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Hi Amy,

We are submitting two manuscripts for your consideration as back to back publications in Human Immunology. The first paper by Duquesnoy, Marrari, da Mata Sousa, Marroquin and do Monte represents an announcement about the HLA Epitope Registry and is entitled "Brief Report: Second update the HLA-DR,-DQ,-DP Eplet Database of the International Registry of HLA Epitopes".

This paper has a supplemental table about newly antibody-verified class II eplets and another supplemental table showing which eplets have been deleted or have new notations. These findings are being incorporated in an updated version 3.0 of the website-based HLA-DR,-DQ,-DP Registry which will be posted very soon. We welcome any suggestions from the reviewers.

The second manuscript by Duquesnoy and Marrari is entitled "Interlocus HLA Class II Cross-reactivity: Design of a Repertoire of Eplets Shared between HLA-DR, -DQ and -DP Alleles".

It is now well recognized that eplet-based HLA-DR, HLA-DQ and HLA-DP matching is a superior approach to reduce allograft rejection and improve transplant outcome. Such studies have examined the eplet effect for the individual class II loci, but until now little attention has been given to so-called interlocus class II eplets shared between HLA-DR, HLA-DQ and/or HLA-DP alleles.

This report summarizes the limited information currently available about antibody-verified interlocus class II eplets. It describes a structural modeling method to determine potentially immunogenic interlocus class II eplets and to identify non-immunogenic eplets because they are monomorphic at another class II locus. This paper is the result of many months of study and analysis. The information in the six tables plus seven supplemental tables will be incorporated in the Registry update after we have received the comments and suggestions from the reviewers.

We believe that the inclusion of interlocus class II eplets will have important implications for eplet-based HLA-DR,-DQ,-DP matching in organ transplantation.

Thank you for considering this pair of papers.

Best regards,

Rene Duquesnoy

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Interlocus HLA Class II Cross-reactivity: Design of a Repertoire of Eplets Shared between HLA-DR, -DQ and -DP Alleles

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Summary

Many studies have demonstrated that HLA-DR, HLA-DQ and HLA-DP matching at the eplet level reduces allograft rejection and improves transplant outcome. Such studies have examined the eplet effect for the individual class II loci, but until now little attention has been given to so-called interlocus class II eplets shared between HLA-DR, HLA-DQ and/or HLA-DP alleles. This report summarizes current information about antibody-verified interlocus class II eplets. It describes a structural modeling method to determine potentially immunogenic interlocus class II eplets and to identify non-immunogenic eplets because they are monomorphic at another class II locus. We propose that the inclusion of interlocus class II eplets will enhance the efficiency of eplet-based HLA-DR,-DQ,-DP matching in organ transplantation.

Introduction

There are now many reports that HLA-DR, HLA-DQ and HLA-DP matching at the eplet level is associated with reduced allograft rejection and better outcome of kidney, heart, lung, pancreas and liver transplants (1-21). These studies have examined the eplet effect for the individual class II loci, but we must raise the question that certain class II eplets are shared between HLA-DR, HLA-DQ and/or HLA-DP alleles, the so-called interlocus class II eplets. This concept is analogous to sharing of antibody-verified class I eplets by combinations of HLA-A, -B and/or -C alleles such as 62GE shared between A2 and B17, 82LR shared between A23, A24, A25, A32 and Bw4-carrying HLA-B alleles and, 163LW shared between various HLA-A, -B and -C alleles. The HLA-ABC eplet repertoire of the International HLA Epitope Registry (<http://www.epregistry.com.br>) has additional antibody-verified and non-verified interlocus class I eplets.

HLA-DR matching at the eplet level considers DRB1 together with DRB3, DRB4 or DRB5 and several antibody-verified DRB eplets are shared between different DRB loci. Examples include

4Q (on DRB1*07, DRB1*09 and DRB4*01), 74R (on DRB1*03 and DRB3*01:01) and 96EV (on DRB1*01, DRB5*01:01 and DRB5*02:02). Except for the well-documented, antibody-verified eplet shared between DR11 and a group of DPB alleles (details are below), there is little information about interlocus eplet sharing between DR, DQ and DP. Four-digit allele-based HLA typing for all class II loci is now readily available in histocompatibility laboratories and this permits a determination of the full HLA-DR,-DQ,-DP eplet repertoire.

This report describes our method to characterize interlocus class II eplets. Using aligned amino acid sequences of α or β chains we have identified a group of interlocus eplets that are defined by one or two polymorphic residues uniquely shared between alleles controlled by combinations of DR, DQ and DP loci. Consistent with our previously reported molecular modelling strategy (22), we defined eplet structures by identifying with the Cn3D program all residues within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius of the polymorphic residue(s).

Besides describing studies presenting preliminary evidence of a few antibody-verified interlocus class II eplets, this report describes a structural modelling method to identify other interlocus eplets on class II β chains and α chains as potential candidates for experimental verification with informative antibodies.

We also report our findings that certain residues are polymorphic at one class II locus but are monomorphic at another class II locus. Such residues may be considered donor-recipient matches and their corresponding interlocus eplets may not be immunogenic.

The inclusion of interlocus class II eplets offers opportunities will increase the accuracy of HLA-DR, -DQ, -DP matching at the eplet level.

Methods and Results

Comparisons of amino acid sequences of DR, DQ and DP chains

The protein BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool) program (23) is a commonly used tool to determine sequence and structural similarities between different proteins. This program can be accessed at www.blast.ncbi.nlm and upon entering amino acid sequences of two proteins it generates the following information: (1) Statistical significance of the residue alignment between two proteins, (2) Identification of the number and percentage of sequence positions with identical residues, (3) the number and percentage of sequence positions with identical residues together with non-identical residues with positive BLOSUM scores and (4) the number of gaps in the sequence alignment.

In bioinformatics, BLOSUM (BLOcks SUBstitution Matrix) is used to score alignments between evolutionary divergent protein sequences (24). This has been done by calculating a log-odds score for each of the 210 possible substitution pairs of the 20 standard amino acids in 2000 aligned blocks of 500 groups of related proteins. For each amino acid substitution between two aligned sequences BLOSUM has scores as positive (see Supplemental Table 1), zero or negative.

For instance, leucine has positive BLOSUM scores with structurally similar isoleucine (+2), methionine (+2) and valine (+3), a 0 score with phenylalanine and negative scores with the remaining residues such as alanine (-1) and asparagine (-4). The BLOSUM matrix is considered a useful guide to study the evolutionary and chemical relationship between various proteins (25).

A BLAST analysis of HLA-DR, HLA-DQ and HLA-DP proteins has, as expected, a very high degree of sequence homology. As an example, Supplemental Table 2 shows the results for class II β chains: DRB1*01:01 versus DQB1*02:01, DRB1*01:01 versus DPB1*01:01 and DQB1*02:01 versus DPB1*01:01. In all cases the structural homology was statistically highly significant because the p values are less than 1×10^{-90} . The numbers of identical residue combinations in the amino acid 1-190 sequence ranged between 127 to 138 (67% to 73%). About 80% of the residues had a positive alignment; they included 22, 24 and 14 non-identical residue pairs with positive BLOSUM scores (indicated by a "+" sign). BLAST analyses with other DRB, DQB and DPB allelic combinations yielded similar results (data not shown). The HLA-DP sequences show gaps in sequence positions 24 and 25 when compared with HLA-DRB and HLA-DQB and there is also a gap in position 154.

Supplemental Table 3 shows the BLAST analysis data for class II α chains namely, DRA1*01:01, DQA1*01:01 and DPA1*01:03. The frequencies of identical residues ranged from 58% to 63%, somewhat lower than for the β chains; 72% to 74% of the residues had a positive alignment. The sequences of DRA and DPA have gaps in positions 1,2 and 15 when compared with DQA sequences.

