

A New Paradigm

HLA epitope based donor/recipient mismatch assessment

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RENAL HOMOTRANSPLANTATION IN IDENTICAL TWINS*

JOSEPH E. MURRAY, JOHN P. MERRILL AND J. HARTWELL HARRISON

Surg. Forum VI: 432–436, 1955



Personalized Immunosuppression

TARGETING HLA MISMATCHING

Amos

Cepellini

Kissmeyer-Nielsen

Terasaki

Bodmer

Dausset

Payne

van Rood

60 yrs of HLA Transplant Science

N Engl J Med (**1968**) 279:501

Lancet (**1969**) 1:790

Lancet (**1971**) 1:609

N Engl J Med (**1974**) 290:979

Lancet (**1975**) 1:240

Lancet (**1975**) 2:1126

Lancet (**1978**) 1:575

Lancet (**1978**) 1:1278

Lancet (**1980**) 2:282

N Engl J Med (**1980**) 303:850

N Engl J Med (**1984**) 311:358

Lancet (**1988**) 2:61

N Engl J Med (**1988**) 318:1289

Lancet (**1991**) 338:461

N Engl J Med (**1991**) 324:1032

N Engl J Med (**1992**) 327:834

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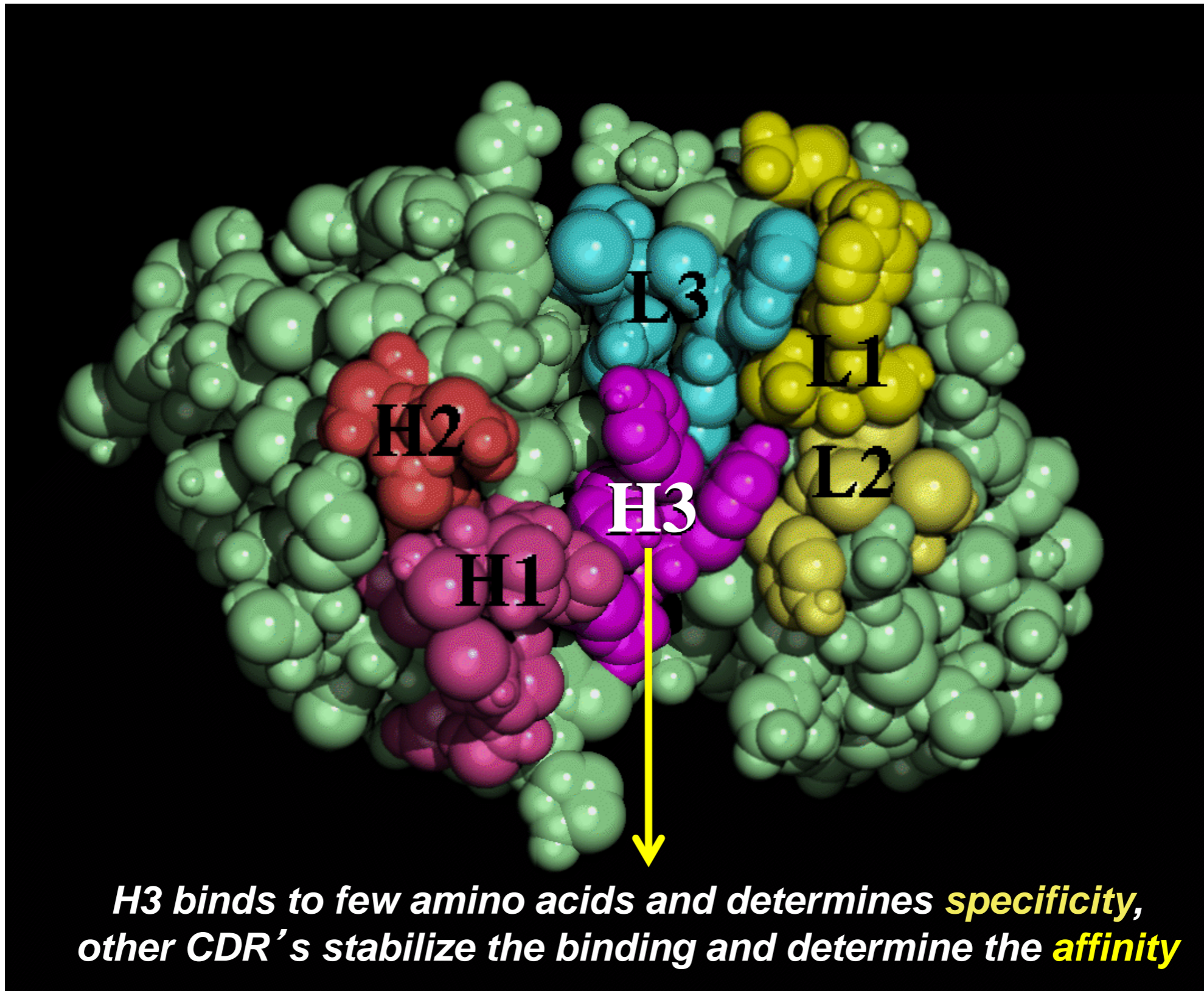
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HLA MISMATCHING – BEYOND WHOLE HLA MOLECULES

“We must now prepare for the second phase in which more sophisticated measures of HLA compatibility should be developed for more accurate prediction of outcome”

**Mickey, Kreisler, Albert, Tanaka, Terasaki
Tissue Antigens (1971) 1:57**

Six contact sites determine the reactivity between antibody and antigen
(complementarity determining regions (CDR))



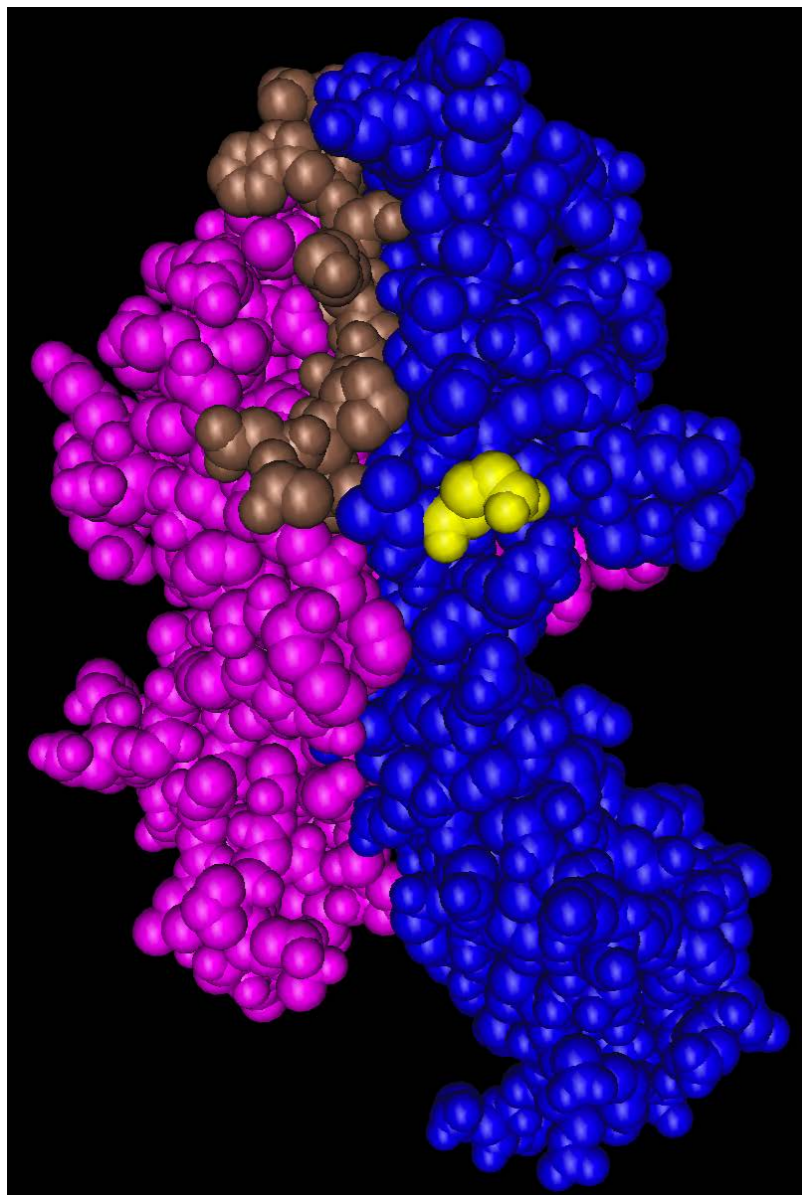
Antibody-reactive epitope determination with HLAMatchmaker and its clinical applications

