses of SN607D8 and SN66E3 identified multiple uniquely shared residues or uniquely shared combinations of two residues, while the corresponding eplets, 144TKH and 145KHA respectively, are defined by three residues. Based on our analyses, it is possible that not all three, but only one or two residues are crucial for the induction of anti-HLA antibodies. For these eplets, this difference in possible eplet definitions is clinically relevant, since there are less common, but intermediately and well-documented alleles that bear only one of the uniquely shared residues<sup>55</sup>. Consequently, using the definition that includes all three residues could possibly disregard patients with these less common HLA alleles in respect to HLA eplet matching purposes. Mutation studies of HLA alleles or testing of the mAbs against a panel of cells containing these less common HLA types could provide more insight in the actual configuration of polymorphic residues that comprises these eplets. However currently, experimental possibilities are limited due to the lack of suitable reagents.

Detailed analysis of the localization of antibody-verified eplet configurations on crystalized HLA structures demonstrated that not all antibody-verified eplets in the HLA Epitope Registry comply with the eplet definition. Especially for HLA-DQ, the polymorphic residues that comprise the eplet configuration are often too distant ( $> 3.5 \text{ \AA}$ ) from each other to form an eplet. Re-analysis of previously published SAB data of human mAbs and eluted antibodies from patient sera demonstrated that for 10 HLA-DQ, one HLA-DR and two HLA class I eplets multiple uniquely shared amino acids could be identified that were not within  $3.5 \text{ \AA}$ . Because these residues are simultaneously present on the Common HLA alleles in the CIWD 3.0.0<sup>55</sup> with only a few exceptions, we propose to consider these configurations as antibody-verified reactivity patterns instead of eplets. Accordingly, these antibody-verified reactivity patterns can still be considered in HLA matching strategies and molecular mismatch evaluation for the vast majority of transplant patients. For four reactivity patterns there is a small number of Common HLA alleles that can be considered as an exception, which are listed in Supplementary Table 4. For instance, the antibody-verified reactivity pattern 74S/26G is present on all Common DQB1\*04 and DQB1\*05 alleles. There are also two alleles that bear 26G, but have 74E instead of 74S (DQB1\*03:05 and DQB1\*03:25). When a patient carrying DQB1\*03:01 (which lacks this reactivity pattern) would receive a transplant from a DQB1\*03:05 donor, only one of the two residues of this reactivity pattern would be mismatched, namely 26G. At this moment it is not clear whether residue 26G or residue 74S is crucial for antibody induction and therefore it is uncertain whether the 26G mismatch in this case would be clinically relevant. Structural data based on mutation studies and crystallography are required to determine the true binding place of the antibody to be able to determine which of the residues of a reactivity pattern can be considered as the true eplet.

The rationale for this explicit and precise definition of eplets and reactivity patterns also follows from the need to define the most immunogenic eplets in transplantation<sup>56</sup>. Multiple studies have tried to identify the most immunogenic eplet mismatches<sup>16, 57-59</sup>, which is a crucial step in making eplet-matching in transplantation clinically applicable. Currently, these studies are limited by the use of different versions of the HLA Epitope Registry and/or HLAMatchmaker and consequently the different eplet definitions that are used in the analyses. For example, a recent paper investigating the immunogenicity of HLA-DQ eplets used HLAMatchmaker 2.1 to determine eplet mismatches<sup>59</sup>. In this version of HLAMatchmaker, eplets 84QL and 125A are considered as separate eplets. In the current version of the HLA Epitope Registry however, eplet 125A has been removed. In fact, residue 125A has been added to the definition of eplet 84QL, since residues 84Q, 86E, 87L, 89T, 90T and are all uniquely shared by alleles DQB1\*02, DQB1\*03 and DQB1\*04, but are not within 3.5 Å. Hence, according to our proposed classification, eplet 84QL rather is a reactivity pattern. Accordingly, the use of different definitions for the same eplet and the inclusion of eplet pairs in immunogenicity studies distorts the interpretation and comparability of immunogenicity scores. Furthermore, inconsistencies in eplet definition and antibody-verified status between the HLA Epitope Registry and HLAMatchmaker<sup>60</sup> and the lack of documentation of previous versions of the Registry hamper investigations towards eplet mismatch loads and transplant outcomes.

The SAB assays in this study were performed with the Lifecodes SAB assay from Immucor. It has been demonstrated that the beads of the other manufacturer of these assays (One Lambda, Thermofisher) are bound with an admixture of intact and denatured HLA<sup>61, 62</sup>, while the Immucor assay predominantly contains intact HLA<sup>63</sup>. The presence of denatured HLA on beads can result in detection of antibodies against cryptic epitopes<sup>64</sup>. Since these antibodies will not bind to intact HLA, cellular testing of mAbs or eluted antibodies can exclude the possibility of an antibody directed towards a cryptic epitope. The clinical relevance of antibodies against cryptic epitopes in transplantation remains questionable and warrants further investigation.

This critical review of the antibody-verified status of eplets in the HLA Epitope Registry has demonstrated that the level of evidence of antibody-verified eplets is heterogeneous and that not all data have been published in peer-reviewed journals. Analysis of luminex SAB data of human mAbs showed that not all mAbs verified the eplets they were assigned to. Since an increasing number of clinical studies investigate eplet mismatch load as a risk factor for inferior transplant outcomes and seek to identify the most immunogenic eplet mismatches, it is vital to define a set of well-defined antibody-verified eplets in a transparent manner. Our list of antibody-verified eplets and reactivity patterns is the first step towards a uniform and transparent method of eplet definition and antibody verification. However, eplets that are considered provisionally verified, or not antibody-verified could still play a clinically relevant role in transplantation, since antibody verification is limited by the available reagents and patient material. In this respect it is important for our field to collaborate in the yet uncompleted endeavor of eplet antibody verification. For future publications, we propose to set a standard of required data regarding antibody verification that should be published. Preferably,



this includes reactivity analysis of human mAb data tested in SAB assay or antibodies eluted from immunized patient sera. The used SAB panel and HLA typing of the antibody producer and immunizer should also be included to make re-analysis and thorough interpretation of the data possible. Finally, we propose to establish an international committee that oversees nomenclature and antibody verification of eplets to facilitate the establishment of a well-documented, transparent list of eplets with antibody verification status classified by the level of evidence, striving for better comparable results in clinical and immunogenicity studies on the road to eplet matching in transplantation.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

A JOK3H4 (IgM)			Immunizer: unknown		
	HLA allele	BCM	107		
	A*02:01	2263	W		
	A*02:05	2116	W		
	A*69:01	2043	W		
	A*02:02	1919	W		
	A*02:03	1782	W		
S	B*08:01	-179	G		
S	A*01:01	-200	G		
S	A*24:02	-202	G		
S	C*04:01	-250	G		
S	C*07:01	-271	G		
S	B*35:02	n/a	G		
	Other class I beads	≤0	G		

B OK2F3 (IgM)			Immunizer: A3		
	HLA allele	BCM	161		
	A*03:01	12333	D		
S	A*02:01	-146	E		
S*	B*27:05	-169	E		
S	A*68:01	-191	E		
S	B*07:02	-226	E		
S	C*02:02	-227	E		
S*	C*07:02	-249	E		
	Other class I beads	≤0	E		