Interlocus eplet assignments on β chains

Interlocus eplets were determined for the 1-190 sequences adjusted for identical residue positions on HLA-DRB, -DQB and -DPB chains. To account for the three gaps in the 1-190 sequence of HLA-DPB, adjustments were made whereby DPB positions 24-153 became 26-155 and DPB positions 154-190 became 157-193. Interlocus eplets were assigned by identifying in each sequence location one or more polymorphic residues shared between two or all three class II loci. Interlocus eplets were assigned with prefixes such as "rq", "rp", "qp" or "rqp", indicating the sharing between DRB, DQB and/or DPB alleles. This report addresses only class II alleles that are commonly used in antibody testing assays with single allele beads.

For all eplet-carrying alleles we have determined with the Cn3D molecular modelling program (26) which amino acid residues are located within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius of the residue(s) used to assess the dimension of an eplet (22). For each interlocus eplet we have identified within that area, the most commonly shared residues with standard one-letter amino acid codes. For each allele, identical residues are displayed with dash symbols and different residues are shown with the one-letter amino acid codes. Residue differences with positive BLOSUM scores (Supplemental Table 1) as indicators of a structural and evolutionary relationship have been marked with an asterisk. For instance, the difference between alanine and serine has a +1 BLOSUM score and substitutions for A are marked as S* and substitutions for S are marked as

A* ; other substitutions for these residues are marked with the usual single letter codes without an asterisk.

Interlocus eplets on class II α chains were also determined for DRA, DQA and DPA. They were based on the 1-190 sequence of DQA alleles and sequences of DRA and DPA were adjusted to DQA after identifying gaps in positions 1, 2 and 15. Since DRA is largely monomorphic, interlocus eplets can only be between DQA and DPA alleles; they have the “qp” prefix.

Antibody-verified interlocus rp58E and rp58EE eplets

The best documentation of an antibody-verified class II interlocus eplet is shared between DR11 and a group of DPB alleles. Table 1 describes two variations. Human and mouse monoclonal antibodies are specific for rp58E shared between DRB1*11:01/03/04 and DPB1*02, *03, *04:02, *06, *09, *10, *14, *16, *17, *18, *20 and *28 (27-34). All rp58E-carrying alleles have the same 54G, 55R, 56P, 57D, 60Y, 61W and 62N residues within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius whereas its antibody reactivity is unaffected by the difference between 59E and 59D* which has a Blosum score of +2. Table 1 shows also a second antibody reactivity pattern defined by rp58EE which is shared between DRB1*11:01/03/04 and DPB1*02, *04:02, *10, *16, *18 and *28 (33, 35, 36); this eplet is defined by residues 58E and 59E and it is apparent that 59D* has a negative effect.

Predictions of other interlocus class II eplets in the 54-62 sequence

This sequence has four additional interlocus eplets with a high degree of amino acid residue similarity. None have been verified experimentally with informative antibodies, but they might be suitable candidates. These eplets are defined by polymorphic residues in position 57 and the interlocus eplets are called rq57S, rqp57A, rq57V and rqp57D (Table 2). DQB1*05:02 shares rq57S with DRB1*04:05, *08:01 and *13:03 and the residues in the 54-62 sequence are identical. The rqp57A eplet is shared between DRB1*14:01, DQB1*02 and *03:02 and DPB1*01, *04:01, *11, *13, *15 and *23 have considerable 54-62 sequence similarity but it is possible that the difference in position 55, i.e. 55R versus 55L and/or 55P may affect cross-reactivity with antibody. The rq57V eplet shared between DRB1*07, *09, *12, DRB3*01:01, *03:01 and DQB1*05:01, *06:04/09 have identical residues in positions 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61 and 62; the only difference is at position 60 whereby the DRB alleles have 60S and the DQB alleles have 60Y.

Many DRB alleles share rqp57D, and 7 of 8 additional residues with DQB1*03:01 and *03:03 which have 55P instead of 55R, and DQB1*04 which has 56L instead of 56P. It should be noted that the rqp57-carrying DQB1*06 alleles have identical residues as the rqp57D-carrying DRB alleles. All rqp57D-carrying DPB alleles have 58E instead of 58A and about half of them have 59D* instead of 59E. It is possible that the reactivity of rqp57D might be affected by residue differences at DPB and DQB1*03:01/03 and DQB1*04 and that the interlocus eplet is shared

only between DRB alleles and DQB1*06:01/02/03 that have identical residues within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius.

Given their interlocus structural similarity, it seems that rq57S, rqp57A, rq57V and rqp57D might be considered as potential candidates for experimental verification with informative antibodies.

Have other interlocus class II eplets been antibody-verified?

Current information about antibody-verified interlocus class II eplets is quite limited but a few studies have yielded promising data which must nevertheless be considered preliminary. The experimental evidence for three antibody-verified interlocus class II eplets has been summarized as follows:

Antibody-verified rq70RK/R on DQ2, DR9, DR10, DRB1*14:01 and possibly DR53. Drover et al (37) described a mouse monoclonal antibody NFLD.M71 that reacted in binding assays using homozygous cell lines with a polymorphic determinant shared between DQB1*02:01 chains and DRB1*14:01, DR9 and DR10. From an amino acid sequence analysis, it appears that NFLD.M71 recognizes a structural determinant determined by residues 70-73, RKRA on DQB1*02:01 chains and RRRA on DRB1*09:01/02, *10:01, and *14:01 chains. Our analysis suggests the interlocus rq70RK/R eplet defined by residues 70R+71K* on DQB or 70R+71R* on DRB (Table 3). Six of seven positions within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius have identical residues. No information was provided about the reactivity of DRB4 alleles which also carry rq70R+71R*.

Antibody-verified rp67IE on DRB1*01:03 and several DP alleles. Callender et al (38) reported allosera with strong cross-reactivity between DP and DRB1*01:03 but not with other DR1 alleles. Sequence alignments suggested a new cross-reactivity between DRB1*01:03 and DPB1*02, *09, *10, *13, *16 and *17. Two additional sera confirmed this cross-reactivity, although no data were presented about antibody reactivity patterns with the HLA panel. This epitope was originally described as 65I+67E on DP and 67I+69E on DR but according to the new sequence alignment described above the interlocus eplet can be called rp67IE as defined by residues 67I and 71E.

Eight residues within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius are identical between DRB1*01:03 and the rp67IE-carrying DPB1 alleles and the difference between 70D and 70E was acceptable for antibody reactivity (Table 4). The original report (38) indicated that the rp67IE-carrying DRB1*13:01 was weakly reactive; they have a nearby distinct 28D residue below the molecular surface but close enough to 67I and 71E to influence reactivity with this antibody. Table 4 also explains why DRB1*01:01 and DRB1*01:02 were non-reactive; these alleles carry a different eplet, 67LR.

Antibody-verified rq75VT on several DRB alleles and DQ4. The IgM human monoclonal antibody JOK1H7 originating in Arend Mulder's Laboratory at Leiden University Medical Center reacts with 75VT-carrying DRB alleles and additionally, with DQ4 heterodimers which also have 75VT. All other DQ dimers were negative. This antibody originated from a woman who types as

DRB1*03:01, *13:01, DRB3*01:01, DQB1*02:01, *06:03 and she was HLA sensitized during pregnancy. Although the HLA type of the child is unknown, her husband types as DRB1*04:02, *11:01, DRB3*02:02, DRB4*01:03, DQB1*03:02. This monoclonal antibody reacted with husband's DRB4*01:03 (MFI=7349) and DRB1*11:01 (MFI=3664); both have rq75VT.

