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#	Section	Type of Comment (E-Editorial, T-Technical)	Comments	Proposed Resolution	Final Resolution
1	4.1	T	"blind reanalysis by a second practitioner, review by internal and/or external reviewers, or evaluation of the interpretations by an external party." Substitute "and" for "or" as the review should allow for the possibility of each of these analyses. This is particularly necessary for occasions that call for a blind review.	"blind reanalysis by a second practitioner, review by internal and/or external reviewers, and evaluation of the interpretations by an external party."	Accept
2	4.2.1.1	T	"The goal of scientific identification methods is to systematically establish the consistency of antemortem and postmortem data in sufficient detail to justify the conclusion that they are or are not from the same individual." Consider adding "and state the confidence level and error probabilities" after "justify the conclusion"	"The goal of scientific identification methods is to systematically establish the consistency of antemortem and postmortem data in sufficient detail to justify the conclusion and state the confidence level and error probabilities that they are or are not from the same individual."	Reject with modification. The following has been added to the forward to apply to the entire document, "Anthropological interpretations regarding the individualizing nature of skeletal morphology, or other features visible in medical imaging can be supported by frequency data from published references if they are available. However, confidence levels and error probabilities for scientific identifications made using skeletal morphology typically cannot be calculated, as they vary based on the features examined in combination with the quality and type of ante- and postmortem data available."
3	4.2.1.1	E	"Analysts should consider possible internal and external sources of bias and establish and document procedures designed to mitigate these influences prior to conducting scientific identifications." Make clear both that bias should be minimized and that procedures should be documented.	"Analysts should consider possible internal and external sources of bias, design and implement procedures to mitigate any sources of bias prior to conducting scientific identifications and document those procedures".	Accept with modifications: "Analysts should consider possible internal and external sources of bias and develop, document, and implement procedures to mitigate any sources of bias prior to conducting scientific identifications."