R. J. Duquesnoy

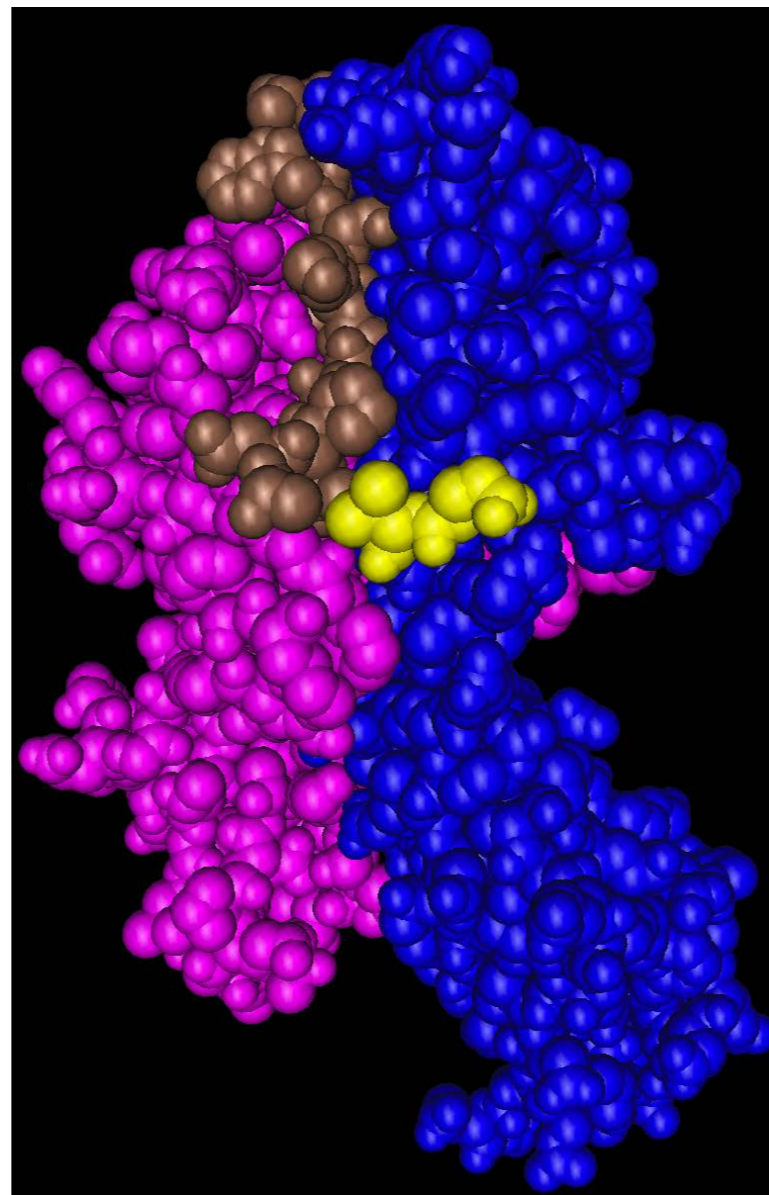
Tissue Antigens (2011) 77:525



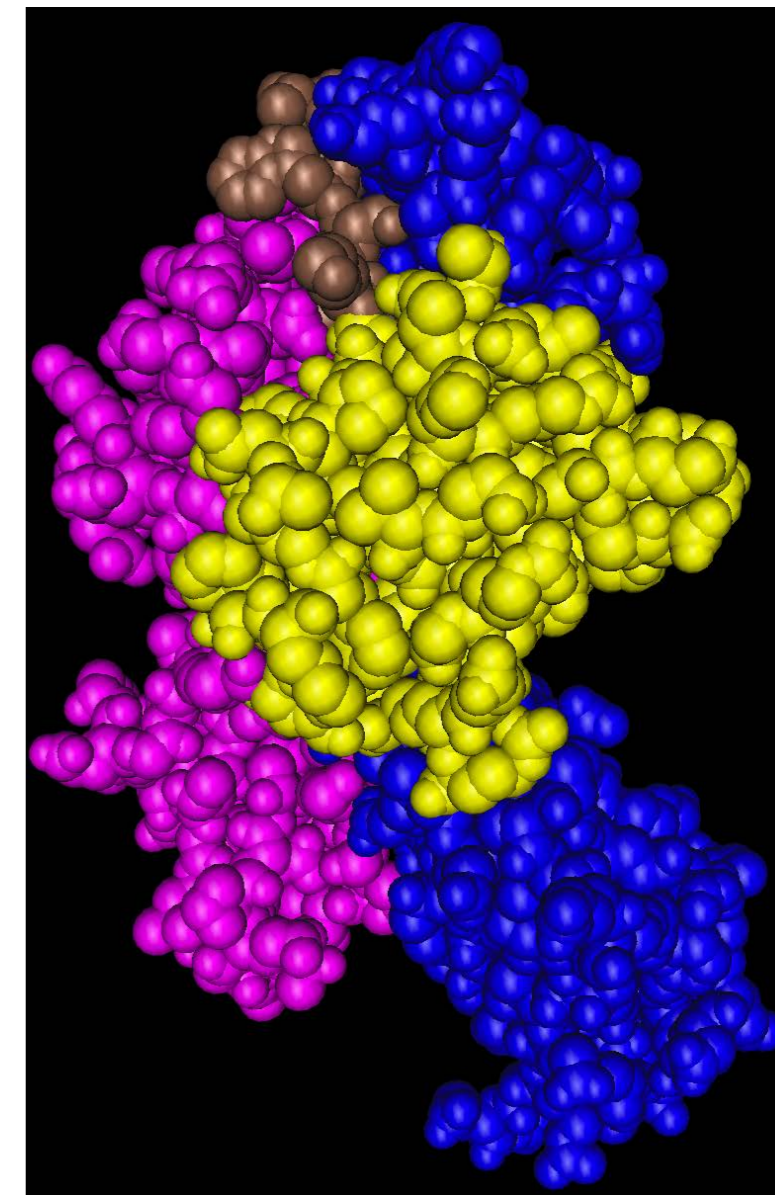
**Polymorphic
amino acid**



Functional Epitope (H3 CDR)
(3Å radius – “Eplet”)



Structural Epitope
(15Å radius)