C VTM4D9 (IgG)			Immunizer: B7		
	HLA allele	BCM	65	66	69
	B*27:08	20886	Q	I	A
	B*67:01	20617	Q	I	A
	B*81:01	19986	Q	I	A
	B*82:02	19849	Q	I	A
	B*56:01	19788	Q	I	A
	B*42:01	19512	Q	I	A
	B*55:01	19396	Q	I	A
	B*07:02	19254	Q	I	A
	B*27:05	18634	Q	I	A
	B*27:03	15978	Q	I	A
	B*73:01	13817	Q	I	A
	B*54:01	10296	Q	I	A
	C*03:04	544	Q	K	R
	B*15:16	532	R	N	A
	B*46:01	505	Q	K	R
	C*03:03	99	Q	K	R
	C*01:02	78	Q	K	R
S	B*15:01	-109	Q	I	T
S	A*25:01	-112	R	N	A
S	B*44:03	-177	Q	I	T
S	A*29:02	-193	R	N	A
S	C*05:01	-212	Q	K	R
S	C*16:01	-218	Q	K	R
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D GK31F12 (IgM)			Immunizer: B13		
	HLA allele	BCM	144	145	
	B*13:02	11864	Q	L	
S	A*02:01	-133	K	H	
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S	B*15:01	-180	Q	R	
S	B*35:01	-195	Q	R	
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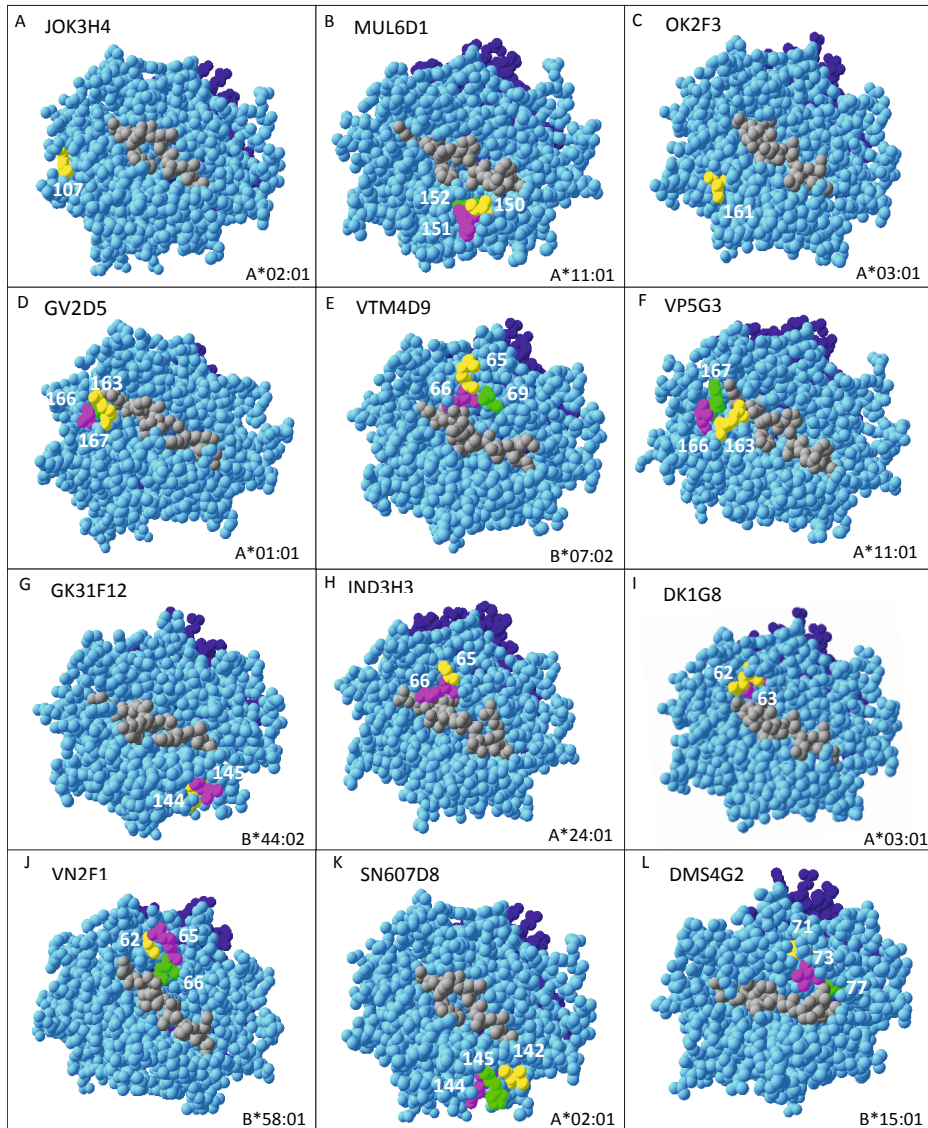
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S	A*25:01	-169	A	H	E
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	A*36:01	-218	V	H	A
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	C*07:01	-289	A	R	A
	C*16:01	-295	A	R	A
	C*07:02	-307	A	R	A
S	A*02:06	n/a	A	H	V
S	C*12:03	n/a	A	R	E
	Other class I beads	≤0	A	H/R	E/R/T/V/W

F GV2D5 (IgG)			Immunizer: A1		
	HLA allele	BCM	163	166	(167)
	A*01:01	13713	R	D	G
	B*59:01	18	T	E	W
	A*11:01	11	R	E	W
	B*37:01	5	T	E	W
	A*23:01	-8	T	D	G
S†	A*29:01	-26	T	E	W
S†	B*57:01	-28	L	E	W
S†	A*02:01	-38	T	E	W
S†	B*44:02	-49	L	E	S
	B*15:12	-50	L	D	G
	A*80:01	-64	E	D	G
	A*24:02	-67	T	D	G
S†	C*06:02	-88	T	E	W
	Other class I beads	≤0	E/L/R/T	E	S/W

G VP5G3 (IgM)			Immunizer: A26		
	HLA allele	BCM	163	166	(167)
	A*66:01	15087	R	E	W
	A*25:01	14948	R	E	W
	A*26:01	12554	R	E	W
	A*11:02	12193	R	E	W
	A*11:01	12085	R	E	W
	A*43:01	9535	R	E	W
S*	B*40:01	-195	E	E	W
	A*01:01	-201	R	D	G
S*	A*32:01	-211	T	E	W
S*	B*18:01	-211	T	E	W
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H IND3H3 (IgG)			Immunizer: A23		
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S*	A*01:01	-95	R	N	
S*	C*07:01	-106	Q	N	
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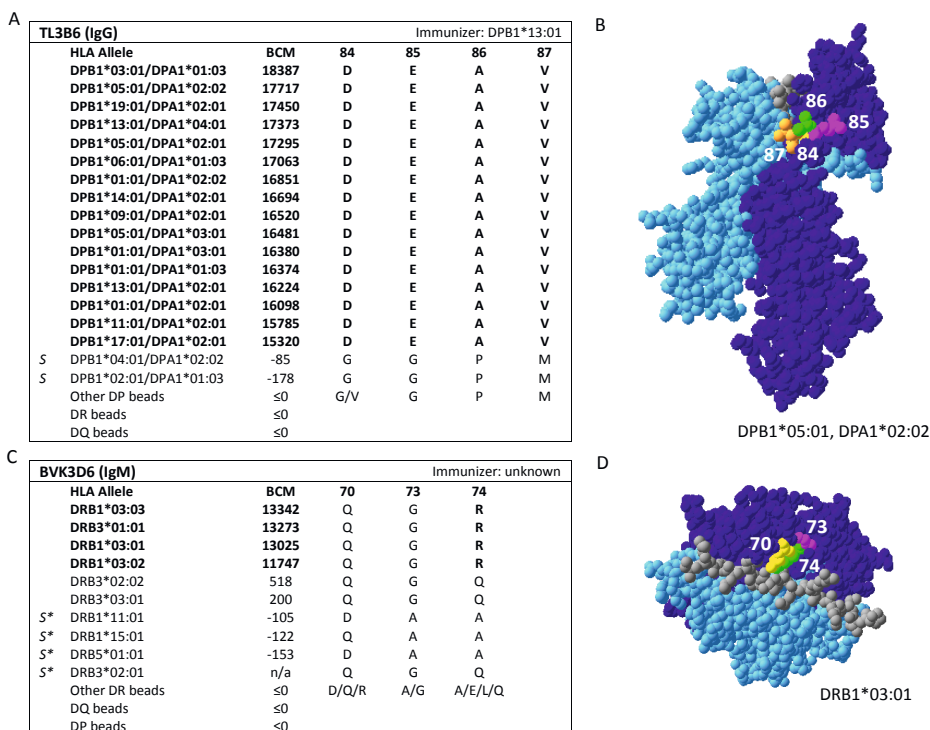
**Figure S1.** Reactivity analysis of HLA class I specific-monoclonal antibodies that confirm eplets as defined in the HLA Epitope Registry. Comparison of the amino acid positions of interest of a selection of HLA class I alleles in the single antigen bead assay for mAb JOK3H4 (A), OK2F3 (B), VTM4D9 (C), GK31F12 (D) MULD6D1 (E), GV2D5 (F), VP5G3 (G) and IND3H3 (H). Monoclonal antibody concentrations used for testing were 10 µg/ml. Amino acid positions in brackets are not solvent-accessible according to HLA-EMMA. Self HLA alleles of the antibody producer marked with \* are the most likely high resolution HLA typing due to ambiguous second-field typing. Self HLA alleles marked with † are the most likely high resolution typing converted from serological typing. Alleles in bold are considered positive. Amino acid residues in bold are part of the combination of residues that is uniquely shared by the reactive alleles. BCM, background corrected mean fluorescence intensity; S, self HLA alleles of antibody producer.