Table 5 displays the MFI data with the entire DR and DQ panel. None of the DP heterodimers were reactive (data not shown). Positive reactions with DRB alleles were limited to 75VT-carrying DRB alleles except six alleles that have the combination of nearby residues 67I and 70D. This suggests that the epitope defined by 75VT includes residues in sequence positions 67 and 70; the presence of 67I+70D abolishes the reactivity with this antibody. We noted significantly lower MFI values (3551 versus 11792, $p < 0.00001$) for the seven 75VT-carrying DRB alleles that have 70D together with 67F or 67L. This means that the presence of 70D has also some inhibitory effect. In contrast, the four DRB alleles which have 67I+70Q gave similarly high MFI values and the remaining 75VT-carrying DRB alleles also reacted well regardless of residue differences in nearby positions 67 (L and F), 70 (R and Q*), 71 (R, K* and A) and 74 (A and E). Other nearby positions 24, 72, 73, 76, 79 and 80 shared the same residue.

The panel has four heterodimers with DQB1*04:01 or DQB1*04:02; all were distinctly reactive with average MFI values of 5471 and 3995, respectively. DQB1*04 chains carry 75V77T together with 67I+70E. In comparison with the rq75VT-carrying DRB alleles they have identical residues in positions 24, 72, 73, 76, 79 and 80. On the other hand, residues 70E, 71D, 74S* and 78V are distinct for DQB1*04; we cannot determine which residue(s) contribute to the lower MFI values with DQB1*04 as compared to the high MFI with many DRB alleles.

In conclusion, this human monoclonal antibody which must be specific for one epitope. Although it showed a rather complex reactivity pattern with the allele panel, the data suggest recognition of a rq75VT-related epitope shared between DRB and DQB.

Predictions of other interlocus class II eplets on β chains

This report summarizes the experimental evidence for five antibody-verified interlocus class II eplets; their sequence positions within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius show high degrees of identical residue sharing (see Tables 1, 3, 4 and 5). As described above (Table 2), the 54-62 sequence has four interlocus eplets that might be considered as suitable candidates for antibody verification. A search of the entire 1-190 sequence has identified a total of sixteen interlocus class II eplets with comparably similar degrees of residue sharing between eplet-carrying alleles. Table 6 lists these eplets and Supplemental Table 4 describes the residues within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius. Certain interlocus eplets such as rq26Y, rq37YV and rqp57A are present on relatively small numbers of alleles whereas others are expressed by many alleles encoded by a given locus. Examples are rp37FV on most DPB alleles, rq57D on most DRB alleles and rqp67I on most DRB and DPB alleles. Such interlocus eplets have low probabilities of being mismatched and inducing specific antibodies.

We identified only one interlocus eplet pq34Q shared between DPA1*02 and all DQA1 alleles except DQA1*02 (Supplemental Table 4).

Class II eplets defined by polymorphic residues that are monomorphic at other loci

We have also searched the amino acid sequences of class II β and α chains for eplets that are polymorphic for one locus but monomorphic for another locus. Such eplets might be considered non-immunogenic. This analysis focused on eplets defined by a shared polymorphic residue which is surrounded by at least one identical or structurally very similar residue on each side. Structural comparisons have considered the residues within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius to assess the degree of overall similarity between eplet-carrying alleles. Supplemental table 5 shows three DRB eplets (28E, 104S and 133L) and four DQB eplets (30YI, 45GE, 116V and 140A) that are monomorphic at another locus.

Supplemental Table 6 shows eight DQA eplets (45V, 61G, 66I, 80S, 156F, 160AE, 175E and 175Q) and one DPA eplet (86T) that are monomorphic at another locus. These eplets should be considered self and therefore non-immunogenic because each recipient has always an allele on another locus with the same eplet.

Residue analysis of class II eplets with subscript notations

The HLA Epitope Registry has class II eplets annotated with subscripted numbers indicating the presence of several unique residues on separate molecular locations on eplet-carrying alleles. This suggests that these alleles may have two or more eplets that can be recognized by antibody, but current allele panels cannot distinguish between them. For instance, the 45GE₃-carrying DQB1*02:01 and DQB1*02:02 have unique DQB residues 28S, 30S, 37I, 46E, 47F, 52L, 55L, 71K and 74A. These residues may determine at least three different eplets (hence the subscript 3) but DQ2-specific antibodies cannot distinguish which one(s) are recognized. The interlocus class II eplet concept has been applied to determine which residue is only on DQB1*02 or is shared with DRB and/or DPB alleles. Residue 71K is polymorphic on DRB1 and DPB1 and this residue determines the interlocus eplet rqp67IK whereas 74A is polymorphic for DRB1 and defines the rq74AV eplet (see supplemental Table 4). This suggests that 71K and 74A may not participate in eplets restricted to DQ2 but reflect interlocus eplets.

Residues 46E and 47F are monomorphic on DRB and DPB and they should not be considered as mismatches. This suggests that their corresponding eplet cannot be immunogenic for humans. Interestingly, two mouse monoclonal antibodies have been reported to react specifically with an epitope unique on DQ2 and monomorphic on all DRB and DPB alleles (39, 40). The epitope corresponds to the 45GE eplet which includes 46E and 47F. Accordingly, 45GE may represent a xeno-epitope that can induce antibodies in mice but cannot be immunogenic as an allo-epitope because in humans 45GE is self on all DRB and DPB alleles.

The remaining polymorphic residues 28S, 30S, 37I, 52L and 55L define eplets unique to DQ2. While the HLA Epitope Registry had originally assigned the DQ2-specific eplet as 45GE₃, it has been reassigned as 52LL in the update.

We have done a similar analysis of other class II eplets with subscripted numbers. Supplemental Table 7 shows which residues are monomorphic on other loci suggesting that they cannot be solely recognized as mismatches that can induce alloantibodies and those residues shared with certain alleles controlled by other loci. Such shared residues might reflect distinct interlocus class II eplets. The remaining residues are locus-specific; they determine eplets on alleles on controlled by a single locus, either DQB, DQA or DRB. For the latter group of residues Supplemental Table 7 shows also the ElliPro scores as described elsewhere (41), and represent estimates in determining eplet immunogenicity. ElliPro values >0.400 suggest increased immunogenicity.

Besides removing the subscripted numbers from locus-specific eplets, these findings necessitated some name changes to better reflect the roles of unique residues in such eplets. As noted above, 45GE₃ was changed to 52LL. Other examples are the DQA*05-associated eplet 71A₂ which became 116L because the 71A residue is shared with DRB1*15:01 and DRB5*02:02, and 140A₂ on DQ2, 5, 6 which became 182S because 140A is monomorphic on DPB.

Discussion

Although most class II eplets are on alleles controlled by a single HLA-DR, HLA-DQ or HLA-DP locus (42), this report describes our findings about interlocus class II eplets on alleles encoded by combinations of two or three loci. This concept is analogous to the sharing of interlocus class I eplets on combinations of HLA-A, -B and/or -C alleles and their effect on donor-recipient compatibility. So far, interlocus class II eplets have received little attention but with the new abilities of clinical histocompatibility testing laboratories to do high-resolution typing of the entire HLA-DR, -DQ, -DP repertoire there are now opportunities to address this issue.

The inclusion of interlocus class II eplets is important for evaluating donor-recipient compatibility. For example, let us consider the well-documented, antibody-verified rp58E eplet (Table 2). This interlocus eplet is shared between DRB1*11 and multiple DPB alleles including DPB1*02, DPB1*03, DPB1*04:02 and more. Matching for eplets can be determined by two criteria: acceptability for the sensitized patient and permissibility for the non-sensitized patient. First, consider the sensitized patient who has a specific antibody induced by a rp58E-carrying allele such as DRB1*11 or DPB1*02:01; in such case the antibody producer's HLA type must have alleles without rp58E. If a recipient has developed rp58E-specific antibodies induced by DRB1*11:01 sensitization, then all rp58E-carrying DPB alleles should also be considered unacceptable mismatches although the recipient may have never been exposed to these DPB alleles. This interlocus DPB mismatch unacceptability can be determined only if the potential donor has also been DPB typed. Conversely, rp58E-specific antibodies can also be induced by a

perhaps unknown rp58E-carrying DPB allele; in such case, the reactive DR11 alleles have also become unexpectedly unacceptable mismatches although the recipient has never been exposed to them.