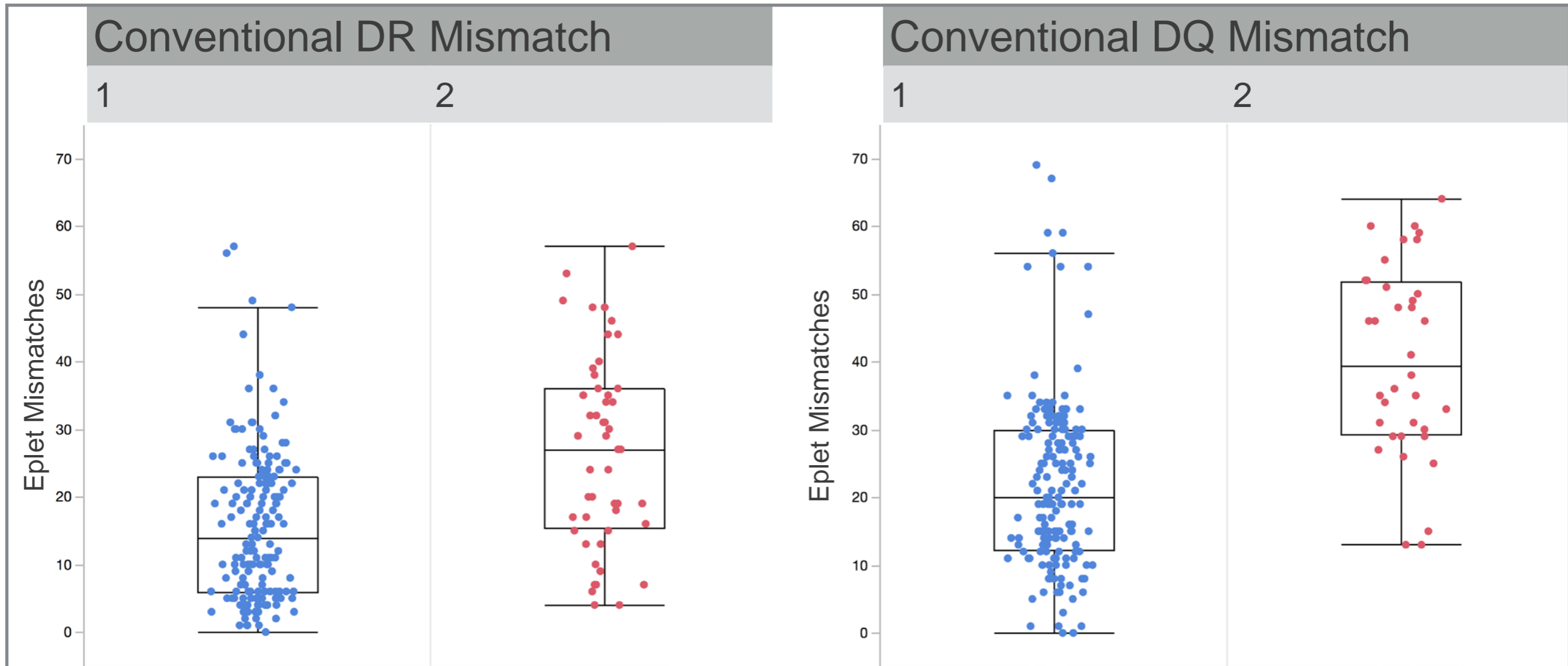
HLAMatchmaker Eplet Mismatch Assessment

Most Accurate with 4-digit HLA Typing data

Patient HLA	Donor HLA	mmEp	Mismatched Donor Eplets
DRB1*1101	DRB1*0405	11	,,12VKH,14HEH,,32FYH,34HQ,,57SA,,67LR,71QRA,,96YL,98EN,,120N,,180LT,,
DRB1*1302	DRB1*1119	1,67IR,.....
DRB3*0101	DRB3*0202	-
DRB3*0202	DRB4*0101	19	4Q,18L,12AKC,14CEH,16HLW,26WN,32IYN,,41YNL,48YQ,,67LR,71RRA,,81YV,85VV,96QM,98KN,
DQB1*0301	DQB1*0301	-
DQB1*0301	DQB1*0302	7	,14GM,,26L,,45GV,46GVY,,57PA,,,,,,,,,167RG,,185I,,
DQA1*0103	DQA1*0302	13	,,,25YS,34HE,41ER,,47EQL,48LF,50LF,52FRR,56RR,,,,,75IVR,80IRS,,,,,160DD,,175E,187T
DQA1*0505	DQA1*0505	-
DPB1*0301	DPB1*0201	-
DPB1*0201	DPB1*2301	3	,,,,,55AA,56AE,,,,,
DPA1*0103	DPA1*0103	-
DPA1*0103	DPA1*0103	-

CONTEXT (Donor – Recipient relatedness)

Conventional Whole Molecule HLA MM vs. Range of Eplet MM



Eplet MM is an Independent Predictor for *de novo* Class II DSA

Model	HLA Loci	Predictors	Odds Ratio (per unit change)	p value
Clinical Predictors	HLA-DR	Non-Adherence	6.0 (2.1-17.0)	p<0.001
		HLA-DR Eplet Mismatch Load	1.06 (1.03-1.10)	p<0.001
		Clinical Rejection Preceding <i>dn</i> DSA	2.6 (1.5-4.6)	p<0.001
	HLA-DQ	Non-Adherence	8.5 (3.6-20.0)	p<0.001
		HLA-DQ Eplet Mismatch Load	1.04 (1.0-1.02)	p<0.001
		Younger Age	1.03 (1.0-1.10)	p<0.01

* Odds ratios with 95% Confidence Intervals

Immunogenicity: **Electrostatic Potentials of HLA Epitopes**

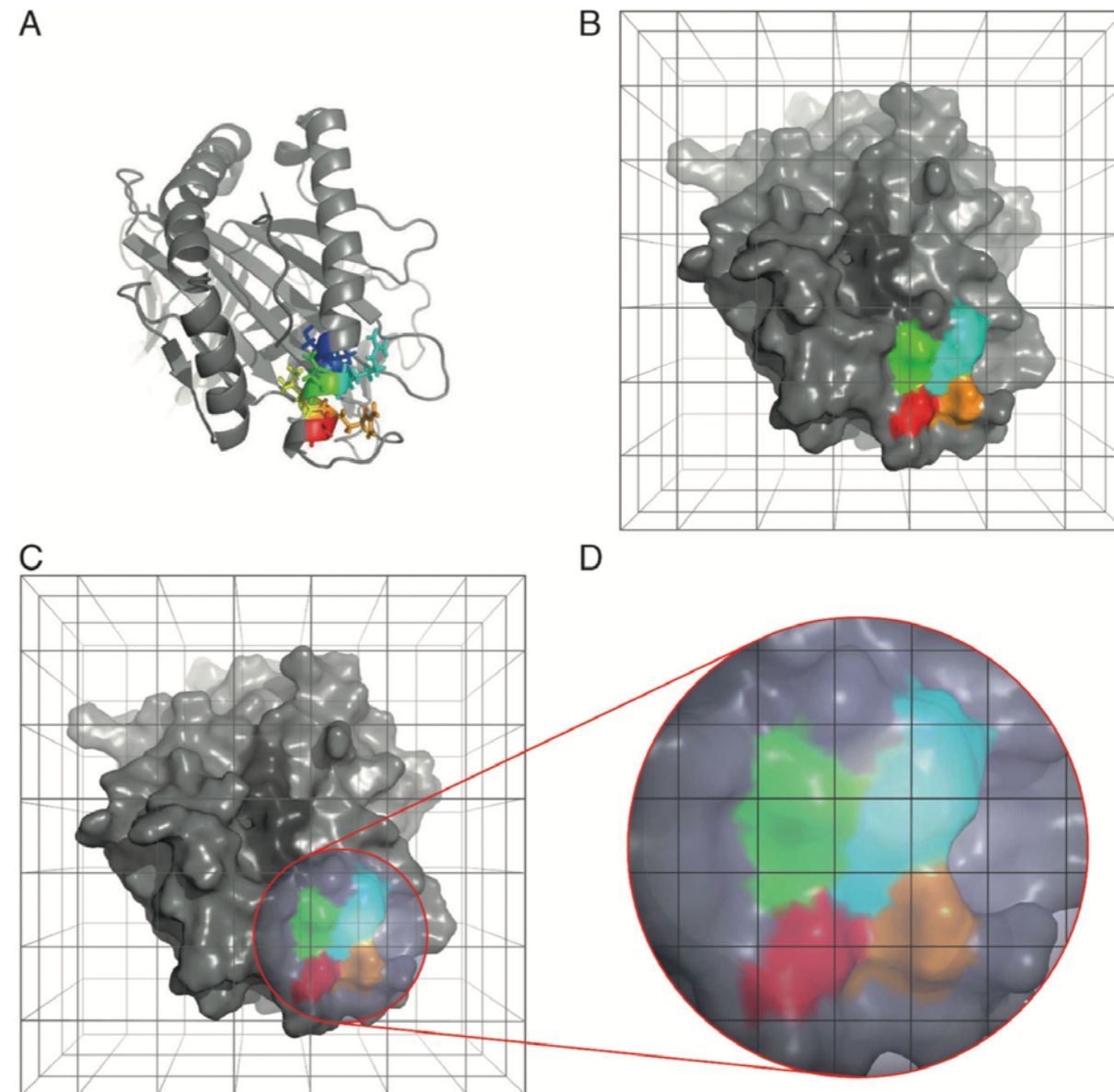


FIGURE 1. Schematic representation of the method used to quantitate the surface electrostatic potential of the Bw4 and Bw6 epitopes expressed on HLA class I molecules. The HLA class I molecule is depicted in gray and the Bw4 or Bw6 epitope is highlighted in color. A, Atomic resolution 3-dimensional structural models of common HLA-A and HLA-B alleles that express the Bw4 or Bw6 epitope were created. B, The electrostatic potential in the 3-dimensional space around each HLA class I model was calculated by solving the linearized Poisson-Boltzmann equation, as implemented in APBS, for a cubic grid with sides of 353 points spaced 0.33Å apart. C and D, To enable selective electrostatic potential comparison of the Bw4 and Bw6 epitopes, a virtual sphere of interest (10Å in radius) was created to encompass the canonical Bw4/Bw6 motif. Quantitative comparisons of the electrostatic potential of the Bw4/Bw6 epitope were made for each HLA allele by comparing electrostatic potential at analogous grid points within the sphere of interest.