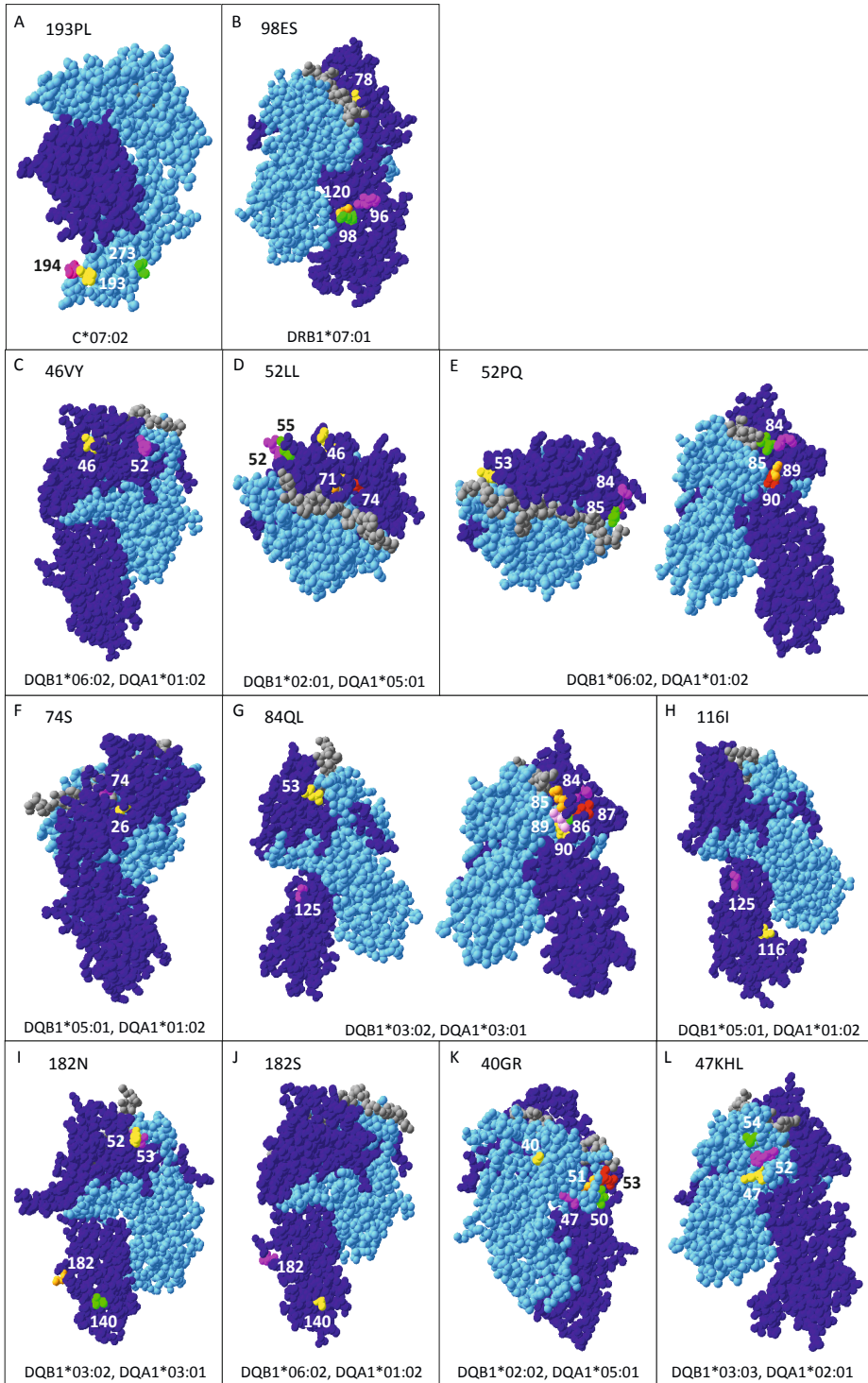
**Figure S2.** Amino acid positions of HLA class I eplets on the surface of HLA molecules. (A) Location of amino acid 107W (yellow) on the crystal structure of A\*02:01 (PBD: 3UTQ). (B) Location of amino acids 150A (yellow), 151H (magenta) and 152A (green) on the crystal structure of A\*11:01 (PBD: 1X7Q). (C) Location of amino acid 161D (yellow) on the crystal structure of A\*03:01 (PBD: 3RL1). (D) Location of amino acids 163R (yellow), 166D (magenta) and 167G (green) on the crystal structure of A\*01:01 (PBD: 3BO8). (E) Location of amino acids 65Q (yellow), 66I (magenta) and 69A (green) on the crystal structure of B\*07:02 (PBD: 4U1H). (F) Location of amino acids 163R (yellow), 166E (magenta) and 167W (green) on the crystal structure of A\*11:01 (PBD: 1X7Q). (G) Location of amino acids 144Q (yellow) and 145L (magenta) on the crystal structure of B\*44:02 (PBD: 1M6O) (H) Location of amino acids 65G (yellow) and 66K (magenta) on the crystal structure of A\*24:01 (PBD: 3WL9). (I) Location of amino acids 62L (yellow) and 63Q (magenta) on the crystal structure of A\*03:01 (PBD: 3RL1). (J) Location of amino acids 62G (yellow), 65R (magenta) and 66N (green) on the crystal structure of B\*58:01 (PBD: 5IND). (K) Location of amino



acids 142T (yellow), 144K (magenta) and 145H (green) on the crystal structure of A\*02:01 (PBD: 3UTQ). (L) Location of amino acids 71T (yellow), 73T (magenta) and 77S (green) on the crystal structure of B\*15:01 (PBD: 1XR9). The  $\alpha$  chain is depicted in light blue, the  $\beta$  chain in dark blue, and the peptide in grey. PBD, Protein Data Bank.



**Figure S3.** Reactivity analysis of HLA class II specific-monoclonal antibodies that confirm eplets as defined in the HLA Epitope Registry. (A) Comparison of the amino acid positions of interest of a selection of DPB1 alleles in the single antigen bead assay for mAb TL3B6. Monoclonal antibody concentration used for testing was 10  $\mu$ g/ml. (B) Location of amino acids 84E (yellow), 85E (magenta), 86A (green) and 87V (orange) on the crystal structure of DPA1\*02:02/DPB1\*05:01 (Modelled PBD: 3WEX). The  $\alpha$  chain is depicted in light blue, the  $\beta$  chain in dark blue, and the peptide in grey. (C) Comparison of the amino acid positions of interest of a selection of DRB1 alleles in the single antigen bead assay for mAb BVK3D6. Monoclonal antibody concentration used for testing was 4  $\mu$ g/ml. Self HLA alleles of the antibody producer marked with \* are the most likely high resolution HLA typing converted from serological typing. Self-allele DRB3\*02:01 is not present in the single antigen beads assay panel. (D) Location of amino acids 70Q (yellow), 73G (magenta) and 74 (green) on the crystal structure of DRB1\*03:01 (PBD: 1A6A). The  $\alpha$  chain is depicted in light blue, the  $\beta$  chain in dark blue, and the peptide in grey. Alleles in bold are considered positive. Amino acid residues in bold are uniquely shared by the reactive alleles. BCM, background corrected mean fluorescence intensity; S, self HLA alleles of antibody producer; PBD, Protein Data Bank.



