

TABLE 1. Monthly mean (\pm SD) Hb and reticulocyte counts

Variable	Prestudy	Week 4	Week 8	Week 12	Week 16	Week 20
Hb (g/L)	140 \pm 5	140 \pm 6	141 \pm 7	142 \pm 6	142 \pm 6	141 \pm 6
Reticulocyte count ($\times 10^9/\mu\text{L}$)	73 \pm 34	64 \pm 20	61 \pm 19	58 \pm 17	63 \pm 17	60 \pm 25