Predicting Class II DSA development after Graft Loss

Mismatch evaluation methods appear equivalent

Odds ratio (95% CI) on developing HLA donor-specific antibodies (MFI > 2000)

	Variable	OR (95% CI)	p-value
Amino Acid Mismatch	HLA-DRB1/3/4/5		
	AMS (per 10 AA MM)	5.42 (2.23, 15.01)	<0.001
	Dual agent immunosuppression	0.05 (0.01, 0.21)	<0.001
	Time on the waiting list (per year)	1.00 (0.83, 1.19)	0.96
Eplet Mismatch	EpMS (per 10 eplet MM)	6.30 (2.30, 19.30)	<0.001
	Dual agent immunosuppression	0.06 (0.01, 0.23)	<0.001
	Time on the waiting list (per year)	0.98 (0.82, 1.17)	0.83
Electrostatic Mismatch	EMS (per 10 units)	2.77 (1.52, 5.52)	0.002
	Dual agent immunosuppression	0.06 (0.01, 0.24)	<0.001
	Time on the waiting list (per year)	0.94 (0.79, 1.11)	0.50
HLA-DQ	AMS (per 10 AA MM)	1.79 (1.19, 2.71)	0.005
	Dual agent immunosuppression	0.18 (0.01, 1.10)	0.12
	Time on the waiting list (per year)	0.91 (0.70, 1.15)	0.43
	EpMS (per 10 eplet MM)	1.99 (1.20, 3.47)	0.011
	Dual agent immunosuppression	0.17 (0.01, 1.00)	0.10
	Time on the waiting list (per year)	0.91 (0.71, 1.15)	0.45
	EMS (per 10 units)	1.46 (1.14, 1.90)	0.003
	Dual agent immunosuppression	0.17 (0.01, 1.01)	0.11
	Time on the waiting list (per year)	0.89 (0.69, 1.14)	0.37

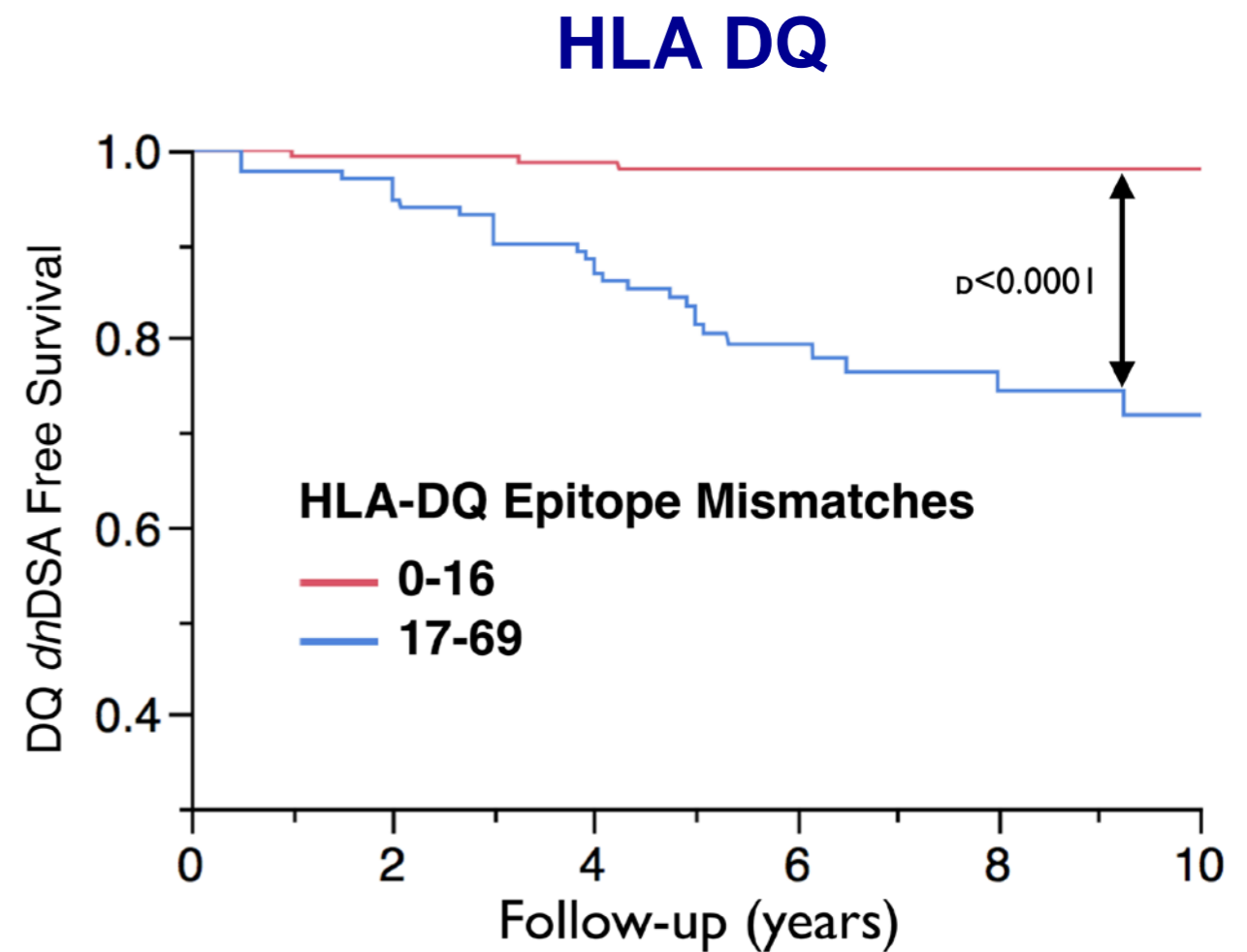
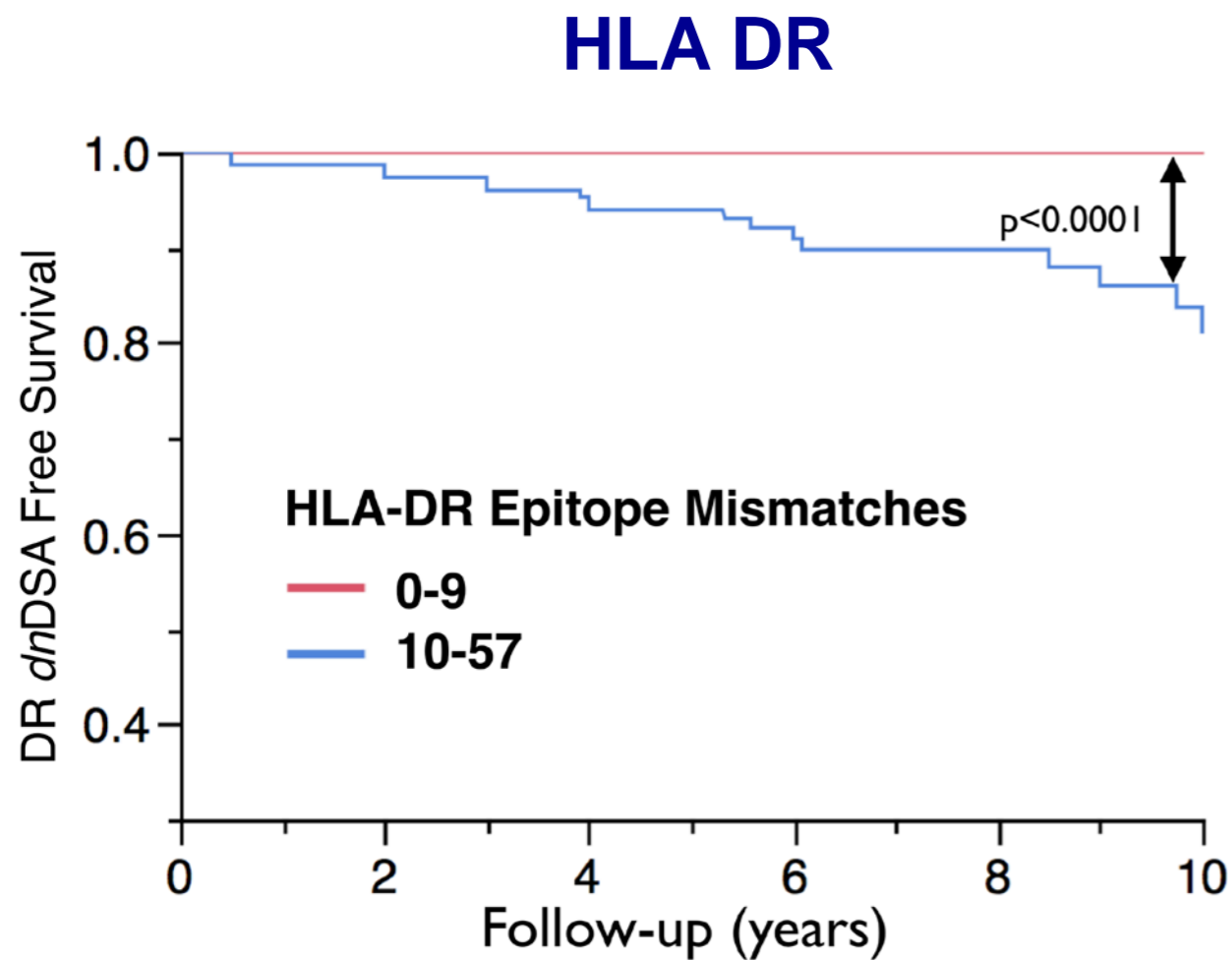


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HLA MISMATCHING – EPLET MM LOAD FOR RISK ASSESSMENT

Optimal HLA Eplet MM thresholds predictive of *de novo* DSA (ROC analysis)



HLA-DR and -DQ Eplet Mismatches and Transplant Glomerulopathy: A Nested Case–Control Study

R. Sapir-Pichhadze^{1,2,3,*†} K. Tinckam^{1,4},
K. Quach^{1,5}, A.G. Logan^{1,2,3}, A. Laupacis^{2,6},
R. John⁴, J. Beyene^{2,6,7} and S.J. Kim^{1,2,3,8}