Eplet matching can also assess permissibility for non-sensitized recipients. In the rp58E example, any donor DRB or DPB allele with rp58E must be considered a non-permissible mismatch if all recipient's alleles lack that eplet. Conversely, all other donor alleles without rp58E can be considered permissible mismatches for that eplet.

A complete assessment of class II mismatch acceptability and permissibility should include both locus-specific and interlocus eplets, especially those that have been antibody-verified. The update of the International HLA Epitope Registry has now considerable numbers of antibody-verified eplets controlled by the separate HLA-DR, HLA-DQ and HLA-DP loci (42). The updated Registry also includes a new database with antibody-verified and predicted interlocus class II eplets. It has the information shown in Tables 1-6 and Supplemental Table 4. The HLAMatchmaker website (www.epitopes.com) is being updated with a class II antibody analysis program that incorporates interlocus eplets.

The question can be raised why the information about antibody-verified interlocus class II eplets is so limited. One might respond that we never looked mainly because antibody producers and immunizers have rarely been typed completely at the DRB1/3/4/5, DQA/B, DPA/B loci at the 4-digit allele level. Although the interlocus class II eplets listed in Table 6 represent theoretical predictions, their experimental verification with informative antibodies has now become feasible in clinical histocompatibility laboratories. Such studies require high-resolution DRDQDP typing of antibody producer and immunizer. An excellent source would be human monoclonal antibodies produced by cloned B-cells and tested with single allele panels. Allosera from sensitized patients can also be useful especially if the testing includes absorption-elution studies with informative interlocus-eplet expressing alleles controlled by different loci. Furthermore, mutated alleles with residue substitutions will yield additional information.

Inclusion of interlocus structural comparisons will permit more accurate determinations of class II eplet-based matching important in clinical transplantation. Until now, compatibility has been assessed for separate loci but a better approach would be to consider the DR+DQ+DP repertoire as a single system analogous to matching for HLA-ABC at the eplet level.

Conflict of interest statement

The authors have no conflicts of interest to disclose as described by Human Immunology

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Tables for Interlocus class II eplet ms

Table 1 Reactivity patterns of antibody-verified rp58E and rp58EE eplets and amino acid residues within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius

	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	Antibody-verified	
	G	R	P	D	Residue	E	Y	W	N	Eplet	Eplet
DRB1*11:01	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	rp58E	rp58EE
DRB1*11:02	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	rp58E	rp58EE
DRB1*11:04	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	rp58E	rp58EE
DPB1*02:01	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	rp58E	rp58EE
DPB1*04:02	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	rp58E	rp58EE
DPB1*08:01	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	rp58E	rp58EE
DPB1*10:01	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	rp58E	rp58EE
DPB1*16:01	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	rp58E	rp58EE
DPB1*18:01	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	rp58E	rp58EE
DPB1*28:01	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	rp58E	rp58EE
DPB1*03:01	-	-	-	-	E	D*	-	-	-	rp58E	
DPB1*06:01	-	-	-	-	E	D*	-	-	-	rp58E	
DPB1*09:01	-	-	-	-	E	D*	-	-	-	rp58E	
DPB1*14:01	-	-	-	-	E	D*	-	-	-	rp58E	
DPB1*17:01	-	-	-	-	E	D*	-	-	-	rp58E	
DPB1*20:01	-	-	-	-	E	D*	-	-	-	rp58E	

Table 2 Allele sharing for four interlocus eplets in sequence position 57 and amino acid residues within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius

	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62		54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62		
	G	R	P	Residue	A	E	Y	W	N	Eplet	G	R	P	Residue	A	E	Y	W	N	Eplet	
DRB1*04:05	-	-	-	57S	-	-	-	-	-	rq57S	DRB1*01	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DRB1*08:01	-	-	-	57S	-	-	-	-	-	rq57S	DRB1*03	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DRB1*13:03	-	-	-	57S	-	-	-	-	-	rq57S	DRB1*04:01	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DQB1*05:02	-	-	-	57S	-	-	-	-	-	rq57S	DRB1*04:02	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
											DRB1*04:03	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
											DRB1*04:04	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DRB1*14:01	-	-	-	57A	-	-	H*	-	-	rqp57A	DRB1*08:02	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DQB1*02:01	-	L	-	57A	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57A	DRB1*09:02	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DQB1*02:02	-	L	-	57A	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57A	DRB1*10:01	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DQB1*03:02	-	P	-	57A	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57A	DRB1*11:01	-	-	-	57D	E	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DPB1*01:01	-	-	-	57A	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57A	DRB1*13:01	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DPB1*04:01	-	-	-	57A	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57A	DRB1*13:02	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DPB1*11:01	-	-	-	57A	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57A	DRB1*14:02	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DPB1*13:01	-	-	-	57A	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57A	DRB1*14:54	-	-	-	57D	-	-	H*	-	-	rqp57D
DPB1*15:01	-	-	-	57A	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57A	DRB1*15	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DPB1*23:01	-	-	-	57A	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57A	DRB1*16	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
											DRB3*02:02	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DRB1*07:01	-	-	-	57V	-	-	S	-	-	rq57V	DRB4*	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DRB1*09:01	-	-	-	57V	-	-	S	-	-	rq57V	DRB5*	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DRB1*12:01	-	-	-	57V	-	-	S	-	-	rq57V	DQB1*03:01/03	-	P	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DRB1*12:02	-	-	-	57V	-	-	S	-	-	rq57V	DQB1*04	-	-	L	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DRB3*01:01	-	-	-	57V	-	-	S	-	-	rq57V	DQB1*06:01/02/03	-	-	-	57D	-	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DRB3*03:01	-	-	-	57V	-	-	S	-	-	rq57V	DPB1*02:01	-	-	-	57D	E	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DQB1*05:01	-	-	-	57V	-	-	-	-	-	rq57V	DPB1*03:01	-	-	-	57D	E	D*	-	-	-	rqp57D
DQB1*06:04	-	-	-	57V	-	-	-	-	-	rq57V	DPB1*04:02	-	-	-	57D	E	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
DQB1*06:05	-	-	-	57V	-	-	-	-	-	rq57V	DPB1*06:01	-	-	-	57D	E	D*	-	-	-	rqp57D
DQB1*06:09	-	-	-	57V	-	-	-	-	-	rq57V	DPB1*08:01	-	-	-	57D	E	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
											DPB1*09:01	-	-	-	57D	E	D*	-	-	-	rqp57D
											DPB1*10:01	-	-	-	57D	E	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
											DPB1*14:01	-	-	-	57D	E	D*	-	-	-	rqp57D
											DPB1*17:01	-	-	-	57D	E	D*	-	-	-	rqp57D
											DPB1*18:01	-	-	-	57D	E	-	-	-	-	rqp57D
											DPB1*28:01	-	-	-	57D	E	-	-	-	-	rqp57D

Table 6 DRB, DQB and DPB alleles with interlocus class II eplets that have not been antibody verified

