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INTERCEPT® Blood System for Platelets - Package Insert – Large Volume (LV) Processing Set

DESCRIPTION

The INTERCEPT® Blood System for Platelets is intended for the ex vivo treatment and storage of platelet components. The system is used to inactivate a broad range of pathogens, including viruses¹⁻¹⁰, bacteria, and protozoan parasites¹¹⁻¹⁵, thus reducing the risk of transfusion-transmitted infections. Contaminating donor leukocytes are also inactivated by the INTERCEPT treatment, reducing the risk of transfusion-associated graft versus host disease (TA-GVHD).¹⁶⁻²⁰

The INTERCEPT Blood System for platelets is a Class IV medical device consisting of single-use processing sets containing amotosalen solution (INTERCEPT Processing Sets) and an illumination device (INTERCEPT Illuminator INT100, software version 6.1), which provides a controlled dose of ultraviolet A (UVA) light for each treatment. Platelet components treated with the INTERCEPT Blood System are referred to as INTERCEPT Platelets.

The INTERCEPT Blood System for platelets is available in several processing set configurations. This package insert describes information specific for the Large Volume (LV) processing set.

The LV set includes one final platelet storage container and is used for the treatment and storage of single dose platelet concentrates. The Instructions for Use section describes the platelet unit specifications required for treatment using this processing set. The key components of the LV set are as follows:

- Amotosalen container with 17.5 mL of 3 mM amotosalen solution in 0.924% saline
- Illumination container for treatment in INTERCEPT Illuminator
- Compound Adsorption Device (CAD) for removal of residual amotosalen and free photoproducts
- Platelet storage container

The INTERCEPT Illuminator delivers a controlled amount of UVA light (wavelength 320 to 400 nm) to the illumination container during each treatment cycle. The machine has the capability of illuminating 1 or 2 INTERCEPT processing sets per treatment cycle. Each illumination container rests on a UVA transparent tray that undergoes horizontal agitation during the illumination process. UVA illumination in each chamber is provided by 2 opposing banks of fluorescent lamps mounted above and below the illumination tray, and is monitored by independent photodiode systems which integrate the UVA dose. The INTERCEPT Illuminator delivers a 3 Joules/cm² (J/cm²) UVA treatment within approximately 3 to 4 minutes. Upon completion of the illumination step, the platelets are transferred to the bag containing the CAD and agitated for 6-24 hours, depending on the platelet suspension medium, at 22°C ± 2°C. At the completion of the CAD incubation, the platelets are transferred by gravity flow to the storage container and are ready for transfusion.

PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The INTERCEPT treatment process utilizes the synthetic psoralen known as amotosalen (also referred to as S-59; structure shown in **Figure 1** below). Psoralens are a class of planar, aromatic molecules that can bind reversibly to nucleic acids by intercalation. Upon illumination with long wavelength UVA light, intercalated psoralens form monoadducts and interstrand crosslinks with RNA and DNA.²¹ The result is permanent, irreparable adducts in DNA and RNA, which prevent replication of pathogens and leukocytes.²¹ The intercalation, illumination and crosslinking mechanism of action is shown in **Figure 2**.

Figure 1 Amotosalen: C₁₆H₁₉NO₄

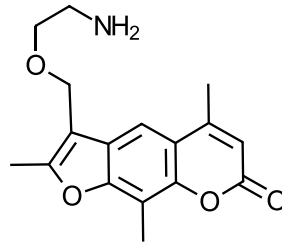
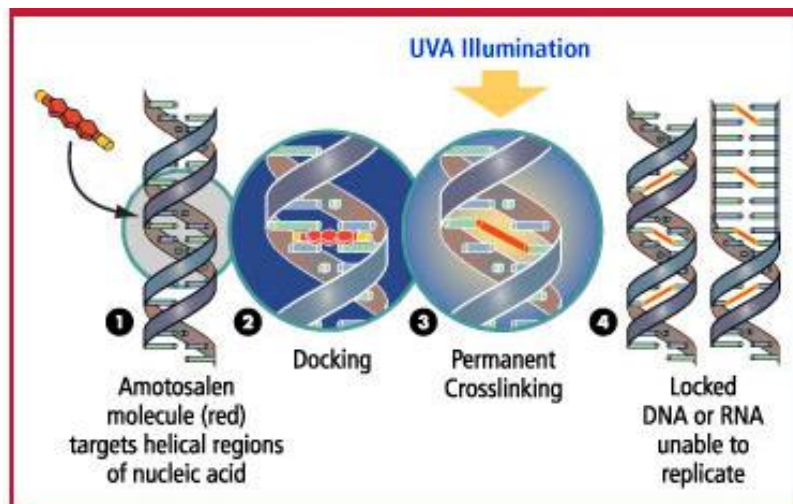