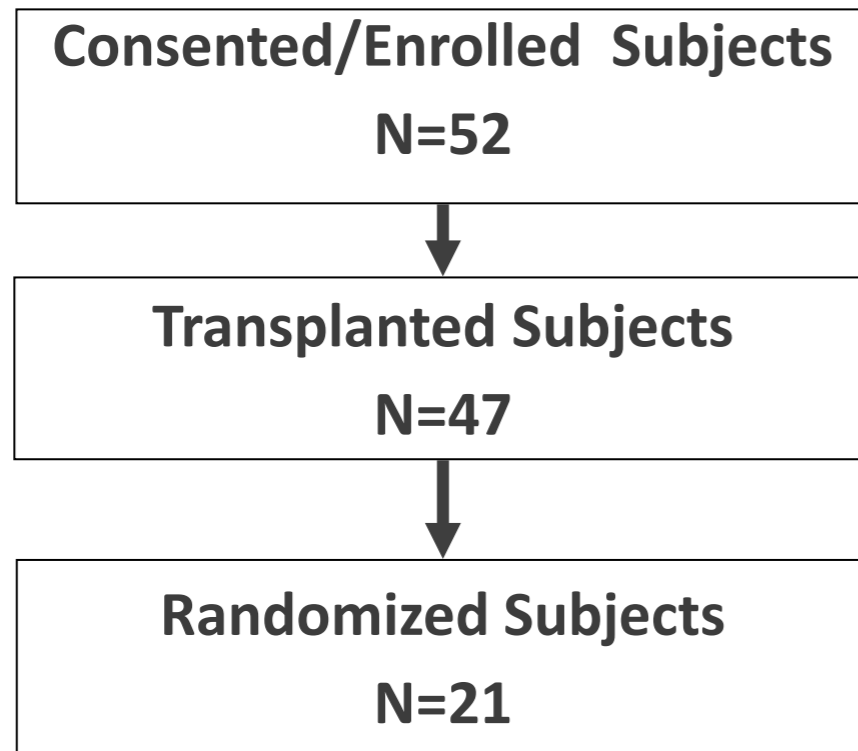
American Journal of Transplantation 2015; 15: 137–148

Odds Ratio of Developing TG based upon Total Eplet Threshold

	Univariate	Multivariate **
DR + DQ ≥ 36	2.01 [1.01-4.01]	3.21 [1.26-7.56]
DQ ≥ 18	1.50 [0.75,3.00] NS	2.42 [1.03,5.70]
DR ≥ 15	2.44 [1.16,5.12]	3.64 [1.42,9.37]

** Model includes Eplet exposure, recipient age, sex, peak PRA, race, induction and donor type.

Tacrolimus withdrawal in *Immune Quiescent* Kidney Transplant Recipients (CTOT-09)



Primary Living Donor Transplants

- No DSA
- PRA <30%
- Thymo, Tacrolimus, MMF, Prednisone

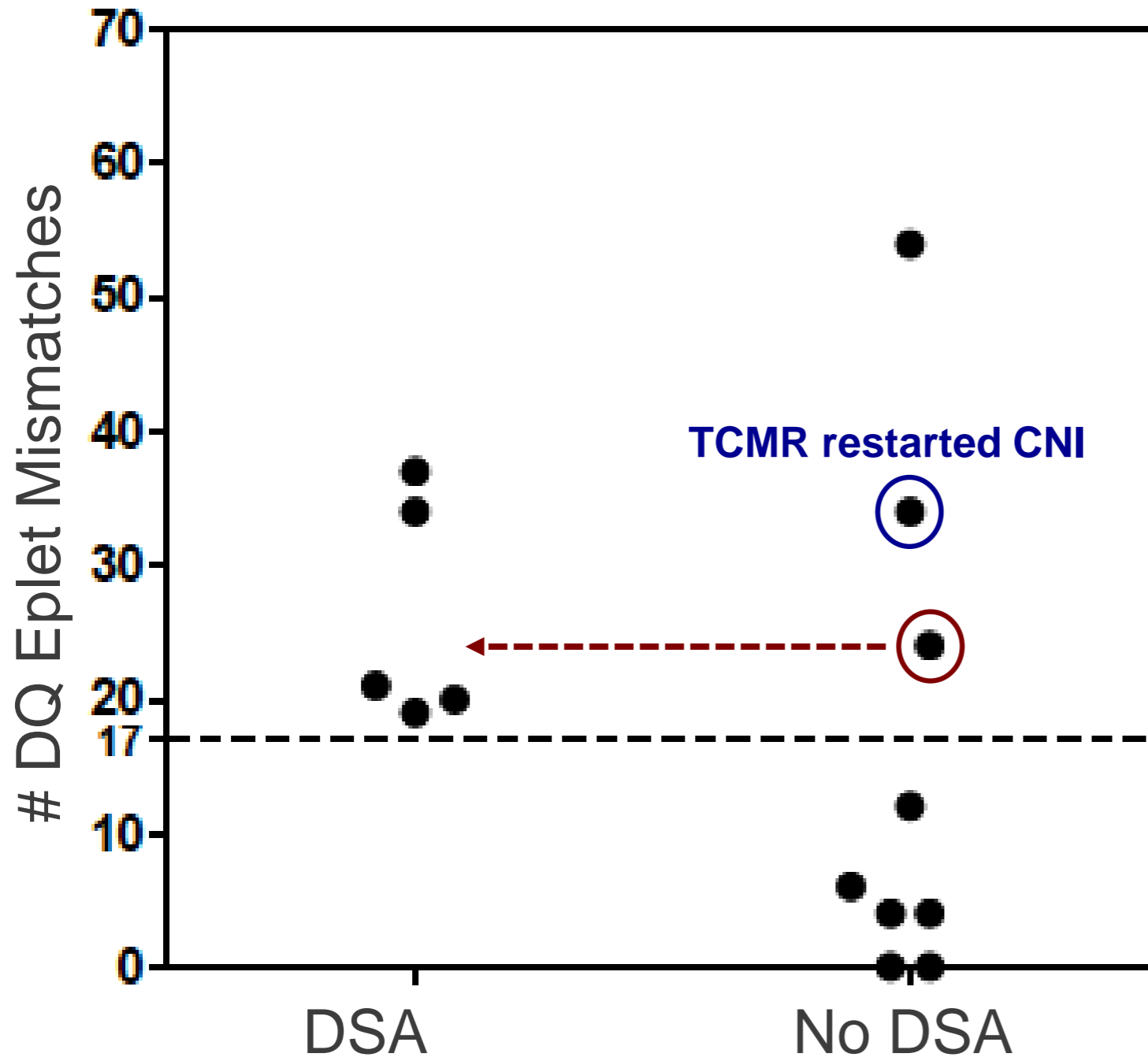
0 to 6 mo course: No Acute Rejection
6 mo Protocol Biopsy: Normal Histology
6 mo Antibody Screen: No DSA

Tacrolimus tapered over 3 months

Trial Halted by DSMB

Quiescence ≠ Low Risk to Minimize

Tacrolimus withdrawal in *Immune Quiescent* Kidney Transplant Recipients (CTOT-09)



De novo DQ DSA associated with high Eplet MM load (≥ 17)

5/8 in Tac withdrawal
($P=0.0310$)

6/8 in longer follow-up
($P=0.0096$)

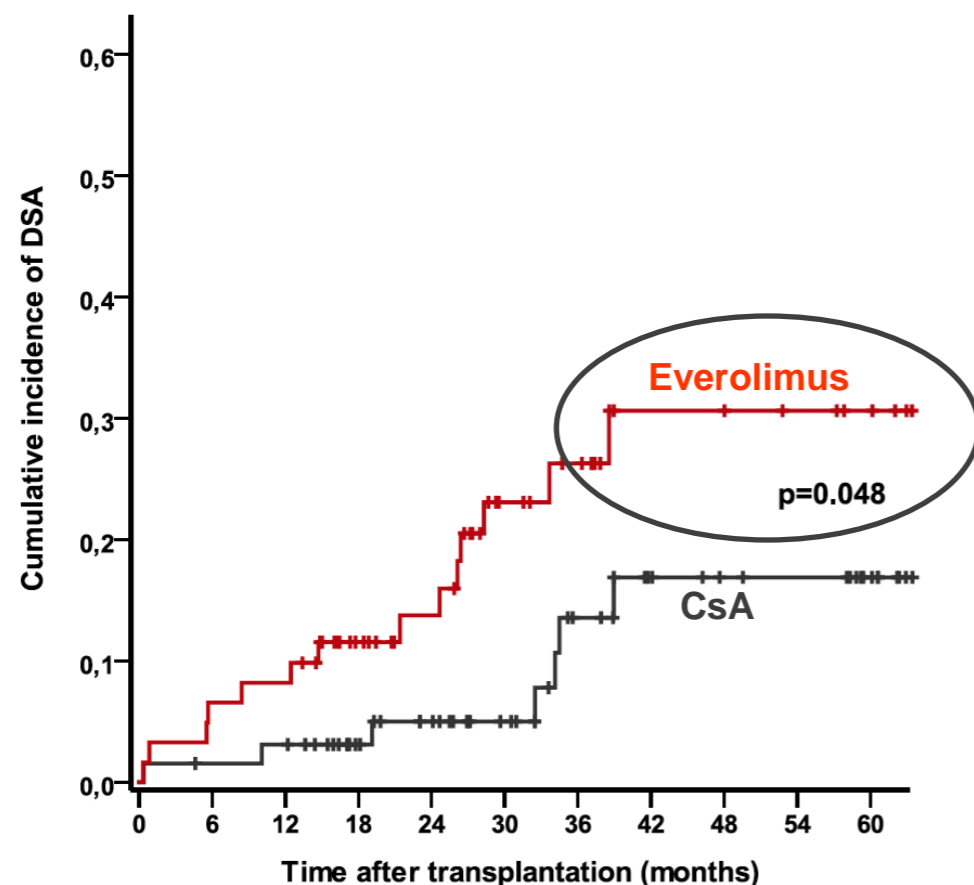
Donor-Specific HLA Antibodies in a Cohort Comparing Everolimus with Cyclosporine After Kidney Transplantation