Interlocus Eplet	Luminex Alleles
rq26Y	DRB1*03:01,*09:01,DRB3*01:01, DQB1*03:01,*06:01
rp37FV	DRB1*07:01,*14:01,*14:54,DRB3*03:01, DPB1*02,*03,*04:02,*06,*08,*09,*10,*14,*16,*17,*18,*19,*20,*23
rqp37YA	DRB1*10,DRB3*02:02,DRB4, DQB1*03*04,*06:02/03/04/09, DPB1*01,*11,*13,*15
rq37YV	DRB1*04,*08,*11,*13:03, DQB1*05
rqp57A	DRB1*14:01, DQB1*02,*03:02, DPB1*01,*04:01,*11,*13,*15,*23
rqp57D	DRB1*01,*03,*04:01/02/03/04,*08:02,*09:02,*10,*11,*13:01/02,*14:02/54,*15,*16, DRB3*02:02,DRB4,DRB5, DQB1*03:01/03,*06:01/02/03 DPB1*02,*03,*04:02,*06,*08,*09,*10,*14,*17,*18,*28
rq57S	DRB1*04:05,*08:01,*13:03, DQB1*05:02
rq57V	DRB1*07:01,*09:01,*12,DRB3*01:01/03:01, DQB1*05:01,*06:04/09
qp67IE	DQB1*04, DPB1*01,*02,*04,*05,*08,*09,*10,*13,*17,*18,*19,*23
rqp67IK	DRB1*13:03, DQB1*02, DPB1*01,*04,*05,*18,*23
rq67LK	DRB1*03,*04:01, DRB3, DPB1*03,*14,*28
rp67LR	DRB1*01:01/02,*04:03/05,*10,*14, DRB4*01:01, DPB1*11
rq74AV	DRB1*01,*04,*10,*11,*12,*13,*14:02,*15,*16, DRB5, DQB1*02
qp77RV	DQB1*02,*05, DPB1*01,*03,*08,*09,*10,*14
rq77TV	DRB1*07:01,*09, DQB1*03,*04,*06
rq140TV	DRB1*03,*04:01,*04:02,*04,*08,*10,*11,*12,*13,*14,DRB3*03:01, DQB1*03,*04

**Interlocus HLA Class II Cross-reactivity: Design of a Repertoire of Eplets Shared
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Supplemental Table 1 Amino acid residues combinations with positive BLOSUM scores

Residues	BLOSUM	Residues	BLOSUM
A-S	+1	I-M	+1
D-E	+2	I-V	+3
D-N	+1	K-Q	+1
D-T	+1	K-R	+2
E-K	+1	L-M	+2
E-Q	+2	L-V	+1
F-W	+1	M-V	+1
F-Y	+3	N-S	+1
G-T	+1	P-T	+1
H-N	+1	Q-R	+1
H-Y	+2	S-T	+1
I-L	+2	W-Y	+2

Supplemental Table 2 Results of a BLAST analysis between DRB1*01:01, DQB1*02:01 and DPB1*01:01 sequences

DRB1*01:01 vs DQB1*02:01 p=3e-100 Identities: 130/190 (68%) Positives: 152/190 (80%) Gaps:0/190

1 GDTRPRFLWQLKFECHFFNGTERVRLLERCIYNQEESVRFSDVGEYRAVTDLGRPD AEYWNSQ
D+ F++Q K C+F NGTERVRL+ R IYN+EE VRFSDVGE+RAVT LG P AEYWNSQ

1 RDSPEDFVYQFKGMCYFTNGTERVRLVSRSIYNREEIVRFSDVGEFRAVTLGLPAAEYWNSQ

65 KDLLEQRRAAVD TYCRHNYGVGESFTVQRRVEPKVTVYPSKTQPLQHNNLLVCSVSGFYPGSI
KD+LE++RAAVD CRHNY + T+QRRVEP VT+ PS+T+ L HHNLLVCSV+ FYP I

65 KDI LERKRAAVDRVCRHNYQLELR TTLQRRVEPTVTI SPSRTEALNHHNLLVCSVTD FYP AQI

128 EVRWFRNGQEEKAGVVSTGLI +NGDWFQT LVMLETVPRSGEVYTCQVEHPSVTSPLTVEWRA
+VRWFRN QEE AGVVST LI NGDWFQ LVMLE P+ G+VYTC VEHPS+ SP+TVEWRA

128 KVRWFRNDQEETAGVVSTPLI RINGDWFQI LVMLEMPQRGDVYTCHVEHPSLQSPITVEWRA

DRB1*01:01 vs DPB1*01:01 p=8e-95 Identities: 127/190 (67%) Positives: 151/190 (79%) Gaps:3/190

1 GDTRPRFLWQLKFECHFFNGTERVRLLERCIYNQEESVRFSDVGEYRAVTDLGRPD AEYWNSQKD
T ++++Q +EC FNGT+R LER IYN+EE RFSDVGE+RAVT LGRP AEYWNSQKD

1 RATPENYVYQGRQECYAFNGTQRxxFLERYIYNREEYARFSDVGEFRAVTELG RPAAEYWNSQKD

67 LLEQRRAAVD TYCRHNYGVGESFTVQRRVEPKVTVYPSKTQPLQHNNLLVCSVSGFYPGSIEV
+LE++RA D CRHNY + E+ T+QRRV+PKV V PSK PLQHNNLLVC V+ FYPGSI+V

65 ILEEKRAVPDRVCRHNYEL+EA VTLQRRVQPKVNVSPSKKGPLQHNNLLVCHVTD FYPGSIQV

130 RWFNRNGQEEKAGVVSTGLI QNGDWFQT LVMLETVPRSGEVYTCQVEHPSVTSPLTVEWRA
RWF NGQEE AGVVST LI+NGDWF LVMLE P+ G+VY CQVEH S+ SP+TVEW A

128 RWF LNGQEETAGVVSTNL I RINGDWFxI LVMLEMPQQGDVYICQVEHTSLDSPVTVEWKA

DQB1*02:01 vs DPB1*01:01 p=8e-103 Identities: 138/190 (73%) Positives: 152/190 (80%) Gaps:3/190

1 RDSPEDFVYQFKGMCYFTNGTERVRLVSRSIYNREEIVRFSDVGEFRAVTLGLPAAEYWNSQ
R +PE++VYQ + CY NGT+R + R IYNREE RFSDVGEFRAVT LG PAAEYWNSQ

1 RATPENYVYQGRQECYAFNGTQRxxFLERYIYNREEYARFSDVGEFRAVTELG RPAAEYWNSQ

65 KDI LERKRAAVDRVCRHNYQLELR TTLQRRVEPTVTI SPSRTEALNHHNLLVCSVTD FYP AQI
KDILE KRA DRVCRHNY+L+ TLQRRV+P V +SPS L HHNLLVC VTD FYP

63 KDI LEEKRAVPDRVCRHNYELDEAVTLQRRVQPKVNVSPSKKGPLQHNNLLVCHVTD FYPGSI

127 IKVRWFRNDQEETAGVVSTPLI RINGDWFQI LVMLEMPQRGDVYTCHVEHPSLQSPITVEWRA
I+VRWF N QEETAGVVST LIRNGDWF I LVMLEMPQ+GDVY C VEH SL SP+TVEW A

125 IQVRWFLNGQEETAGVVSTNL I RINGDWFxI LVMLEMPQQGDVYICQVEHTSLDSPVTVEWKA

Supplemental Table 3 Results of a BLAST analysis between DRA1*01:01, DQA1*01:01 and DPA1*01:03 sequences

