

Table. Hematocrit, Ret-He, and Iron Dosing on EPO

Cohort 1 (n=155)			Cohort 2 (n=61)		
Starting Hct	Highest Hct	Hct rise	Starting Hct	Highest Hct	Hct rise
26.7 (1.8)	31.8 (4.4)	5.1 (4.3)	27.4 (1.6)	33.5 (3.4)	6.2 (3.3)*
Starting Ret-He	Ending Ret-He	RHdrop	Starting Ret-He	Ending Ret-He	RHdrop
31 (29, 33)	26 (25, 29)**	5 (2, 6)	31 (28, 32)	26 (24, 28)**	4 (2, 6)
Starting iron dose	Average iron dose	Highest iron dose	Starting iron dose	Average iron dose	Highest iron dose
5.4 (4.8, 5.8)	6 ^a	6 ^a	6 (6, 6)***	6.7 (6, 7.5)	8 (6,8)
<p><i>Cohort 1 – all babies received 6 mg/kg Fe during EPO course; Cohort 2 – babies start at 6 mg/kg when started on EPO and increase 2 mg/kg weekly if Ret-He<29 to maximum of 12 mg/kg</i></p> <p><i>Variables that were normally distributed are presented as mean (SD) and those that were not normally distributed are presented as median (IQR)</i></p> <p><i>^amaximum before protocol change</i></p> <p><i>*P<0.1 by t-test compared with cohort 1</i></p> <p><i>**P<0.0001 by Wilcoxon rank sum test compared with starting Ret-He</i></p> <p><i>***P<0.001 Wilcoxon rank sum test compared with cohort 1</i></p>					