Sir,
As discussed by Sommerer et al. [1] in their recent comprehensive review of living kidney donation, a negative anti-donor T- and B-cell crossmatch is essential before proceeding with transplantation, but this is essential only immediately pretransplant. Successful desensitization to HLA antigens—allowing subsequent transplantation—is now being performed in many centres including our own with various combinations of intravenous IgG, plasmapheresis, mycophenolate mofetil and tacrolimus. Reported short and medium term outcomes are encouraging [2,3].

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