DRA1*01:01 vs DPA1*01:03 p=2e-81 Identities:118/187 (63%) Positives: 139/187 (74%)		
3	IKEEHVIIQAEFYLNPDQSGEFMFDGDEIFHVDMAKKETVWRLEEFGRFASFQAQAL	60
	IK +HV A F +GEFMF+FD DE+F+VD+ KKETVW LEEFG+ SFEAQQ L	
3	IKADHVSTYAAFVQTHRPTGEFMFEFDEEMFYVDLKKETVWHLEEFQAFSFEAQQGL	60
61	ANIAVDKANLEIMTKRSNYTPITNVPPEVTVLTNSPVELREPNVICFIDKFTPPVVNVT	120
	ANIA+ NL + +RSN+T TN PPEVTV PVEL +PN LIC IDKF PPV+NVT	
61	ANIAILNNTLIQRSNHTQATNDPPEVTVFPKEPVELGQPNTLICHIDKFFPPVLNV	120
121	WLRNGKPVTTGVSETVFLPREDHLFRKFHYLPFLPSTEDVYDCRVEHWGLDEPLLKHWEFDAPSPL	187
	WL NG+ VT GV+E++FLPR D+ F KFHYL F+PS ED YDCRVEHWGLD+PLLKHWE P +P	
121	WLCNGELVTEGVAESLFLPRDYSFHKFHLYLTFVPSAEDFYDCRVEHWGLDQPLLKHWEAQEPIQM	187
DRA1*01:01 vs DQA1*01:01 p=8e-77 Identities:99/168 (59%) Positives 122/168 (72%)		
19	SGEFMFDGDEIFHVDMAKKETVWRLEEFGRFASFQAQALANIAVDKANLEIMTKRSN	78
	SG++ +FDGDE F+VD+ +KET WR EF +F F+ QGAL N+AV K NL IM KR N	
20	SGQYTHEFDGDEQFYVDLERKETAWRWPEFSKFGGDPQGALRNMAVAKHNLNIMIKRYN	79
79	YTPITNVPPEVTVLTNSPVELREPNVICFIDKFTPPVVNVTWLRNGKPVTTGVSETVFL	138
	T TN PEVTV + SPV L +PN LIC +D PPVVN+TWL NG+ VT GVSET FL	
80	STAATNEVPEVTVFSKSPVTLGQPNTLICLVNIFPPVVNI TWLSNGQSVTEGVSETSFL	139
139	PREDHLFRKFHYLPFLPSTEDVYDCRVEHWGLDEPLLKHWEFDAPSPL	186
	+ DH F K YL FLPS +++YDC+VEHWGLD+PLLKHWE + P+ +	
140	SKSDHSFFKISYLTFLPSADEIYDCKVEHWGLDQPLLKHWEPEIPAQM	187
DQA1*01:01 vs DPA1*01:03 p=1e-77 Identities:109/187 (58%) Positives:139/187 (74%)		
3	IVADHVASCgvnlyqfygpgsqyTHEFDGDEQFYVDLERKETAWRWPEFSKFGGDPQGA	60
	I ADHV++ Q + P+G++ EFD DE FYVDL+KET W EF + F+ QG	
3	IKADHVSTYAA-FVQTHRPTGEFMFEFDEEMFYVDLKKETVWHLEEFQAFSFEAQQG	59
61	LRNMAVAKHNLNIMIKRYNSTAATNEVPEVTVFSKSPVTLGQPNTLICLVNIFPPVVNI	120
	L N+A+ +NLN +I+R N T ATN+ PEVTVF K PV LGQPNTLIC +D FPPV+N+	
60	LANIAILNNTLIQRSNHTQATNDPPEVTVFPKEPVELGQPNTLICHIDKFFPPVLNV	119
121	TWLSNGQSVTEGVSETSFLSKSDHSFFKISYLTFLPSADEIYDCKVEHWGLDQPLLKHWEPEIPAQM	187
	TWL NG+ VTEGV+E+ FL ++D+SF K YLTF+PSA++ YDC+VEHWGLDQPLLKHWE + P QM	
120	TWLCNGELVTEGVAESLFLPRDYSFHKFHLYLTFVPSAEDFYDCRVEHWGLDQPLLKHWEAQEPIQM	186

Supplemental Table 4 Allele sharing between interlocus class II eplets and amino acid residues within a 3.5 Ångstrom radius

	14	24	25	26	27	40	42	
	E	V	R	Residue	V	F	S	Eplet
DRB1*03:01	-	-	-	26Y	-	-	-	rq26Y
DRB1*09:01	-	-	-	26Y	-	-	-	rq26Y
DRB3*01:01	-	-	-	26Y	-	-	-	rq26Y
DQB1*03:01	M	-	-	26Y	-	-	-	rq26Y
DQB1*06:01	M	-	-	26Y	-	-	-	rq26Y

	30	35	36	3738	39	48	50	54	
	Y	E	E	Residues	R	R	V	G	Eplet
DRB1*07:01	L	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DRB1*14:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DRB1*14:54	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DRB3*03:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*02:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*03:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*04:02	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*06:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*08:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*09:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*10:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*14:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*16:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*17:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*18:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*19:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*20:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV
DPB1*23:01	-	-	-	37F38V	-	-	-	-	rp37FV

	30	35	36	3738	39	48	50	54	
	Y	E	E	Residues	R	R	V	G	Eplet
DRB1*10:01	R	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DRB3*02:02	H*	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DRB4*01:01	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	Q*	-	-	reqp37YA
DRB4*01:03	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	Q*	-	-	reqp37YA
DQB1*03:01	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DQB1*03:02	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DQB1*03:03	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DQB1*04:01	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DQB1*04:02	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DQB1*06:02	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DQB1*06:03	H*	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DQB1*06:04	H*	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DQB1*06:05	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DQB1*06:09	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DPB1*01:01	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DPB1*11:01	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DPB1*13:01	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA
DPB1*15:01	-	-	-	37Y38A	-	-	-	-	reqp37YA

	30	35	36	3738	39	48	50	54	
	Y	E	E	Residues	R	R	V	G	Eplet
DRB1*04:01	-	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DRB1*04:02	-	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DRB1*04:03	-	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DRB1*04:04	-	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DRB1*04:05	-	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DRB1*08:01	-	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DRB1*08:02	-	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DRB1*11:01	-	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DRB1*11:02	-	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DRB1*11:04	-	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DRB1*13:03	-	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DQB1*05:01	H*	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV
DQB1*05:02	H*	-	-	37Y38V	-	-	-	-	rq37YV

	64	65	66	6770	68	69	71	72	73	
	Q	K	D	Residues	L	E	K	R	A	Eplet
DQB1*04:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	D	-	-	qp67IE
DQB1*04:02	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	D	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*01:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	-	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*02:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	E*	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*02:02	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	E*	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*04:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	-	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*04:02	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	-	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*05:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	-	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*08:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	E*	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*09:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	E*	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*10:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	E*	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*13:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	E*	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*17:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	E*	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*18:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	-	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*19:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	E*	-	-	qp67IE
DPB1*23:01	-	-	-	67I70E	-	-	-	-	-	qp67IE

	64	65	66	6771	68	69	70	72	73	
	Q	K	D	Residue	L	E	E	R	A	Eplet
DRB1*13:03	-	-	-	67I71K	-	-	D*	-	-	raq67IK
DQB1*02:01	-	-	-	67I71K	-	-	R	-	-	raq67IK
DQB1*02:02	-	-	-	67I71K	-	-	R	-	-	raq67IK
DPB1*01:01	-	-	-	67I71K	-	-	-	-	-	raq67IK
DPB1*04:01	-	-	-	67I71K	-	-	-	-	-	raq67IK
DPB1*04:02	-	-	-	67I71K	-	-	-	-	-	raq67IK
DPB1*05:01	-	-	-	67I71K	-	-	-	-	-	raq67IK
DPB1*18:01	-	-	-	67I71K	-	-	-	-	-	raq67IK