L. Liefeldt^{a,†,*}, S. Brakemeier^{a,†}, P. Glander^a,
J. Waiser^a, N. Lachmann^b, C. Schönemann^b,
B. Zukunft^a, P. Illigens^a, D. Schmidt^a, K. Wu^{a,c},
B. Rudolph^c, H.-H. Neumayer^a and K. Budde^a

AJT (2012) 12:1192-1198

Anti-CD25 Induction + CsA + MMF + Pred

Patients switched from CsA to Everolimus at 3.0 to 4.5 months post-transplant have an increased incidence of *de novo* DSA and ABMR



DR *dn*DSA n=6

DQ *dn*DSA n=24,

**DQ eplet MM 14.3 vs. 7.4,
p<0.0001**

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Abstract #279 R. Snanoudj et al.

Predictive Patterns of Early Medication Adherence in Renal Transplantation

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MEMS

(Medication Event Monitoring System)

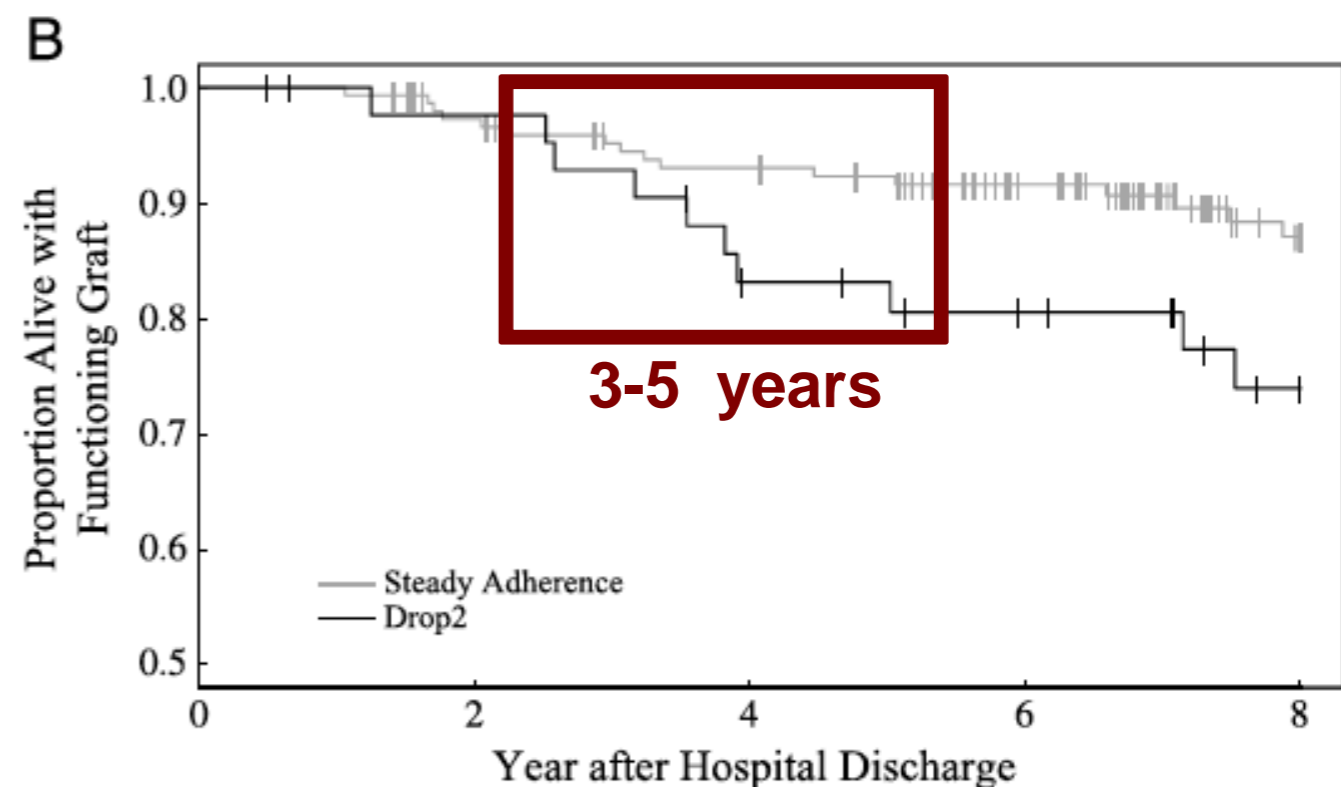
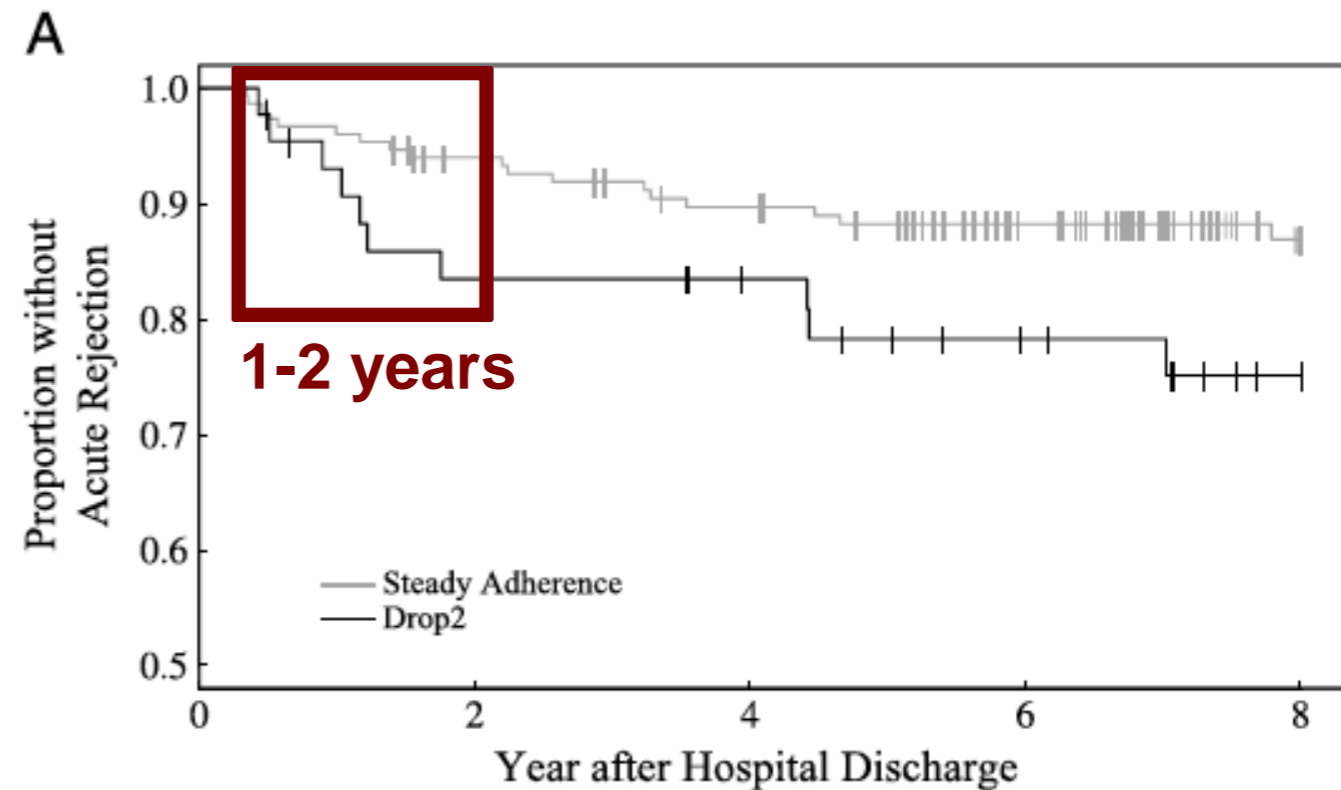
195 patients