**Figure S4.** Amino acid positions of antibody-verified HLA class I, HLA-DR and HLA-DQ reactivity patterns on the surface of HLA molecules. (A) Location of amino acids 193P (yellow), 194L (magenta) and 273S of reactivity pattern 193PL on the crystal structure of C\*07:02 (modelled PBD: 4NT6). (B) Location of amino acid 78V (yellow), 96H (magenta), 98E (green) and 120S (orange) of reactivity pattern 98ES on the crystal structure of DRB1\*07:01 (modelled PBD: 4I5B). (C) Location of amino acid 46V (yellow) and 52P (magenta) of reactivity pattern 46VY on the crystal structure of DQB1\*06:02/ DQA1\*01:02 (PBD: 1UVQ). (D) Location of amino acids 46E (yellow), 52L (magenta), 55L (green), 71K (orange) and 74A (red) of reactivity pattern 52LL on the crystal structure of DQB1\*02:01/DQA1\*05:01 (PBD: 1S9V). (E) Location of amino acid 53Q (yellow), 84E (magenta), 85V (green), 89G (orange) and 90I (red) of reactivity pattern 52PQ on the crystal structure of DQB1\*06:02/DQA1\*01:02 (PBD: 1UVQ). The position of residues 220R and 221Q could not be determined, as these amino acids are not included in the crystal structure. (F) Location of amino acids 26G (yellow) and 74S (magenta) of reactivity pattern 74S on the crystal structure of DQB1\*05:01/DQA1\*01:02 (modelled PBD: 3PL6). (G) Location of amino acids 53L (yellow), 84Q (magenta), 85L (orange), 86E (green), 87L (red), 89T (pink), 90T (yellow) and 125A (yellow) of reactivity pattern 84QL on the crystal structure of DQB1\*03:02/DQA1\*03:01 (PBD: 4Z7U). The position of residues 220H and 221H could not be determined, as these amino acids are not included in the crystal structure. (H) Location of amino acids 116I (yellow) and 125S (magenta) of reactivity pattern 116I on the crystal structure of DQB1\*05:01/DQA1\*01:02 (modelled PBD: 3PL6). The position of residue 224R could not be determined, as these amino acids are not included in the crystal structure. (I) Location of amino acids 52P (yellow), 53L (magenta), 140T (green) and 182N (orange) of reactivity pattern 182N on the crystal structure of DQB1\*03:02/DQA1\*03:01 (PBD: 4Z7U). (J) Location of amino acids 140A (yellow) and 182S (magenta) of reactivity pattern 182S on the crystal structure of DQB1\*06:02/ DQA1\*01:02 (PBD: 1UVQ). (K) Location of amino acids 40G (yellow), 47C (magenta), 50V (green), 51L (orange) and 53Q (red) of reactivity pattern 40GR on the crystal structure of DQB1\*02:02/DQA1\*05:01 (PBD: 1S9V). (L) Location of amino acids 47K (yellow), 52H (magenta) and 54L (green) of reactivity pattern 47KHL on the crystal structure of DQB1\*03:03/DQA1\*02:01 (PBD: 4Z7U). The  $\alpha$  chain is depicted in light blue, the  $\beta$  chain in dark blue, and the peptide in grey. PBD, Protein Data Bank.

**Supplementary Table 1.** Single antigen beads assay panel that was used for analysis<sup>1</sup>.

HLA class I			HLA class II		
A*01:01	B*08:01	B*51:01	DRB1*01:01	DRB3*01:01	DQA1*05:01/DQB1*03:01
A*02:01	B*13:02	B*52:01	DRB1*01:02	DRB3*02:02	DQA1*05:01/DQB1*04:01
A*02:02	B*14:01	B*53:01	DRB1*01:03	DRB3*03:01	DQA1*06:01/DQB1*03:01
A*02:03	B*14:02	B*54:01	DRB1*03:01	DRB4*01:01	DQA1*06:01/DQB1*03:03
A*02:05	B*15:01	B*55:01	DRB1*03:02	DRB5*01:01	DQA1*06:01/DQB1*04:02
A*03:01	B*15:02	B*56:01	DRB1*03:03	DRB5*02:02	DPA1*01:03/DPB1*01:01
A*11:01	B*15:03	B*57:01	DRB1*04:01	DQA1*01:01/DQB1*05:01	DPA1*01:03/DPB1*02:01
A*11:02	B*15:12	B*58:01	DRB1*04:02	DQA1*01:02/DQB1*05:01	DPA1*01:03/DPB1*03:01
A*23:01	B*15:13	B*59:01	DRB1*04:03	DQA1*01:02/DQB1*05:02	DPA1*01:03/DPB1*04:01
A*24:02	B*15:16	B*67:01	DRB1*04:04	DQA1*01:02/DQB1*06:02	DPA1*01:03/DPB1*04:02
A*24:03	B*15:18	B*73:01	DRB1*04:05	DQA1*01:02/DQB1*06:04	DPA1*01:03/DPB1*06:01
A*25:01	B*18:01	B*78:01	DRB1*07:01	DQA1*01:03/DQB1*06:01	DPA1*01:03/DPB1*18:01
A*26:01	B*27:03	B*81:01	DRB1*08:01	DQA1*01:03/DQB1*06:03	DPA1*02:01/DPB1*01:01
A*29:01	B*27:05	B*82:02	DRB1*08:02	DQA1*01:04/DQB1*05:03	DPA1*02:01/DPB1*04:01
A*29:02	B*27:08	C*01:02	DRB1*09:01	DQA1*01:04/DQB1*06:01	DPA1*02:01/DPB1*05:01
A*30:01	B*35:01	C*02:02	DRB1*10:01	DQA1*02:01/DQB1*02:01	DPA1*02:01/DPB1*09:01
A*31:01	B*35:08	C*03:03	DRB1*11:01	DQA1*02:01/DQB1*02:02	DPA1*02:01/DPB1*11:01
A*32:01	B*37:01	C*03:04	DRB1*11:03	DQA1*02:01/DQB1*03:02	DPA1*02:01/DPB1*13:01
A*33:01	B*38:01	C*04:01	DRB1*11:04	DQA1*02:01/DQB1*04:01	DPA1*02:01/DPB1*14:01
A*33:03	B*39:01	C*04:03	DRB1*12:01	DQA1*02:01/DQB1*06:01	DPA1*02:01/DPB1*15:01
A*34:02	B*40:01	C*05:01	DRB1*12:02	DQA1*03:01/DQB1*03:01	DPA1*02:01/DPB1*17:01
A*36:01	B*40:02	C*06:02	DRB1*13:01	DQA1*03:01/DQB1*03:02	DPA1*02:01/DPB1*19:01
A*43:01	B*41:01	C*07:01	DRB1*13:03	DQA1*03:01/DQB1*04:02	DPA1*02:02/DPB1*01:01
A*66:01	B*42:01	C*07:02	DRB1*13:05	DQA1*03:02/DQB1*02:02	DPA1*02:02/DPB1*04:01
A*66:02	B*44:02	C*08:01	DRB1*14:01	DQA1*03:02/DQB1*03:01	DPA1*02:02/DPB1*05:01
A*68:01	B*44:03	C*08:02	DRB1*14:03	DQA1*03:02/DQB1*03:02	DPA1*02:02/DPB1*28:01
A*68:02	B*45:01	C*12:02	DRB1*14:04	DQA1*03:02/DQB1*03:03	DPA1*03:01/DPB1*01:01
A*69:01	B*46:01	C*14:02	DRB1*15:01	DQA1*04:01/DQB1*03:03	DPA1*03:01/DPB1*04:01
A*74:01	B*47:01	C*15:02	DRB1*15:02	DQA1*04:01/DQB1*04:01	DPA1*03:01/DPB1*04:02
A*80:01	B*48:01	C*16:01	DRB1*15:03	DQA1*04:01/DQB1*04:02	DPA1*03:01/DPB1*05:01
B*07:02	B*49:01	C*17:01	DRB1*16:01	DQA1*05:01/DQB1*02:01	DPA1*04:01/DPB1*04:01
B*07:03	B*50:01	C*18:01	DRB1*16:02	DQA1*05:01/DQB1*02:02	DPA1*04:01/DPB1*13:01

<sup>1</sup>Immucor single antigen bead assay HLA class I lot 3005842, 3009007, 3009260, 3009478, 3009741, 3010277 and class II lot 3009113.