	64	65	66	6771	68	69	70	72	73	
	Q	K	D	Residue	L	E	Q	R	G	Eplet
DRB1*03:01	-	-	-	67L71K	-	-	-	-	-	rq67LK
DRB1*03:02	-	-	-	67L71K	-	-	-	-	-	rq67LK
DRB1*04:01	-	-	-	67L71K	-	-	-	-	A	rq67LK
DRB3*01:01	-	-	-	67L71K	-	-	-	-	-	rq67LK
DRB3*0201	-	-	-	67L71K	-	-	-	-	-	rq67LK
DRB3*02:02	-	-	-	67L71K	-	-	-	-	-	rq67LK
DRB3*03:01	-	-	-	67L71K	-	-	-	-	-	rq67LK
DPB1*03:01	-	-	-	67L71K	-	-	E*	-	A	rq67LK
DPB1*14:01	-	-	-	67L71K	-	-	E*	-	A	rq67LK
DPB1*28:01	-	-	-	67L71K	-	-	E*	-	A	rq67LK

	64	65	66	6771	68	69	70	72	73	
	Q	K	D	Residue:	L	E	Q	R	A	Eplet
DRB1*01:01	-	-	-	67L71R	-	-	-	-	-	rp67LR
DRB1*01:02	-	-	-	67L71R	-	-	-	-	-	rp67LR
DRB1*04:03	-	-	-	67L71R	-	-	-	-	-	rp67LR
DRB1*04:05	-	-	-	67L71R	-	-	-	-	-	rp67LR
DRB1*10:01	-	-	-	67L71R	-	-	R*	-	-	rp67LR
DRB1*14:01	-	-	-	67L71R	-	-	R*	-	-	rp67LR
DRB1*14:02	-	-	-	67L71R	-	-	-	-	-	rp67LR
DRB4*01:01	-	-	-	67L71R	-	-	R*	-	-	rp67LR
DPB1*11:01	-	-	-	67L71R	-	-	E*	-	-	rp67LR

	70	71	72	73	7475	76	77	78	79	80	
	Q	K	R	A	Residues	D	T	Y	C	R	Eplet
DRB1*01:01:02	-	R*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*01:03	D	E*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*04:01	-	-	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*04:02	D	E*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*04:04:05	-	R*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*10:01	R*	R*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*11:01:04	D	R*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*11:02	D	E*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*12:01:02	D	R*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*13:01:02	D	E*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*13:03	D	-	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*14:02	-	R*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*15:01:02/03	-	A	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB1*16:01:02	D	R*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB5*01:01	D	R*	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DRB5*02:02	-	A	-	-	74A75V	-	-	-	-	-	rq74AV
DQB1*02:01	R*	-	-	-	74A75V	-	R	V	-	-	rq74AV
DQB1*02:02	R*	-	-	-	74A75V	-	R	V	-	-	rq74AV

	73	74	75	76	7778	79	80	81	
	A	V	P	D	Residues	C	H	N	Eplet
DQB1*02:01	-	A*	V	-	77R78V	-	-	-	qp77RV
DQB1*02:02	-	A*	V	-	77R78V	-	-	-	qp77RV
DQB1*05:01	-	S	V	-	77R78V	-	-	-	qp77RV
DQB1*05:02	-	S	V	-	77R78V	-	-	-	qp77RV
DPB1*01:01	-	-	-	-	77R78V	-	-	-	qp77RV
DPB1*03:01	-	-	-	-	77R78V	-	-	-	qp77RV
DPB1*08:01	-	-	-	-	77R78V	-	-	-	qp77RV
DPB1*09:01	-	-	-	-	77R78V	-	-	-	qp77RV
DPB1*10:01	-	-	-	-	77R78V	-	-	-	qp77RV
DPB1*14:01	-	-	-	-	77R78V	-	-	-	qp77RV

	73	74	75	76	7778	79	80	81	
	A	E	L	D	Residues	C	H	N	Eplet
DRB1*07:01	G	Q*	V*	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DRB1*09:01	-	-	V*	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DRB1*09:02	-	-	V*	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DQB1*03:01	-	-	-	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DQB1*03:02	-	-	-	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DQB1*03:03	-	-	-	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DQB1*04:01	-	S	V*	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DQB1*04:02	-	S	V*	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DQB1*06:01	-	-	-	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DQB1*06:02	-	-	-	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DQB1*06:03	-	-	-	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DQB1*06:04	-	-	-	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DQB1*06:05	-	-	-	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV
DQB1*06:09	-	-	-	-	77T78V	-	-	-	rq77TV

	139	141	140142	143	159	160	
	K	G	Residues	V	V	M	Eplet
DRB1*03:01	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*03:02	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*04:01	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*04:02	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*04:03	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*04:04	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*04:05	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*08:01	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*08:02	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*10:01	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*11:01	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*11:02	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*11:04	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*12:01	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*12:02	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*13:01	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*13:02	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*13:03	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*14:01	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*14:02	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB1*14:54	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DRB3*03:01	-	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DQB1*03:01	T	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DQB1*03:02	T	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DQB1*03:03	T	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DQB1*04:01	T	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV
DQB1*04:02	T	-	140T142V	-	-	-	rq140TV

	27	32	33	34	35	36	47	
	H	D	E	Residue	F	Y	C	Eplet
DQA1*0102	-	-	-	34Q	-	-	R	pq34Q
DQA1*0103	-	-	-	34Q	-	-	R	pq34Q
DQA1*0401	-	-	-	34Q	-	-	-	pq34Q
DQA1*0501	-	-	-	34Q	-	-	-	pq34Q
DQA1*0503	-	-	-	34Q	-	-	-	pq34Q
DQA1*0505	-	-	-	34Q	-	-	-	pq34Q
DQA1*0601	-	-	-	34Q	-	-	-	pq34Q
DPA1*0201	F	-	-	34Q	-	-	H	pq34Q
DPA1*0202	F	-	-	34Q	-	-	H	pq34Q

Supplemental Table 5 Amino acid residues within a 3.5 Ångstroms of β chain eplets that are monomorphic at other loci

	12	27	Eplet	29	39	40	47	
All DPB1	R	L	28E	R	R	F	F	
DRB1*01:01	K*	-	28E	-	-	-	Y*	monoP
DRB1*01:02	K*	-	28E	-	-	-	Y*	monoP
DRB1*01:03	K*	-	28E	-	-	-	Y*	monoP
DRB1*03:02	T	-	28E	-	-	-	Y*	monoP
DRB1*07:01	K*	-	28E	-	-	-	Y*	monoP
DRB1*10:01	K*	-	28E	-	-	Y*	Y*	monoP
DRB1*12:01	T	-	28E	-	-	-	Y*	monoP
DRB1*14:02	T	-	28E	-	-	-	Y*	monoP
DRB3*02:02	K*	-	28E	-	-	-	Y*	monoP
DRB3*03:01	K*	-	28E	-	-	-	Y*	monoP
	103	Eplet	105	106	107	114		
All DQB	P	104S	R	T	E	L		
DRB1*01	-	104S	K*	`	Q*	-	monoQ	
DRB1*03	-	104S	K*	`	Q*	-	monoQ	
DRB1*08	-	104S	K*	`	Q*	-	monoQ	
DRB1*10	-	104S	K*	`	Q*	-	monoQ	
DRB1*11	-	104S	K*	`	Q*	-	monoQ	
DRB1*12	-	104S	K*	`	Q*	-	monoQ	
DRB1*13	-	104S	K*	`	Q*	-	monoQ	
DRB1*14	-	104S	K*	`	Q*	-	monoQ	
DRB1*15	-	104S	K*	`	Q*	-	monoQ	
DRB1*16	-	104S	K*	`	Q*	-	monoQ	
DRB4	-	104S	K*	`	Q*	-	monoQ	
		132	Eplet	134	135			
All DPB		F	133L	N	G			
DRB1*15:01		-	133L	-	-		monoP	
DRB1*16:01		-	133L	-	-		monoP	
	9	10	29	Eplet	36	37	38	
All DPB1	Y	Q	R	30YI	E	Y	A	
DRB4*01:01	E	-	-	30YI	-	-	-	monoP
DQB1*0301	-	-	-	30YI	-	-	-	monoP
DQB1*0302	-	-	-	30YI	-	-	-	monoP
DQB1*0303	-	-	-	30YI	-	-	-	monoP
DQB1*0401	F*	-	-	30YI	-	-	-	monoP
DQB1*0402	F*	-	-	30YI	-	-	-	monoP
DQB1*0601	L	-	-	30YI	-	D	-	monoP
DQB1*0602	F*	-	-	30YI	-	-	-	monoP
DQB1*0605	-	-	-	30YI	-	-	-	monoP
DQB1*0609	-	-	-	30YI	-	-	-	monoP
	40	41	44	Eplet	47	48		
All DRB1	F	D	V	45GE	F	R		
All DPB1	F	D	V	45GE	F	R		
DQB1*0201	-	-	-	45GE	-	-	monoRP	
DQB1*0202	-	-	-	45GE	-	-	monoRP	

