

**Table 1. Basic features and donor recruitment criteria of blood banks in Karachi**

Parameters		Number (%) of blood banks
<b>Basic Features of the blood bank</b>		
Blood bank premises	Independent (stand-alone)	18 (34)
	Attached with hospital	35 (66)
Haematologist on panel	Yes	33 (62.3)
	No	20 (37.7)
Standard operating procedures	Available	30 (56.6)
	Not available	23 (43.4)
Staff training	On job training	34 (64.2)
	Trained and qualified staff*	19 (35.8)
Routine activities	Donation	52 (98.1)
	Blood grouping/cross matching	53 (100)
	Screening	38 (71.7)
	Component preparation	27 (50.9)
Infection control team	Transfusion	28 (52.8)
	No	39 (73.6)
	Yes	14 (26.4)
<b>Donor selection and recruitment criteria</b>		
Mobile donor sessions	Yes	20 (37.7)
	No	33 (62.26)
Donor Selection	Voluntary only	30 (56.6)
	Family replacement only	22 (43.4)
Donor questionnaire	Available	48 (90.6)
	Not available	5 (9.4)
Donor Record	Available	48 (90.6)
	Not available	5 (9.4)

\*Those who have a diploma (formal training) for blood banking.