



Criteria for Grading

1. **B-cell line Exchange** – class I/II molecular typing
 - a. Consensus is based on a minimum of 10 labs reporting and $\geq 90\%$ agreement among labs for HLA-A, B, C, DRB1, DQA1, DQB1, and DPA1 loci. For DRB3/4/5 and DPB1 loci, consensus is based on 80% agreement.
 - b. Results falling within the consensus are graded as satisfactory.
 - c. For loci presumed to be homozygous, the second field will be graded as satisfactory if either a blank is reported (A*02, -) or the antigen/allele is reported twice (A*02, A*02).
2. **Serum Exchange** – class I/II antibody identification
 - a. Consensus is based on a minimum of 10 labs reporting and $\geq 90\%$ agreement among labs.
 - b. Assignment of $\geq 80\%$ of antibody specificities falling within consensus will be graded as satisfactory.
3. **KIR Exchange** – KIR genotyping
 - a. Consensus is based on a minimum of 10 labs reporting and $\geq 90\%$ of labs reporting the positive/negative assignments for individual KIR loci.
 - b. Results falling within the consensus are graded as satisfactory.
 - c. Loci reported as not tested (NT) will not be included in the grading analysis.
4. **MICA Exchange** – MICA genotyping
 - a. Consensus is based on a minimum of 10 labs reporting and $\geq 80\%$ agreement among labs.
 - b. Results falling within the consensus are graded as satisfactory.
 - c. For loci presumed to be homozygous, the second field will be graded as satisfactory if either a blank is reported (MICA*002, -) or the allele is reported twice (MICA*002, MICA*002).
5. **Single antigen, Flow and Virtual Crossmatch Exchange**
 - a. **Flow Crossmatch** – T/B-cell Flow cytometric crossmatch
 - I. Consensus is based on a minimum of 10 labs reporting and 80% agreement among labs reporting positive/negative assignments.
 - II. Results falling within the consensus are graded as satisfactory. Results reported as borderline are not graded.
 - b. **Serum evaluation** - class I/II antibody identification
 - I. Consensus is based on a minimum of 10 labs reporting and 90% agreement among labs.
 - II. Assignment of $\geq 80\%$ of antibody specificities with $\geq 90\%$ consensus will be graded as satisfactory.
 - c. **Virtual predictions (educational exercise)** – virtual prediction of physical crossmatch
 - I. Consensus is based on a minimum of 10 labs reporting and 80% agreement among labs reporting positive/negative assignments.
 - II. Results falling within the consensus are marked as satisfactory. Results reported as borderline are not graded.
 - d. **DSA Assignment (educational exercise)** – identification of donor specific antibodies
 - I. Consensus based on a minimum of 10 labs reporting and 90% agreement among labs.
 - II. Assignment of all antibody specificities with $\geq 90\%$ consensus is required to be marked as satisfactory.