| IMPUTABILITY GRADE | CRITERIA FOR INFECTIOUS AND MALIGNANT TRANSMISSIONS ADAPTED FROM DTAC (1) | ADAPTED FROM EUSTITE-SOHO V&S (2) AND PROPOSED STANDARD DEFINITIONS FOR SURVEILLANCE OF NON INFECTIOUS ADVERSE TRANSFUSION REACTIONS (3) | ADAPTED FROM EUSTITE - SOHO V&S IN ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECNOLOGIES (2) |
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| Not Assessable | Insufficient data for imputability assessment | Insufficient data for imputability assessment | Insufficient data for imputability assessment |
| Excluded | Suspected transmission and fulfillment of at least one of the following conditions: - Clear evidence of an alternative cause; - The appropriate diagnostic tests performed have failed to document infection by the same pathogen in any recipient from the same donor; Laboratory evidence that the recipient was infected with the same pathogen or had a tumor before the application of organs, tissues or cells. | Conclusive evidence beyond reasonable doubt that the adverse occurrence can be attributed to causes other than the transfusion of blood components or transplantation of tissues/cells | Conclusive evidence beyond reasonable doubt for attributing to alternative causes than the ART process |
| Possible | Suspected transmission and: - Laboratory evidence of the pathogen or tumor in a single recipient, or Suspected transmission and: - Laboratory evidence of the pathogen or tumor in a single recipient or - Data suggest a transmission but are insufficient to confirm it. | The evidence is indeterminate for attributing the adverse occurrence either to the quality/safety of tissues/cells/blood components (for recipients), to the donation process (for donors), or to alternative causes | Evidence is indeterminate |

| Likely/Probable | The following two conditions are met: - Suspected transmission and - Laboratory evidence of the pathogen or the tumor in a recipient. And it meets at least one of the following conditions: - Laboratory evidence of the same pathogen or tumor in other recipients; - Laboratory evidence of the same pathogen or tumor in the donor; If there is pre-transplant laboratory evidence, such evidence must indicate that the same recipient was negative for the pathogen involved before transplantation. | The evidence is clearly in favour of attributing the adverse occurrence to the quality/safety of tissues/cells/blood components (for recipients) or to the donation process (for donors) | The evidence is in favour of attributing to the ART process |
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| Definite/Certain; Proven | All the following conditions are met: - Suspected transmission; - Laboratory evidence of the pathogen or the tumor in a recipient; - Laboratory evidence of the same pathogen or tumor in other recipients (if multiple recipients); - Laboratory evidence of the same pathogen or tumor in the donor; - If there is a pre-transplant laboratory evidence, it should be noted that the same recipient was negative for the pathogen before transplantation | The evidence is conclusive beyond reasonable doubt for attributing the adverse occurrence to the quality/safety of tissues/cells/ blood components (for recipients) or to the donation process (for donors) | Conclusive evidence beyond reasonable doubt for attributing to the ART process |

- (1) An Update on Donor-Derived Disease Transmission in Organ Transplantation, M. G. Ison, and M. A. Nalesnik. American Journal of Transplantation 2011; 11: 1123–1130
- (2) SOHO V&S Guidance for Competent Authorities: Communication and Investigation of Serious Adverse Events and Reactions associated with Human Tissues and Cells http://www.notifylibrary.org/sites/default/files/SOHO%20V%26S%20Communication%20and%20Investigation%20Guidance.pdf
- (3) Proposed standard definitions for surveillance of non infectious adverse transfusion reactions, incorporating correction to TRALI definition (as adopted June 2013). ISBT Working Party on Haemovigilance

http://www.notifylibrary.org/sites/default/files/Proposed%20Definitions%20for%20surveillance%20of%20non%20infectious%20adverse%20transfusion%20reactions%202011-2013_0.pdf