	101	102	115	Eplet	117	160				
All DPB	V*	S	L	116V	C	M				
nonDQB1*05	I*	-	-	116V	-	-	monoP			
	138	139	Eplet	141	142	143	144	145		
All DPB1	E	T	140A	G	V	V	S	T		
DQB1*02:01	-	-	140A	-	-	-	-	-	monoP	
DQB1*02:02	-	-	140A	-	-	-	-	-	monoP	
DQB1*05:01	-	-	140A	-	-	-	-	-	monoP	
DQB1*05:02	-	-	140A	-	-	-	-	-	monoP	
DQB1*06:01	-	-	140A	-	-	-	-	-	monoP	
DQB1*06:02	-	-	140A	-	-	-	-	-	monoP	
DQB1*06:03	-	-	140A	-	-	-	-	-	monoP	
DQB1*06:04	-	-	140A	-	-	-	-	-	monoP	
DQB1*06:05	-	-	140A	-	-	-	-	-	monoP	
DQB1*06:09	-	-	140A	-	-	-	-	-	monoP	

Supplemental Table 6 Amino acid residues within a 3.5 Ångstroms of alpha chain eplets that are monomorphic at other loci

	36	43	44	Eplet	46				
All DPA1	Y	E	T	45V	W				
non DQA1*01	-	-	-	45V	-	monoP			
	57	58	59	60	Eplet	62	63	64	
DRA1* 01:01	F	E	A	Q	61G	A	L	A	
DQA1*01	-	D*	P	-	61G	-	-	-	
	61	62	63	64	65	Eplet	67	68	69
DRA1* 01:01	G	A	L	A	N	66I	A	V	D
DQA1*0201	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	L
DQA1*0301	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	L
DQA1*0302	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	L
DQA1*0303	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	L
DQA1*0401	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	T*
DQA1*0402	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	T*
DQA1*0404	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	T*
DQA1*0501	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	L
DQA1*0502	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	L
DQA1*0503	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	L
DQA1*0504	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	L
DQA1*0505	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	L
DQA1*0601	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	T*
DQA1*0602	F	-	-	T	-	66I	-	-	T*
	76	77	78	79	Eplet	81	82		
DRA1* 01:01	M	T	K	R	80S	N	Y		
DQA1*0201	L*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0301	V*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0302	V*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0303	V*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0401	L*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0402	L*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0404	L*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0501	L*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0502	L*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0503	L*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0504	L*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0505	L*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0601	L*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
DQA1*0602	L*	I	-	-	80S	-	S	monoR	
	106	155	Eplet	157					
DRA1* 01:01	N	P	156F	L					
nonDQA1*05	-	T*	156F	-	monoR				

	127	159	Eplet	162	
AI DPA1	N	S	160AE	E	
DQA1*0501	-	-	160AE	D*	monoP
DQA1*0505	-	-	160AE	-	monoP
	173	174	Eplet	176	
DRA1* 01:01	L	D	175E	P	
DQA1*02:01	-	-	175E	-	monoR
DQA1*03:01	-	-	175E	-	monoR
DQA1*03:02	-	-	175E	-	monoR
DQA1*03:03	-	-	175E	-	monoR
DQA1*04:01	-	-	175E	-	monoR
DQA1*04:02	-	-	175E	-	monoR
DQA1*04:04	-	-	175E	-	monoR
DQA1*06:01	-	-	175E	-	monoR
DQA1*06:02	-	-	175E	-	monoR
	173	174	Eplet	176	
AII DPA1	L	D	175Q	P	
DQA1*01:01	-	-	175Q	-	monoP
DQA1*01:02	-	-	175Q	-	monoP
DQA1*01:03	-	-	175Q	-	monoP
DQA1*01:04	-	-	175Q	-	monoP
DQA1*01:05	-	-	175Q	-	monoP
DQA1*01:06	-	-	175Q	-	monoP
DQA1*01:07	-	-	175Q	-	monoP
	85	Eplet	87	88	116
All DQA1	A	86T	N	D	F
DPA1*01:03	-	86T	-	-	- monoQ
DPA1*01:04	-	86T	-	-	- monoQ
DPA1*03:01	-	86T	-	-	- monoQ

Supplemental Table 7 Residue analysis of class II eplets with subscript notations

<u>DQB Eplet</u>	New Name	Alleles	Unique Polymorphic Residues		(EliPro scores)				Monomorphic Residues	Interlocus Residues						
45GE ₃	52LL	DQ2	52L	0.889	55L	0.889	28S	0.258	30S	0.272	37I	0.449	46E	47F	71K	74A
46VY ₂	46VY	non-DQ2	46V	0.814	52P	0.889	28T	0.258					47Y			
52PQ ₂	52PQ	DQ5,6	53Q	0.738	89G	0.456	90I	0.243					84E	85V		
56L ₂	56L	DQ4	56L	0.814	71D	0.529							70E			
71A ₂	116L	DQ5	116I	0.394	125S	0.120	14L	0.111								71A
84QL ₃	84QL	non-DQ56	84Q	0.742	86E	0.338	87L	0.445					53L	85L		
			89T	0.456	90T	0.243	125A	0.120								
140A ₂	182S	DQ2,5,6	182S	0.863									140A			
140T ₂	182N	DQ3,4	182N	0.863												140T
<u>DQA Eplet</u>																
40GR ₃	40GR	DQA456	40G	0.700	47C	0.166	50V	0.419	51L	0.292						53Q
40E ₂	40E	DQA123	40E	0.700									51F			
52SK ₅	52SK	DQA1	52S	0.580	53K	0.740	18F	0.599	45A	0.321	48W	0.201	47R	50E		
			11C	0.147	55G	0.602	56G	0.643	64R	0.499			61G	175Q		
			66M	0.296	69A	0.293	76M	0.563	80Y	0.765						
61FT ₄	61FT	nonDQA1	18S	0.599	55R	0.602	61F	0.421	64T	0.499			11Y	45V	48L	66I
75I ₂	75I	nonDQA5	75I	0.681	156F	0.475	161D	0.960	163I	0.803			80S			
75S ₃	75S	DQA5	75S	0.681	156L	0.475	163S	0.803	175K	0.909			161E			
76V ₃	76V	DQA3	76V	0.563	26S	0.055	47Q	0.166	187T	ND						
<u>DRB eplet</u>																
105R ₂	108T	DR51	108T	0.946									14E	96E	105R	191Q
142M ₃	142M	DR15,16	142M	0.369									96Q	133L		
25Q ₃	25Q	DR7	25Q	0.173	30L	0.349	14K	0.030								11G
37D ₂	30D	DRB5*01:01	30D	0.349									31I			37D
48Q ₆	48Q	DR53	48Q	0.661	18L	0.285	25W	0.173	26N	0.149						
			41N	0.324	44L	0.624	81Y	0.754	187Q	ND						
6C ₂	6C	DRB5*02:02	6C	0.978									157I			
96Y ₂	96Y	DR4	96Y	0.447	33H	0.908							180L			