- **44 (22.6%)** decreased adherence by 7% or more in **month 2** post tx

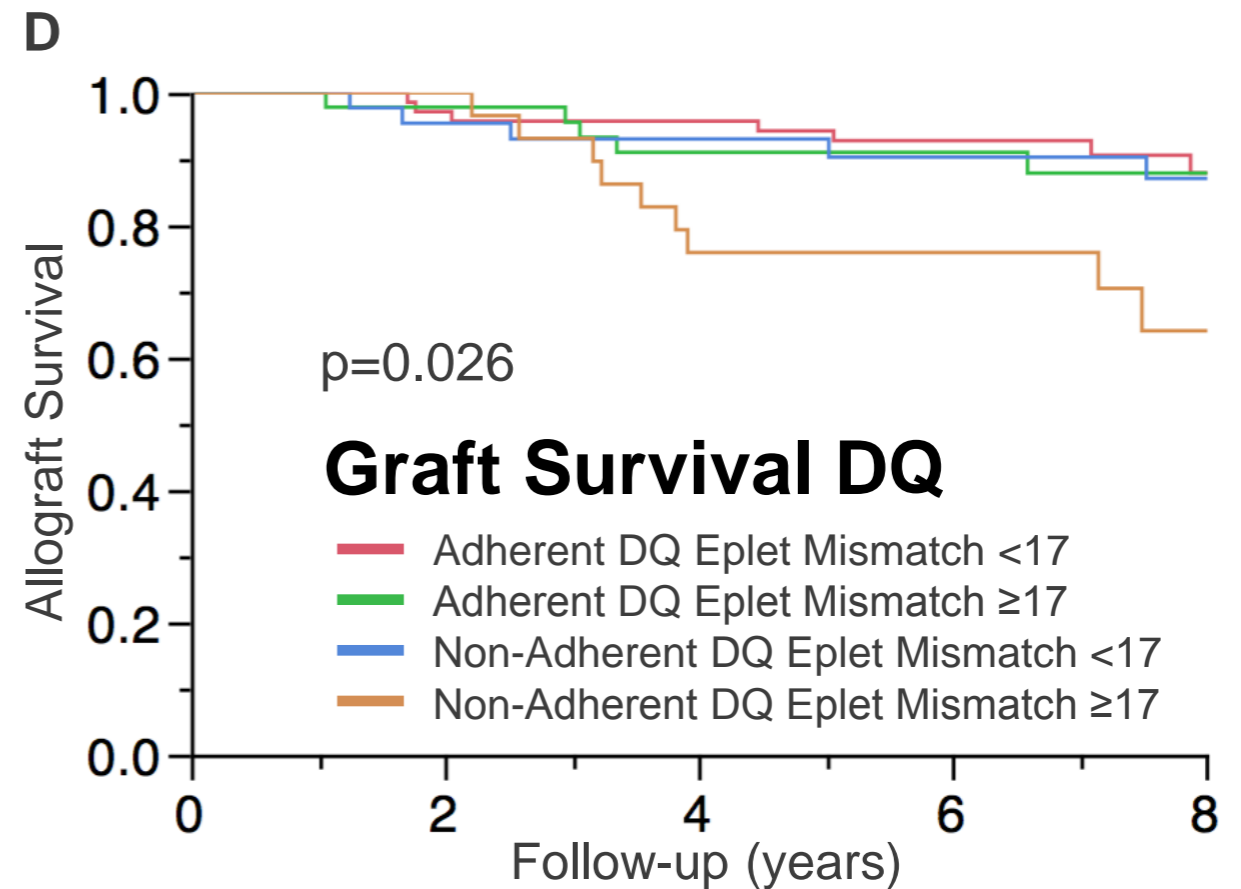
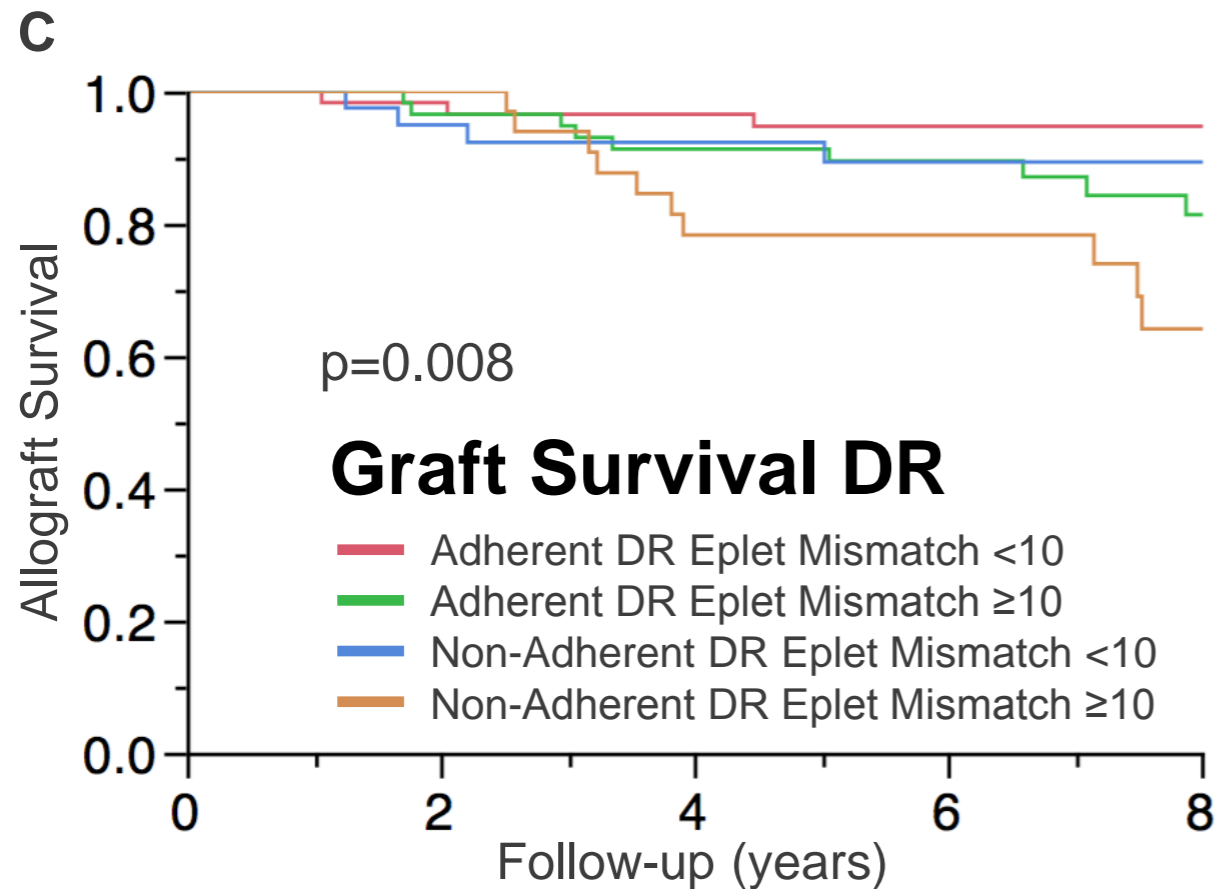
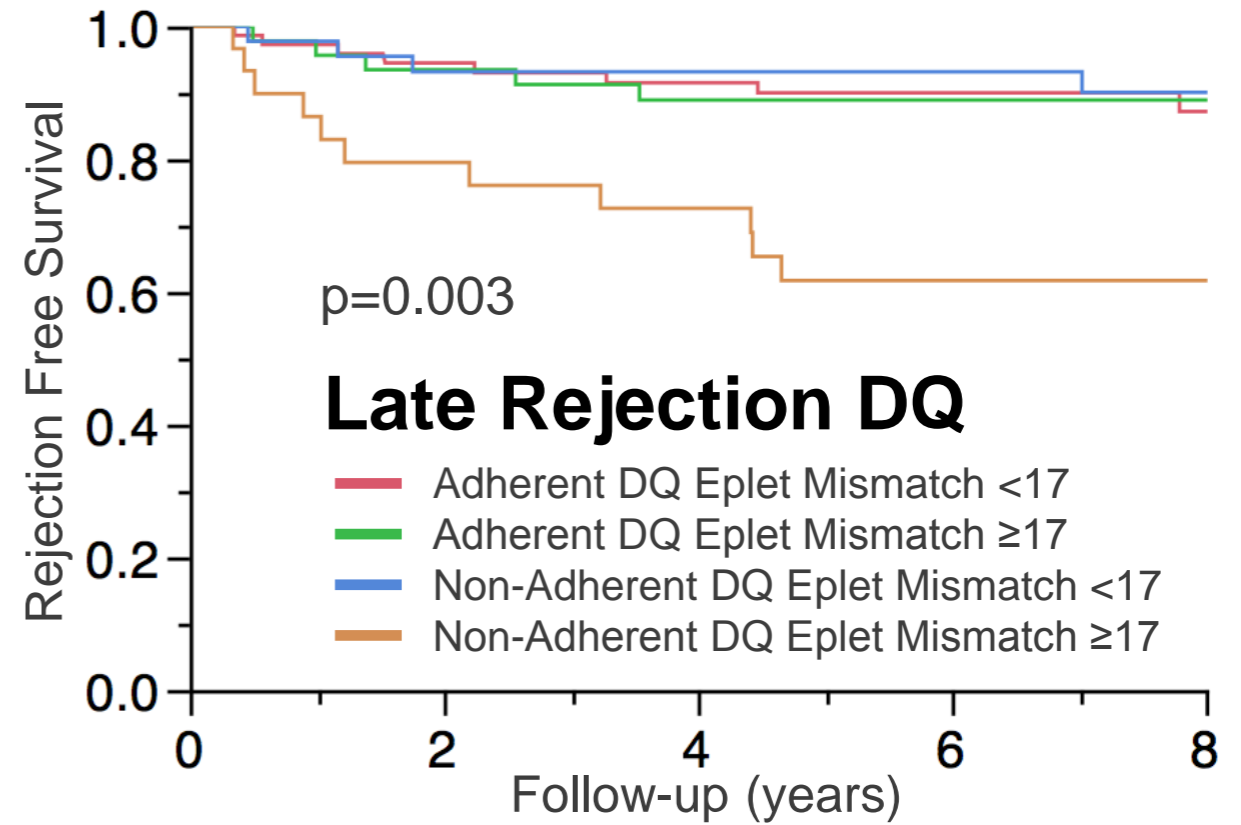
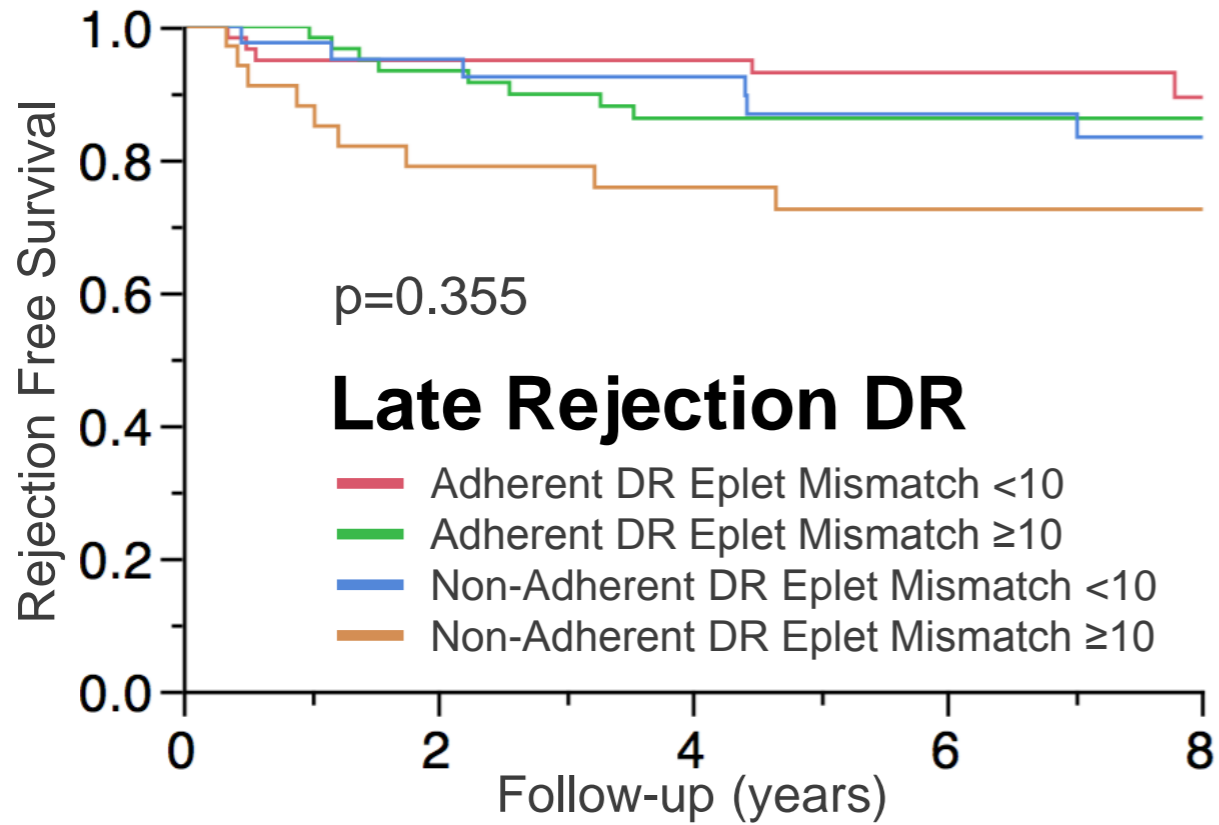
→ **Late Acute Rejection**