**Supplementary Table 2.** Complete overview of all HLA class I eplets that are considered antibody-verified by the HLA Epitope Registry.

Eplet	Polymorphic residue	Reference
21H	21H	El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation
41T	41T	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2012 Hum Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I
<u>44KM</u>	44K 45M (149A 150V1 51H 152A) (158V)	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop HLA Epitope Registry website*
44RMA	44R 45M 46A	El-Awar et al. 2010 Hum Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet
44RT	44R 45T	El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation
45KE	45K 46E	Cauquil et al. 2018 HLA
56R	56R	El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation El-Awar et al. 2010 Hum Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing
62EE	62E 63E	El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I HLA Epitope Registry website
62GE	62G 63E	Mulder et al. 2005 J Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2013 Hum Immunol El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop
62GK	62G 66K (74H 77D)	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing
62GRN	62G 65R 66N	Mulder et al. 1997 Hum Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website  El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop HLA Epitope Registry website*

Level of evidence <sup>1</sup>	Additional remarks
A2	
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A1	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	Eplet definition in this publication: 44K/150V/158V.
A1	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A1	Proposed new reactivity pattern definition: 44K/150V/158V, based on SAB analysis of human mAb VDK1D12 (Figure 2C).
D	Eplet definition in this publication: 46A.
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D	Eplet definition in this publication: 45T.
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X	This reference does not provide any evidence for the antibody-verification of eplet 56R.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	Eplet definition in this publication: 62E.
X	This reference does not provide evidence for the antibody-verification of eplet 62EE.
X	Reactivity pattern analysis of human mAb BVK5C4 does not verify eplet 62EE but verifies eplet 166DG (Duquesnoy et al. 2013 Hum Immunol).
X	This reference does not provide evidence for the antibody-verification of eplet 62GE.
A1	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
A2	Eplet definition in this publication: 62G.
A1	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	Possible eplet is defined as 43Q+62G/62G+66K/62G+76V/ 62G+79G.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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X	The analysis of human mAb SEE5G7 is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
D	Possible eplet is defined as 43P+62G/ 41A+43P+62G/ 17R+41A+ 43P+62G/ 19E+41A+ 43P+62G.
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A1	SAB analysis of human mAb VN2F1 verifies eplet 62GRN (Figure 1B).

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<b>Eplet</b>	<b>Polymorphic residue</b>	<b>Reference</b>
62LQ	62L 63Q	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website* Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop
62RR	62R 65R	El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation
65GK	65G 66K	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website* HLA Epitope Registry website* Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing
65QIA	65Q 66I 69A	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website* Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop
69AA	69A 71A	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol
69TNT	69T 70N 71T	Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol
70IAQ	66I 69A 70Q	Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol
71ATD	71A 73T 77D	El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet
71SA	70S 71A	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol
71TTS	71T 73T 77S	HLA Epitope Registry website* Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I
73AN	73A 77N	HLA Epitope Registry website
73TVS	73T 76V 77S	Akaza et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
76ANT	76A 77N 80T	Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol
76EG	76E 79G	HLA Epitope Registry website
76ESI	76E 77S 80I	HLA Epitope Registry website Vilella et al. 1983 Hum Immunol Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I
76ESN	76E 77S 80N	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Lutz et al. 1994 J Immunol
76VRN	76V 79R 80N	Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation HLA Epitope Registry website
79GT	79G 80T	Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet
80I	80I	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2012 Hum Immunol
80K	80K	El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation Duquesnoy et al. 2011 Transpl Immunol Bachelet et al. 2011 Am J Transplant



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D	Eplet definition in this publication: 62L.
A1	SAB analysis of human mAb DK1G8 verifies eplet 62LQ (Figure 1A).
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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D	Eplet definition in this publication: 65G.
X	SAB analysis of human mAb VIE6C10 does not confirm the antibody-verification of 65GK (Figure 2A).
A1	SAB analysis of human mAb IND3H3 verifies eplet 65GK (Figure S1H).
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A2	Eplet definition in this publication: 65Q+69A.
A1	SAB analysis of human mAb VTM4D9 verifies eplet 65QIA (Figure S1C).
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A2	Eplet definition in this publication: 69A+43P.
B	
A2	Eplet definition in this publication: 69T.
B	
A2	Eplet definition in this publication: 65Q+69A+70Q.
D	Possible eplet is defined as 65Q+69A+ 80T 65Q+ 69A+82L 65Q+69A+ 83R.
B	
D	Possible eplet is defined as 43P+65R/ 65R+163L/ 66N+131S/ 66N+163L.
A1	SAB analysis of human mAb DMS4G2 verifies eplet 71TTS (Figure 1D).
A1	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
A2	Possible eplet is defined as (73T)+76V+80N+90A in this study. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	
A2	Eplet definition in this publication: 76A.
B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
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A2	Possible eplet is defined as 76E+80N/76E+82R/76E+83G.
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A2	Possible eplet is defined as 76V+80N/73T+76V+79R.
B	This data is published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
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A2	Eplet definition in this paper: 77N+80K.
X	This reference does not provide evidence for the antibody-verification of eplet 80K.
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<b>Eplet</b>	<b>Polymorphic residue</b>	<b>Reference</b>
80N	80N	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2012 Hum Immunol
80TLR	80T 82L 83R	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol
82LR	82L 83R	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2012 Hum Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2013 Hum Immunol
90D	90D	Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol
107W	107W	Mulder et al. 2005 J Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website* El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Layet et al. 1987 J Immunol
127K	127K	Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol El-Awar et al. 2010 Hum Immunol De Vito et al. 1993 Hum Immunol Laundy et al. 2004 Transfusion
131S	131S	Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet
138K	138K	Duquesnoy et al. 2011 Transpl Immunol
138MI	138M 142I	Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet HLA Epitope Registry website
144K	144K	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website
144KR	144K 145R	Duquesnoy et al. 2013 Hum Immunol El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I
144QL	144Q 145L	HLA Epitope Registry website* El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Mulder et al. 1997 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing

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A2	Possible eplet is defined as 76E+80T/ 79R+80T/ 80T+82L/ 80T+83R.
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A1	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry.
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A1	SAB analysis of human mAb JOK3H4 verifies eplet 107W (Figure S1A).
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B	This data is published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
A1	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
A2	Possible eplet is defined as 142I+144K/144K+145R.
A1	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A1	SAB analysis of human mAb GK31F12 verifies eplet 144QL (Figure S1D).
D	Possible eplet is defined as 145L/41T+46A.
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X	This reference does not provide evidence for the antibody verification of 144QL.
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<b>Eplet</b>	<b>Polymorphic residue</b>	<b>Reference</b>
144TKH	142T 144K 145H	HLA Epitope Registry website* HLA Epitope Registry website  El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I Mulder et al. 1997 Hum Immunol Muller et al. 1983 Hum Immunol Dessi et al. 1990 Hum Immunol Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing
145KHA	144K 145H 149A	Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I Mulder et al. 1993 Tissue Antigens Hogan et al. 1988 J Immunol
145RT	145R 149T	Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Int J Immunogenet El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol
149TAH	149T 150A 151H	El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation
150AAH	149A 150A 151H	El-Awar et al. 2010 Hum Immunol
151AHA	150A 151H 152A	HLA Epitope Registry website* El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation
156DA	156D 158A	Lomago et al. 2010 Hum Immunol
158T	158T	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Ge et al. 1993 Hum Immunol
161D	161D	HLA Epitope Registry website* El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing
163EW	163E 167W	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol
163LS/G	163L 167G/S	HLA Epitope Registry website *
163LW	163L 167W	Duquesnoy et al. 2012 Hum Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2013 Hum Immunol El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation Mulder et al. 1997 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I
163R	163R	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Laundy et al. 2004 Transfusion

