Table 1 ROP findings in preterm neonates receiving adult-RBC or CB-RBC transfusions

Patients	Gestational age (weeks)	Birth weight (grams)	ROP (stage)	Transfusion regimen	Number of transfusions
1	30.7	1430	No	Cord blood	1
2	28.1	860	Yes (1)	Adult	1
3	23.3	580	Yes (3)	Cord blood	5
4	27.3	1000	Yes (1)	Adult	1
5	28.1	1170	Yes (2)	Adult	1
6	26.6	860	Yes (1)	Adult	1
7	27.6	700	Yes (1)	Adult	1
8	26.1	650	Yes (3)	Adult	4
9	27.6	1060	Yes (2)	Adult	1
10	25.6	745	Yes (3)	Adult	4
11	30.9	825	No	Cord blood	1
12	26.0	570	Yes (2)	Cord blood	2
13	27.1	910	Yes (1)	Cord blood	2
14	28.4	770	Yes (3)	Cord blood	5[a]

[a]This patient received two CB-RBC units and three adult-RBC units. Abbreviation as indicated in the text

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We read the work of Teofili et al with interest. In our study we found an association between low foetal haemoglobin levels (HbF) levels and retinopathy of prematurity, but further work is required to identify a causal or predictive link. In addition, to optimising initial haemoglobin levels through delayed cord clamping when possible, managing anaemia with HbF-rich cord blood transfusions is an interesting proposition.

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