Figure 2 Amotosalen Mechanism of Action



INDICATIONS AND USAGE

The INTERCEPT Blood System for platelets is intended to be used for the ex vivo preparation of pathogen-reduced, whole blood derived buffy coat platelet or apheresis platelet components in order to reduce the risk of transfusion-transmitted infection (TTI).

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Contraindicated for preparation of platelet components intended for patients with a history of hypersensitivity reaction to amotosalen or other psoralens.
- Contraindicated for preparation of platelet components intended for neonatal patients treated with phototherapy devices that emit a peak energy wavelength less than 425 nm, or have a lower bound of the emission bandwidth <375 nm, due to the potential for erythema resulting from interaction between ultraviolet light and amotosalen.

WARNINGS

Treatment with INTERCEPT Blood System does not replace applicable standards for processing in open and closed systems. If there is a leak in the set during processing, the platelet product must be discarded.

Amotosalen in contact with skin may result in photosensitization in the presence of ultraviolet light. If skin exposure occurs, flush exposed skin with water.

The sterile connecting device (SCD) and tube sealer should be used according to manufacturer's instructions for use.

While laboratory studies of amotosalen processing with UVA light have shown a reduction in levels of certain viruses, bacteria, and parasites, there is no pathogen inactivation process that has been shown to eliminate all pathogens.

Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) is known to be released from polyvinyl chloride (PVC) medical devices; increased leaching can occur with extended storage or increased surface area contact. The INTERCEPT processing sets only have tubing components, container ports and an in-line filter that contain PVC; all containers and other parts are PVC-free. During use of this processing set, blood components are in contact with PVC for a brief period of time (approx. <15 minutes). Based on limited surface area contact and minimal contact time, DEHP levels in blood components after use of the processing set are estimated to be well below those resulting from other medical applications containing PVC tubing (e.g., hemodialysis, intravenous fluid administration, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation and cardiopulmonary bypass procedures). The risks associated with DEHP released to the blood components must be weighed against the benefits of therapeutic transfusion and inactivation of harmful viruses, bacteria and other pathogens.

PRECAUTIONS

The INTERCEPT processing sets are intended for single-use. Do not reuse sets or components of sets.

Do not use if: tamper-evident package has been opened; signs of deterioration are visible; fluid path closures are loose or not intact; cannulae are broken; or there is no fluid in the amotosalen solution container.

All the following conditions must be met for pathogen inactivation:

- Platelet collection should be in accordance with blood bank practice.
- Platelets mixed with amotosalen must be exposed to UVA light using the INTERCEPT Illuminator. No other source of UVA light may be used. Please refer to the Operator's Manual for the INTERCEPT Illuminator.
- Platelets must be incubated with the CAD after illumination and prior to use. Refer to the Instructions for Use section for the appropriate minimum and maximum CAD incubation times.

The INTERCEPT Blood System can accommodate a range of platelet collection and processing technologies. However, regardless of the method of collection or processing, blood establishments need to adjust their practices to conform to defined product guard bands for input volume, treatment window times, and other key processing parameters.

Treat all blood products as though they contain an infectious agent. Follow institutional guidelines regarding the handling of infectious agents. Dispose of all materials used in the procedure as biohazardous waste.

ADVERSE EVENTS

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a product cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another product and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

As anticipated, a large number of adverse events (AEs) were reported in the clinical studies in patients with severe platelet-dependent thrombocytopenia, including patients treated for malignancy and patients undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). Most events were considered to be related to the primary disease treatment and/or the underlying disease and were not reported as related to the use of study platelets.

