

Table 1 Comparison of 5- and 10-minute centrifugation for preparing platelet-poor plasma: platelet count, prothrombin time, international normalized ratio and activated partial thromboplastin time values ($n = 46$)

Test	10 min @ 2000 g		5 min @ 3000 g		<i>t</i> -value	<i>P</i> -value
	Mean (SD)	Range	Mean (SD)	Range		
Platelets ($\times 10^9$ /L)	4 (2)	1-9	4 (2)	1-13	-1.70	0.29
Prothrombin time (s)	11.9 (0.52)	11.0-13.3	11.9 (0.54)	11.0-13.5	-1.06	0.29
International normalized ratio	1.01 (0.05)	0.93-1.10	1.01 (0.05)	0.93-1.20	-1.80	0.42
Activated partial thromboplastin time (s)	23.2 (1.40)	19.9-26.1	23.1 (1.40)	20.1-26.2	0.61	0.54

SD = standard deviation.