Initial Data:

GH, a 23-year-old female, is scheduled for orthopedic surgery on her hip. She was born with congenital hip malformations. This will be her third surgical procedure to repair the joint; her last surgery was 1 year ago. Each of the two prior surgeries required transfusion of 2 units of Red Blood Cells (RBCs). Her physician has ordered 2 units to be available for this procedure.

ABO and RH Typing:

	Reverse (Serum) Typing					
Anti-A	Anti-B	Anti-D	A ₁ Cells	B Cells		
0	0	4+	4+	4+		

Antibody Detection Test (Screen):

	RH					MNS			LU P		Р	Lewis		Kell		Duffy		Kidd		Gel		
	D	С	E	С	е	f	M	N	S	S	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	P ₁	Lea	Leb	K	k	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jkb	IAT
1	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	3+
2	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0

1. What is GH's ABO type?

- A. Group O.
- B. Group A.
- C. Group B.
- D. Group AB.

Feedback:

Response A is correct. Given her initial serologic data, GH's ABO typing can be interpreted as group O. In the forward typing, her red cells were nonreactive with both anti-A and anti-B, indicating the lack of both A and B antigens on the red cell surface. Strong plasma reactivity was seen with both A_1 and B cells. The presence of anti-A and anti-B is consistent with the forward type and an interpretation of group O.

2. What is GH's RH type?

- A. D+.
- B. D-.
- C. Weak D+.
- D. Cannot determine with the data provided.