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UPDATE: In April 2010, the WHO Nomenclature Committee for Factors of the HLA System introduced a modification of the nomenclature outlined in the manual; the new nomenclature introduces delimiters in the form of colons, which removes the restriction of only allowing 99 alleles in 1 group. Hence the former HLA-DQB1*0503 is now expressed as HLA-DQB1*05:03 (Tait BD. The ever-expanding list of HLA alleles: changing HLA nomenclature and its relevance to clinical transplantation. *Transplant Rev [Orlando]*. 2011;25[1]:1-8.). This change was made March 29, 2011. [I]n transplantation, Histocompatibility Leads to Acceptance; in anthropology, Human populations are Located by Allelic variation; in