In the Phase 3/3B randomized controlled blinded trials enrolling patients repeatedly transfused with INTERCEPT Platelets prepared from single donor apheresis or pooled donor buffy coat products and stored for up to 5 days, adverse events were classified as possibly, probably, or related to the exposure to INTERCEPT Platelets.²⁴⁻²⁶ Those related adverse events observed in $\geq 5\%$ of patients included transfusion reactions (13%), blood alkaline phosphatase not otherwise specified (NOS) increased (5%), blood urea increased (5%) and petechiae (7%). Adverse reactions (defined as possibly or probably related to study transfusion) that occurred in ≥ 5 (1.25%) patients treated with INTERCEPT or conventional (control) platelets in these randomized clinical trials are summarized in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Related Adverse Events Occurring in ≥ 5 (1.25%) Patients Treated with INTERCEPT or Conventional (Control) Platelets in Randomized Phase 3/3B Clinical Trials

Event	INTERCEPT (n=392)	Control (n=399)	Event	INTERCEPT (n=392)	Control (n=399)
Any AE	103 (26%)	112 (28%)	Blood Lactate Dehydrogenase Increased	6 (2%)	5 (1%)
Febrile Neutropenia	5 (1%)	1 (<1%)	Blood Magnesium Decreased	15 (4%)	5 (2%)
Thrombocytopenia	4 (1%)	7 (2%)	Blood Urea Increased	18 (5%)	11 (3%)
Transfusion Reaction	51 (13%)	65 (16%)	Faecal Occult Blood Positive	15 (4%)	13 (3%)
Haematemesis	7 (2%)	8 (2%)	Weight Increased	7 (2%)	7 (2%)
Mouth Haemorrhage	8 (2%)	9 (2%)	Hypermagnesaemia	6 (2%)	4 (1%)
Injection Site Erythema	7 (2%)	8 (2%)	Hyperphosphataemia	12 (3%)	9 (2%)
Oedema Lower Limb	9 (2%)	6 (2%)	Hypocalcaemia	13 (3%)	7 (2%)
Pyrexia	11 (3%)	8 (2%)	Hypokalaemia	16 (4%)	11 (3%)
Rigors	15 (4%)	12 (3%)	Hyponatraemia	12 (3%)	6 (2%)
Hyperbilirubinaemia	6 (2%)	8 (2%)	Hypophosphataemia	10 (3%)	9 (2%)
Hypoproteinaemia	12 (3%)	13 (3%)	Headache NOS	1 (<1%)	6 (2%)
Jaundice NOS	7 (2%)	7 (2%)	Haematuria	17 (4%)	13 (3%)
Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time Prolonged	6 (2%)	3 (1%)	Dyspnoea NOS	6 (2%)	3 (1%)
Alanine Aminotransferase Increased	11 (3%)	9 (2%)	Epistaxis	14 (4%)	18 (5%)
Aspartate Aminotransferase Increased	15 (4%)	12 (3%)	Haemoptysis	7 (2%)	6 (2%)
Bilirubin Conjugated Increased	6 (2%)	5 (1%)	Hypoxia	6 (2%)	3 (1%)
Blood Alkaline Phosphatase NOS Increased	18 (5%)	13 (3%)	Pleural Effusion	5 (1%)	3 (1%)
Blood Bilirubin Increased	5 (1%)	5 (1%)	Contusion	16 (4%)	20 (5%)
Blood Carbon Dioxide Decreased	6 (2%)	5 (1%)	Dermatitis NOS	14 (4%)	9 (2%)
Blood Chloride Increased	4 (1%)	6 (2%)	Erythema Not Elsewhere Classified (NEC)	5 (1%)	8 (2%)
Blood Creatinine Increased	8 (2%)	6 (2%)	Petechiae	29 (7%)	17 (4%)
			Pruritus NOS	8 (2%)	9 (2%)
			Urticaria NOS	6 (2%)	4 (1%)
			Catheter Site Haemorrhage	7 (2%)	6 (2%)
			Refractoriness To Platelet Transfusion	15 (4%)	6 (2%)

Hemorrhage: Hemorrhagic AEs occurred in all studies, and generally consisted of mild mucosal-cutaneous bleeding. Clinically severe hemorrhagic AEs were observed at equivalent frequencies following administration of INTERCEPT or conventional platelets across the controlled clinical studies.

