## Supplementary Table 2 Occurrence of blood transfusion

| Index               | EPIAO® (N=72) | EPREX® (N=77) | P-value |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Blood transfusion, n (%) |               |               | >0.99   |
| Yes                 | 1 (1.39)      | 2 (2.60)      |         |
| No                  | 71 (98.61)    | 75 (97.40)    |         |