Level of evidence <sup>1</sup>	Additional remarks
A1	SAB analysis of human mAb SN607D8 verifies eplet 144TKH. (Figure 1C).
X	SAB analysis of human mAb SN66E3 does not confirm the antibody verification of eplet 144TKH, but verifies eplet 145KHA (Figure 2B).
A2	Possible eplet is defined as 142T/145H.
A1	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A1	This eplet is also verified by SAB analysis of human mAb SN66E3 (Figure 2B).
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D	Possible eplet is defined as (9Y)+149T/ (74D)+149T.
A2	Eplet definition in this publication: 149T.
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A1	SAB analysis of human mAb MUL6D1 verifies eplet 151AHA (Figure S1E).
A2	Possible eplet is defined as 149A+150A+ 163R/ 149A+158A+ 163R/149A+163R+ 166E/ 149A+ 163R+ 167W.
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A1	SAB analysis of human mAb OK2F3 verifies eplet 161D (Figure S1B).
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A1	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
C and D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A2	Possible eplet defined as 163E+166E/163E+167W.
B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
A1	SAB analysis of human mAb DK7C11 verifies eplet 163L 167G/S (Figure 3).
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A1	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
A2	
C	
A1	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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**Supplementary Table 2.** [continued]

<b>Eplet</b>	<b>Polymorphic residue</b>	<b>Reference</b>
163RG	163R 167G	HLA Epitope Registry website* Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I El-Awar et al. 2009 Clin Transpl
163RW	163R 167W	HLA Epitope Registry website* Mulder et al. 1998 Tissue Antigens El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I
166DG	166D 167G	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I HLA Epitope Registry website Duquesnoy et al. 2013 Hum Immunol
173K	173K	Akaza et al. 2006 Clin Transpl  Duquesnoy et al. 2011 Transpl Immunol
177KT	177K 178T	El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation Duquesnoy et al. 2011 Transpl Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website
180E	180E	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website
<u>193PL</u>	193P 194L (273S)	El-Awar et al. 2007 Hum Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2011 Transpl Immunol
193PV	193P 194V	Adeyi et al. 2005 Transpl Immunol
219W	219W	Duquesnoy et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Fernandez-Vina et al. 2006 Immunobiology of the Human MHC - Proceedings of the 13th International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference - Volume I <sup>†</sup> El-Awar et al. 2009 Clin Transpl
248M	248M (6K) (99C)	HLA Epitope Registry website
253Q	253Q	El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation HLA Epitope Registry website
267QE	267Q 268E	El-Awar et al. 2007 Transplantation

<sup>†</sup>A1, Human monoclonal antibody + single antigen bead (SAB) assay and/or complement dependent cytotoxicity assay (CDC) with high resolution HLA typed cells; A2, Adsorption and elution studies + SAB and/or CDC with high resolution HLA typed cells; B, Patient serum tested in SAB; C, Human monoclonal antibody or adsorption and elution studies or patient sera tested with serologically typed cells; D, Other species (e.g. murine monoclonal antibody).

\*Single antigen bead analysis of this human mAb is provided in this paper.

Underlined: The residues of these eplets exceed the 3.5 Ångstrom radius and we therefore propose to consider these eplets as antibody-verified reactivity patterns. See Table 7 for proposed definitions and rationale.

Level of evidence <sup>1</sup>	Additional remarks
A1 D	SAB analysis of human mAb GV2D5 verifies eplet 163RG (Figure S1F). This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	Eplet definition in this publication: 158V+163R. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A1 C	SAB analysis of human mAb VP5G3 verifies eplet 163RW (Figure S1G).
A2 A1	Possible eplet defined as 163R+166E/ 158A+163R/ 163R+167W. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A2 D	Eplet definition in this publication: 166D/167G. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B A1	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
B B	Eplet definition in this publication: 163L+173K. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A2 B B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
A2 B	Eplet definition in this paper: 177D/180E. This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
A2 B B	Eplet definition in this paper: 194L. Proposed reactivity pattern definition based on re-analysis of SAB data from this publication: 193P+194L / 273S.
A1 X B B	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet. This reference does not provide evidence for the antibody verification of 219W. This publication is not peer-reviewed. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet. This publication is not peer-reviewed. This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
A2 B	This data is published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
A2	Eplet definition in this paper: 267Q.

**Supplementary Table 3.** Complete overview of all HLA class II eplets that are considered antibody-verified by the HLA Epitope Registry.

Antigen	Eplet	Polymorphic residue	Reference
DRB	4Q	4Q	HLA Epitope Registry website Knowles et al. 1986 J Immunol Knowles 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Lardy et al. 1991 Hum Immunol Fu et al. 1992 Hum Immunol Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl Cai et al. 2006 Am J Transplant
DRB	4R	4R	Marsh et al. 1989 Immunol Today Ogasawara et al. 1985 Tissue Antigens Fu et al. 1992 Hum Immunol Fu et al. 1994 Hum Immunol
DRB	11STS	9E 10Y 11S 12T 13S	Cai et al. 2006 Am J Transplant  Heyes et al. 1992 HLA 1991 - Proceedings of the Eleventh International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference – Volume 2  Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop
DRB	13FE	13F 14E	Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl Cayrol et al. 1992 Tissue Antigens Cayrol et al. 1995 Hum Immunol
DRB	16Y	16Y 25R	HLA Epitope Registry website Pistillo et al. 1991 Hum Immunol Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Nakayama et al. 1987 Hum Immunol Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	25Q	25Q 30L 14K	Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Kennedy et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Fu et al. 1995 Hum Immunol Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl Kramer et al. 2020 Am J Transplant
DRB	25R	25R	Marsh et al. 1989 Immunol Today Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Kennedy et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Inoko et al. 1992 HLA 1991 - Proceedings of the Eleventh International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference – Volume 1 Fu et al. 1995 Hum Immunol
DRB	30C	30C	Wölpl et al. 1998 Tissue Antigens Löffler et al. 1998 Eur J Immunogenet
DRB	30RV	30R 31V 10E	Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop



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X	This publication defines the potential eplets as 11S/12T/13S using adsorption and elution of alloantibodies from patient sera. This eplet is considered not antibody-verified because it is found on the bottom of the peptide-binding groove and therefore cannot induce antibody-formation.
X	This publication includes murine mAb analysis and is not peer-reviewed. This eplet is considered not antibody-verified because it is found on the bottom of the peptide-binding groove and therefore cannot induce antibody-formation.
X	This publication includes murine mAb analysis and is not peer-reviewed. This eplet is considered not antibody-verified because it is found on the bottom of the peptide-binding groove and therefore cannot induce antibody-formation.
B	This publication defines this eplet as 13F. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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A1	This publication defines this eplet as 13G 14E 15C 16Y. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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B	This publication defines the potential eplets as 13G/16Y. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	This publication defines the potential eplets as 11G/14K/25Q/30L. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A1	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet. This study defines this eplet as 14K 25Q.
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D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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X	This literature reference does not confirm the antibody verification of eplet 30C, because the human mAb UL-5A1 is peptide-dependent.
X	This literature reference does not confirm the antibody verification of eplet 30C, because the human mAbs UL-5A1 and Fab-5A1 are peptide-dependent.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.

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Antigen	Eplet	Polymorphic residue	Reference
DRB	<b>31FY</b>	<b>31F 32Y</b>	Kramer et al. 2020 Am J Transplant
DRB	37L	37L	HLA Epitope Registry website Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	37YV	37Y 38V	Ge et al. 1995 Hum Immunol Marsh et al. 1992 HLA 1991 - Proceedings of the Eleventh International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference – Volume 1 Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Hum Immunol Bunce et al. 1990 Tissue Antigens
DRB	47F	47F 48R	Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Hum Immunol
DRB	48Q	48Q 18L 25W 26N 41N 44L 81Y	Kosinski et al. 1986 Tissue Antigens Knowles et al. 1986 J Immunol Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Kennedy et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing
DRB	51R	51R	Berte et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume II: Immunogenetics and Histocompatibility Fuggle et al. 1989 Tissue Antigens HLA Epitope Registry website
DRB	57DE	57D 58E	HLA Epitope Registry website* Hancock et al. 1988 Hum Immunol Pistillo et al. 1991 Hum Immunol Pistillo et al. 1992 Hum Immunol Knowles 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Marsh et al. 1989 Immunol Today Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Klohe et al. 1992 Hum Immunol Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	57S	57S 58A 60Y	Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	57V	57V 58A 60S	HLA Epitope Registry website Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	70D	70D	Sadler et al. 1993 Tissue Antigens Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Hum Immunol Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	70DA	70D 73A	Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Hum Immunol
DRB	<b>70QA</b>	<b>70Q 73A</b>	Kramer et al. 2020 Am J Transplant
DRB	70QT	70Q 77T	Drover et al. 1994 Hum Immunol Inoko et al. 1992 HLA 1991 - Proceedings of the Eleventh International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference – Volume 1 Drover et al. 1992 HLA 1991 - Proceedings of the Eleventh International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference – Volume 2 Drover et al. 1994 Scand J Immunol
DRB	70R	70R 71R	Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl HLA Epitope Registry website
DRB	73A	73A 77T	Cayrol et al. 1992 Tissue Antigens Fu et al. 1992 Hum Immunol