Clinical refractoriness to platelet transfusion: Clinical refractoriness to study platelet transfusions, defined as 2 consecutive study platelet transfusions with the 1-hour CCI $< 5 \times 10^3$, was monitored in the prospective phase 3/3B studies. In one study, there was a significantly higher rate of clinical refractoriness to platelet transfusions based on this definition [21.4% (68/318) with INTERCEPT Platelets compared to 7.0% (23/327) with conventional platelets]. Clinical refractoriness was transient and the frequency of persistent refractoriness was not increased with exposure to INTERCEPT Platelets.²⁵ There was no evidence of higher rates of immunologic refractoriness associated with INTERCEPT Platelets, and the higher rates seen in some instances were attributed to lower average platelet doses in INTERCEPT Platelets compared to reference platelet components, with resultant lower post-transfusion count increments. Persistent clinical refractoriness has not been reported in post-marketing studies.^{58,59}

Immunogenicity

2340 post-baseline plasma samples from a total of 412 subjects who received INTERCEPT Platelet transfusions in the prospective clinical studies were tested for the presence of antibodies to amotosalen or amotosalen-associated neoantigens. Four samples from two patients who received INTERCEPT Platelets prepared from buffy coat platelets were initially reactive, but other samples from these subjects were inconsistently reactive above the threshold, thus the reactivity was not considered to represent an immune response to amotosalen or amotosalen-associated neoantigens.²⁷

NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

Nonclinical studies have been conducted to evaluate the potential toxicity of exposure to amotosalen. There was no indication of a toxicological risk in animal experiments using INTERCEPT Platelets. In intravenous 28-day toxicity studies in rats and dogs exposed to amotosalen, the no observed adverse effect levels were at least 75,000- and 25,000-fold, respectively, the clinical exposure from transfusion of a platelet component.²⁸

Amotosalen was rapidly eliminated in mice and rats with an initial plasma $t_{1/2}$ of less than 1 hour. The primary route of excretion of amotosalen and its photoproducts was fecal. There was no evidence of amotosalen accumulation after repeated exposures over periods as long as 13 weeks.

In preliminary single dose studies, transient clinical effects were seen at very high doses of amotosalen (more than 150,000 times in rat and 30,000 times in dog the daily human exposure from a single platelet component) but no target organ toxicity was observed. In 7 day studies (rat and dog) and 14 day studies (rats), there was no evidence of any systemic toxicity following exposure to high doses of amotosalen (more than 75,000 times in rat and 30,000 times in dog the daily human exposure from a single platelet component).²⁸

In fertility studies of embryo-fetal or peri-postnatal development in rats and rabbits as well as in one study with neonatal rats, there was no evidence of reproductive or developmental toxicity of amotosalen.²⁹

There was no *in vivo* evidence of genotoxicity or carcinogenicity of amotosalen, including a study using the validated p53 knock-out mouse model. In the presence of mammalian hepatic metabolic activation, no evidence of *in vitro* mutagenicity of amotosalen was observed.³⁰

CLINICAL STUDIES

The safety and effectiveness of INTERCEPT Platelets were investigated in 11 controlled clinical studies and 2 single arm observational studies.^{24-26,31-43} A total of 1267 study subjects received INTERCEPT Platelets in the clinical studies; only the pivotal studies are presented.

INTERCEPT Platelets prepared from apheresis collections stored up to 5 days

- The SPRINT Trial was a randomized, controlled, double blind, parallel-group study to compare the therapeutic efficacy and safety of INTERCEPT apheresis platelet components to conventional apheresis platelet components using a non-inferiority design.^{22,25,43} The population selected for the study included patients with severe thrombocytopenia secondary to a spectrum of hematologic and non-hematologic malignancies, as well as other hematologic conditions associated with severe thrombocytopenia, who required platelet transfusion for prevention and/or treatment of active bleeding. The primary endpoint was the proportion of patients with Grade 2 bleeding during a period of platelet transfusion support up to 28 days. A total of 645 patients (318 Test, 327 Reference) were transfused and received a total of 4719 platelet transfusions (2678 Test, 2041 Reference). There were 186/318 (58.5%) patients in the Test group and 188/327 (57.5%) patients in the Reference group with Grade 2 bleeding. The primary efficacy endpoint of this study was met and non-inferiority of INTERCEPT Platelets confirmed using a non-inferiority margin of 12.5%. However, differences in the mean number of transfusions, average interval between transfusions, rates of refractoriness, mean days with Grade 2 bleeding and mean count increment and corrected count increment at 1 and 24 hours were all statistically significantly different favoring the control group. The observations of reduced count increments, more platelet concentrate transfusions, and shorter transfusion intervals in recipients of INTERCEPT Platelets may have been partly attributable to an increased frequency of lower platelet doses in INTERCEPT Platelets. The targeted platelet transfusion dose was 3.7×10^{11} . Sixty percent (60%) of the subjects in the INTERCEPT Platelet group received at least one platelet dose of less than 3×10^{11} compared to 36% in the control group. Additionally, subjects in the INTERCEPT Platelet group received off-protocol transfusions (32% vs. 15%) more often than the control group because of protocol violations.