→ **Early Graft Loss**

Transplantation (2014) 98:878-884



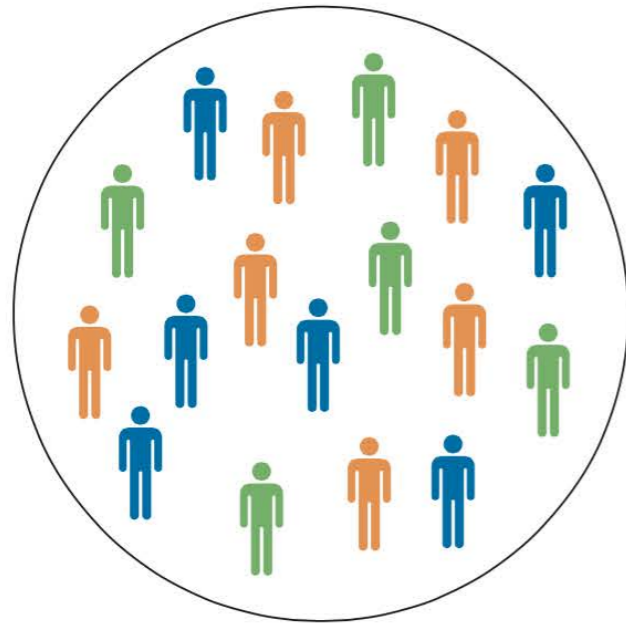
Synergy of Non-Adherence and Eplet MM Load



Empirical medicine

Stratified medicine

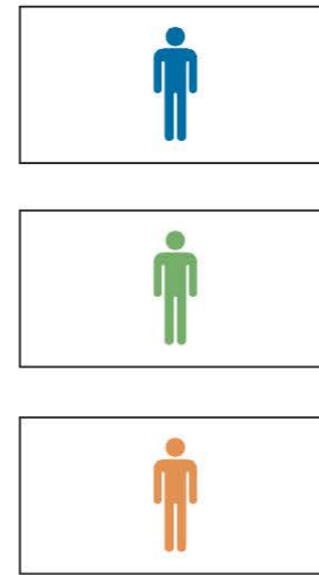
Personalized medicine



HLA Mismatch

Low
Allocation Points
(2 points – 0 DR MM)

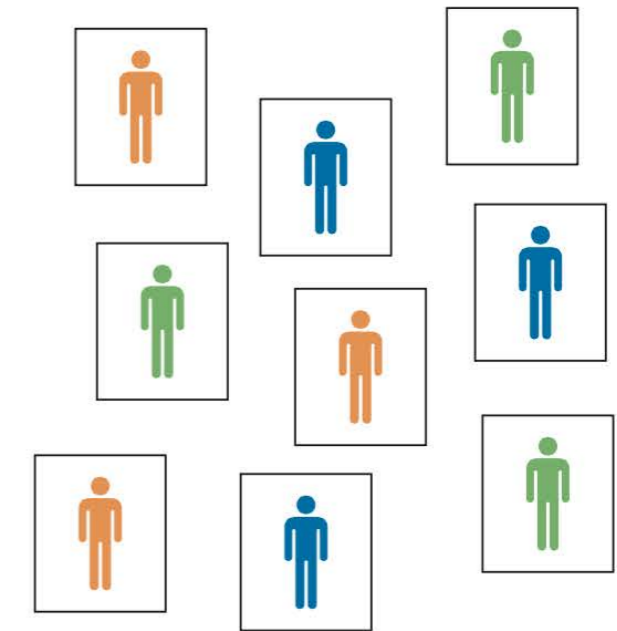
Same Treatment for All



DR or DQ
Eplet MM Load
Electrostatic MM

Low (both)
Allocation Points
Minimization ???

High (either)
Avoid Minimization



DR or DQ
Immunogenic Epitopes

Immunodominant
Avoid or Low Priority

Avoid Minimization

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