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A1	This study defines this eplet as 31F 32Y 37Y/S. Eplet 31FY was not considered antibody-verified by the HLA Epitope Registry yet.
B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
D	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
X	This literature reference does not confirm antibody verification of eplet 37YV, but of eplet 31FY (A1 evidence).
C	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
X	This literature reference does not confirm antibody verification of eplet 37YV, but of eplet 31FY (B evidence).
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B	This publication defines this eplet as 47F. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
A1	SAB analysis of human mAb VR1H5 verifies eplet 57DE (Figure 4A).
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D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
X	The panel of cells used in this study is not sufficient for eplet analysis.
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D	This publication defines this eplet as 58E. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	This publication defines this eplet as 57S. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet and is not peer-reviewed.
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B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
B	This publication defines the potential eplets as 57V/60S. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet and is not peer-reviewed.
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A1	Eplet 70QA is not considered antibody-verified yet by the HLA Epitope Registry.
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D	This publication defines this eplet as 70R. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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Antigen	Eplet	Polymorphic residue	Reference
DRB	74R	70Q 73G 74R	HLA Epitope Registry website* Berte et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume II: Immunogenetics and Histocompatibility Marsh et al. 1989 Immunol Today Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	77N	73G 77N 78Y	Berte et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume II: Immunogenetics and Histocompatibility Ballas et al. 1990 Tissue Antigens Maurer et al. 1991 J Immunol Klohe et al. 1993 Hum Immunol Heyes et al. 1992 HLA 1991 - Proceedings of the Eleventh International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference – Volume 2 Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	77T	77T	Madrigal et al. 1989 J Immunol Maurer et al. 1992 HLA 1991 - Proceedings of the Eleventh International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference – Volume 2 Klohe et al. 1993 Hum Immunol Cai et al. 2006 Am J Transplant
DRB	96EV	96E 98K 180V	Marrari et al. 2009 Hum Immunol Loh et al. 1993 Tissue Antigens Cai et al. 2006 Am J Transplant
DRB	96HK	96H 98K 120S	HLA Epitope Registry website* HLA Epitope Registry website Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	96Y	96Y	Maurer et al. 1991 J Immunol Drover et al. 1994 Hum Immunol Inoko et al. 1992 HLA 1991 - Proceedings of the Eleventh International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference – Volume 1 Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	98E	98E	HLA Epitope Registry website Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	<u>98ES</u>	98E 120S	HLA Epitope Registry website Duquesnoy et al. 2016 Hum Immunol Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl Kramer et al. 2020 Am J Transplant
DRB	98Q	96H 98Q 120S	Taylor et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Kolstad et al. 1988 Tissue Antigens Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	104A	104A	Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl Cai et al. 2006 Am J Transplant
DRB	108T	108T	Van den Berg-Loonen et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	142M	142M	Bodmer et al. 1977 Histocompatibility testing 1977 Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl

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A1	SAB analysis of human mAb BVK3D6 verifies eplet 74R (Figure S3C-D)
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication defines this eplet as 74R. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet and is not peer-reviewed.
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D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	This publication defines this eplet as 77N. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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B	This publication defines this eplet as 96E.
X	SAB analysis of human mAb RTLK1E2 does not confirm eplet 96HK, but verifies eplet 149H (Figure 4C).
B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
X	This publication does not provide evidence for the antibody verification of eplet 96HK.
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D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	This publication defines the potential eplets as 13H/33H/96Y/180L. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
B	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
B	This publication defines this eplet as 78V. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet. This study defined this eplet as 78V or 96H 98E 120S.
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C	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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D	This publication defines this eplet as 98Q. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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C	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication defines the potential eplets as 9Q/108T. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
C	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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B	This publication defines the potential eplets as 11P/13R/133L/142M. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet

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Antigen	Eplet	Polymorphic residue	Reference
DRB	<b>149H</b>	<b>149H</b>	*  Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DRB	181M	181M	Fu et al. 1992 Hum Immunol Fu et al. 1995 Hum Immunol Cai et al. 2006 Am J Transplant Cai et al. 2006 Clin Transpl
DQB	45EV	45E 46V 47Y	Schreuder et al. 1986 Hum Immunol Kenter et al. 1989 Hum Immunol Maeda et al. 1986 Tissue Antigens Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Deng et al. 2006 Clin Transpl El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation Bezstarosti et al. 2022 Front Immunol
DQB	45GV	45G 46V	Schreuder et al. 1986 Hum Immunol Radka et al. 1989 Hum Immunol Kenter et al. 1989 Hum Immunol Nordwig et al. 1991 Hum Immunol Viken et al. 1995 Tissue Antigens Petersen et al. 1992 J Immunol Methods El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation
DQB	<u>46VY</u>	46V 52P 28T	Marsh et al. 1989 Immunol Today El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Deng et al. 2006 Clin Transpl Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation
DQB	<u>52LL</u>	52L 55L 28S 30S 37I	Pistillo et al. 1986 Hum Immunol Pistillo et al. 1992 Hum Immunol Viken et al. 1995b Hum Immunol Viken et al. 1995a Hum Immunol El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation  Bezstarosti et al. 2022 Front Immunol
DQB	<u>52PQ</u>	53Q 89G 90I	Hansen et al. 1987 Hum Immunol Koning et al. 1985 Tissue Antigens Marsh et al. 1989 Immunol Today Dessi et al. 1990 Hum Immunol Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation

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A1	SAB analysis of human mAb RTLK1E2 verifies eplet 149H (Figure 4C). Eplet 149H is not considered antibody-verified yet by the HLA Epitope Registry.
B	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
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D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	This publication defines this eplet as 45E. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A2	This publication defines this eplet as 45E.
B	This publication defines this eplet as 45E. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
A1	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
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B	This publication defines this eplet as 45G+46V. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
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A2	This publication defines this eplet as 52P.
B	This publication defines the potential eplets as 28T/46V/52P. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A2	This publication defines the potential eplets as 28T/46V/52P.
C	
X	The panel of cells used in this study is not sufficient for eplet analysis.
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A2	This publication defines this eplet as 52L. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
B	This publication defines this eplet as 28S/30S/37I/52L/55L. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
A1	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
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D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A2	This publication defines this eplet as 84E.
B	This publication defines the potential eplets as 84E/85V/86A/89G/90I/221Q. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.

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Antigen	Eplet	Polymorphic residue	Reference
DQB	55PP	55P 56P	Marsh et al. 1989 Immunol Today Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Viken et al. 1995c Hum Immunol Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Bezstarosti et al. 2022 Front Immunol
DQB	55R	55R	Kolstad et al. 1989b Hum Immunol Marsh et al. 1989 Immunol Today Nelson et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Kennedy et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Vitale et al. 1992 Hum Immunol Sánchez et al. 1993 Hum Immunol Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation  Bezstarosti et al. 2022 Front Immunol
DQB	56L	56L 71D	Ishikawa et al. 1987 Immunogenetics Matsuki et al. 1987 Hum Immunol Marsh et al. 1989 Immunol Today Kennedy et al. 1989 Immunobiology of HLA Volume I: Histocompatibility Testing Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation
DQB	57V	57V	El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website
DQB	<u>74S</u>	74S 26G	Ge et al. 1994 Hum Immunol Duquesnoy et al. 2008 Transpl Immunol
DQB	77R	75V 77R	El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol
DQB	77T	77T	El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol
DQB	<u>84QL</u>	84Q 86E 87L 89T 90T 125A	Vitale et al. 1992 Hum Immunol El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Radka et al. 1985 Hum Immunol Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation Bezstarosti et al. 2022 Front Immunol
DQB	87F	87F	HLA Epitope Registry website
DQB	87Y	87Y	HLA Epitope Registry website
DQB	<u>116I</u>	116I 125S	Marsh et al. 1989 Immunol Today Deng et al. 2006 Clin Transpl El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation
DQB	125SQ	125S 126Q	El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol El-Awar et al. 2017 J Immunol Res
DQB	<u>182N</u>	182N	Navarette et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 1 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Workshop El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation Bezstarosti et al. 2022 Front Immunol



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X	This reference does not provide evidence for the antibody verification of eplet 55PP.
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A2	This publication defines this eplet as 55P.
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A2	This publication defines the potential eplets as 84Q/85L/86E/87L/89T/220H/221H.
A1	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
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B	This data is solely published on the HLA Epitope Registry website and is not peer-reviewed.
D	This publication defines the potential eplets as 70G+71A/116I/125S. This publication is not peer-reviewed.
B	This publication defines this eplet as 125S.
A2	This publication defines the potential eplets as 70G+71A/116I/125S. This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.
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X	This literature reference does not provide any evidence for antibody verification of eplet 125SQ.
D	This publication is not peer-reviewed.
A2	
B	This publication defines the potential eplets as 77T+84Q/ 77T+85L/ 77T+ 86E/77T+ 87L/ 182N.
A1	This reference is not yet included in the HLA Epitope Registry for this eplet.

**Supplementary Table 3.** [continued]

Antigen	Eplet	Polymorphic residue	Reference
DQB	<u>182S</u>	182S	El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol
DQA	2D	2D 199A	Youngs et al. 2018 Transpl Immunol
DQA	40E	40E	HLA Epitope Registry website
DQA	<u>40GR</u>	40G 47C 50V 51L	El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation Tambur et al. 2010 Transplantation Duquesnoy et al. 2008 Transpl Immunol
DQA	<u>47KHL</u>	47K 52H 54L	El-Awar et al. 2013 Hum Immunol Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation Duquesnoy et al. 2008 Transpl Immunol
DQA	52SK	52S 53K 11C 18F 45A 64R 66M 69A 80Y	Chersi et al. 1989 Z Naturforsch C J Biosci HLA Epitope Registry website
DQA	61FT	61F 64T 55R	HLA Epitope Registry website
DQA	75S	75S 156L 163E 175K	Kolstad et al. 1989b Hum Immunol Tambur et al. 2010 Transplantation
DQA	76V	76V 26S 47Q 187T	HLA Epitope Registry website Deng et al. 2008 Transplantation
DPB	35FV	35F 36V	Marshall et al. 1992 HLA 1991 - Proceedings of the Eleventh International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference – Volume 2 Marshall et al. 1998 Hum Immunol Youngs 2004 ASHI Quarterly Billen et al. 2010 Tissue Antigens
DPB	56A	56A	HLA Epitope Registry website Cano et al. 2009 Hum Immunol
DPB	56E	55D 56E	HLA Epitope Registry website*  * Mazzoleni et al. 1989 Immunogenetics Pistillo et al. 1992 HLA 1991 - Proceedings of the Eleventh International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference – Volume 2 Marshall et al. 1998 Hum Immunol Cano et al. 2009 Hum Immunol
DPB	56EE	55D 56E 57E	Deng et al. 2007 Clin Transpl
DPB	57D	55D 56E 57D	Marshall et al. 1998 Hum Immunol Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 2 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Conference Deng et al. 2007 Clin Transpl Billen et al. 2010 Tissue Antigens HLA Epitope Registry website
DPB	69E	69E	Arroyo et al. 1995 Hum Immunol

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A2	This publication defines this eplet as 140A.
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A2	This publication defines this eplet as 40G.
A2	This publication defines the potential eplets as 40G/47C.
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A2	This publication defines this eplet as 52H.
B	This publication defines the potential eplets as 47K/52H/54L.
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X	SAB analysis of human mAb VR1H5 verifies HLA-DR eplet 58E and is cross-reactive with HLA-DP eplet 56E. mAb VR1H5 does not provide evidence for HLA-DP eplet 56E as inducer of the antibody response (Figure 4A).
A1	SAB analysis of human mAb RTLK10E12 verifies eplet 56E (Figure 4B).
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**Supplementary Table 3.** [continued]

Antigen	Eplet	Polymorphic residue	Reference
DPB	84DEAV	84D 85E 86A 87V	HLA Epitope Registry website* Deng et al. 2007 Clin Transpl Kolstad et al. 1989a Hum Immunol Marshall et al. 1998 Hum Immunol Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 2 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Conference Youngs 2004 ASHI Quarterly Duquesnoy et al. 2008 Transpl Immunol Billen et al. 2010 Tissue Antigens Cano et al. 2009 Hum Immunol
DPB	85GPM	85G 86P 87M	Viken et al. 1989 Tissue Antigens Marshall et al. 1998 Hum Immunol Inoko et al. 1992 HLA 1991 - Proceedings of the Eleventh International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference – Volume 1 Tongio et al. 1997 HLA: Genetic diversity of HLA: Functional and Medical Implications Volume 2 - Proceedings of the Twelfth International Histocompatibility Conference Youngs 2004 ASHI Quarterly Billen et al. 2010 Tissue Antigens Cano et al. 2009 Hum Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website Kramer et al. Manuscript in preparation Deng et al. 2007 Clin Transpl
DPB	96K	96K 170I	HLA Epitope Registry website
DPA	50Q	50Q	Duquesnoy et al. 2008 Transpl Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website
DPA	50R	50R	Marshall et al. 1998 Hum Immunol Heyes et al. 1986 Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A Young et al. 1988 Hum Immunol HLA Epitope Registry website Thammanichanond et al. 2018 Transplant Proc

'A1, Human monoclonal antibody + single antigen bead (SAB) assay and/or complement dependent cytotoxicity assay (CDC) with high resolution HLA typed cells; A2, Adsorption and elution studies + SAB and/or CDC with high resolution HLA typed cells; B, Patient serum tested in SAB; C, Human monoclonal antibody or adsorption and elution studies or patient sera tested with serologically typed cells; D, Other species (e.g. murine monoclonal antibody).

\*Single antigen bead analysis of this human mAb is provided in this paper.

**Bold:** Eplets that currently not antibody-verified in the HLA Epitope Registry.

Underlined: The residues of these eplets exceed the 3.5 Ångstrom radius and we therefore propose to consider these eplets as antibody-verified reactivity patterns. See Table 7 for proposed definitions and rationale.

**Level of evidence<sup>1</sup> Additional remarks**

A1	SAB analysis of human mAb TL3B6 verifies eplet 84DEAV (Figure S3A-B).
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**Supplementary Table 4.** Residue differences in reactivity patterns on Common HLA alleles

Reactivity pattern	Allele*	Residues	Common in population
44K / 150V / 158V	A*01:06 A*24:22	44K / 150V / <b>158A</b> <b>44R</b> / <b>150A</b> / 158V	MENA HIS, NAM
74S / 26G	DQB1*03:05 DQB1*03:25	<b>74E</b> / 26G <b>74E</b> / 26G	AFA, API, EURO, MENA, HIS, NAM, UNK NAM
53L / 84Q / 85L / 86E / 87L / 89T / 90T / 125A / 220H / 221H	DQB1*03:09	53L / 84Q / 85L / 86E / 87L / 89T / 90T / 125A / 220H / <b>221R</b>	AFA, NAM
52P + 53L / 140T / 182N	DQB1*03:09	52P + 53L / 140T / <b>182P</b>	AFA, NAM

\*Common alleles in the CIWD database (version 3.0.0) (Hurley et al. HLA. 2020 Jun;95(6):516-531. doi: 10.1111/tan.13811.)

AFA; African/African American, API; Asian/Pacific Islands, EURO; European/European descent, MENA; Middle East/North coast of Africa, HIS; South or Central America/Hispanic/Latino, NAM; Native American populations, UNK; Unknown/Not asked/Multiple ancestries/Other.

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