There were no differences between treatment groups in the frequencies of Grade 3 and Grade 4 adverse events, serious adverse events, or mortality. Statistically significant differences for increased incidence of four adverse events of Grade 3 and Grade 4 severity were observed among recipients of INTERCEPT Platelets. These included: pneumonitis not otherwise specified (5 versus 0); ARDS (5 versus 0); hypocalcemia (21 versus 8); and syncope (6 versus 0). A subsequent blinded, retrospective analysis of patients with clinically significant pulmonary adverse events ($n = 148$) demonstrated no significant increase in incidence of acute lung injury (ALI), including ARDS.²³ However a trend of increased ARDS in the patients receiving INTERCEPT Platelets remained.

- A randomized, double-blind, controlled, parallel-group trial was conducted to evaluate the therapeutic efficacy and safety of apheresis INTERCEPT Platelets prepared with the commercial INTERCEPT system compared to conventional apheresis platelet concentrates.²⁶ The study was designed as a difference study to characterize any potential differences between INTERCEPT Platelets and conventional apheresis platelet concentrates. The population selected for the study were patients receiving platelet transfusions for thrombocytopenia due to malignancy or myelosuppressive therapy for malignancy. The primary endpoint was the 1-hour platelet count increment. A total of 43 patients (22 Test, 21 Reference) were enrolled at 3 study centers, and a total of 218 platelet components were transfused (103 Test and 115 Reference). The 1-hour post transfusion platelet count increment was lower, on average by 7.2×10^{11}

platelets for INTERCEPT Platelets compared to conventional apheresis platelet concentrates based on a longitudinal regression analysis model.

INTERCEPT Platelets from pooled whole blood derived buffy coat concentrates stored up to 5 days

- The euroSPRITE trial was a randomized, controlled, double blind, parallel-group trial designed to evaluate the therapeutic efficacy and safety of INTERCEPT Platelets in comparison to conventional platelets prepared from whole blood derived buffy coat platelet concentrates.²⁴ The study was designed as a difference study to characterize any potential differences between INTERCEPT Platelets (Test) and untreated (Reference) buffy coat platelet concentrates. Hematology-oncology patients were enrolled to receive platelet transfusion support up to 56 days. The primary endpoints were the 1-hour platelet count increment. A total of 103 patients were included (52 Test, 51 Reference) and received a total of 676 platelet transfusions (390 for Test group versus 286 for Reference group). The mean per patient 1-hour CI for the Test group ($27 \times 10^9/L$) was statistically significantly lower than the mean 1-hour CI for the Reference group ($36 \times 10^9/L$; mean difference (95% CI) = 8.34 (1.23 to 15.45); p-value=0.02).

Statistically significant differences in the incidence of the following adverse events were observed: sepsis NOS (Not Otherwise Specified) (6 for Test group versus 0 for Reference group), blood creatinine increase (13 for the Test group versus 5 for Reference group), and phlebitis NOS (0 for Test group versus 5 for Reference group).

Single transfusions of INTERCEPT Platelets stored up to 7-days

This group includes data from two studies using random donor buffy coat or apheresis platelets.

- A randomized, double-blind, single-center, two-treatment, two-period cross-over, non-inferiority pilot study was conducted to compare INTERCEPT Platelets with conventional platelets prepared from pooled random-donor buffy coat platelet concentrates with 7 day storage prior to transfusion.³⁷ The study was performed in a population of thrombocytopenic patients from a hematology-oncology clinic, and each subject received two transfusions: a single transfusion of INTERCEPT Platelets and a single transfusion of conventional platelets stored for 7 days. The primary endpoint was the 1-hour (10 to 90 min) CCI after 7-day-old platelet transfusion, and the primary efficacy analysis was performed in 20 patients: 9 patients randomized to the Sequence I-R (INTERCEPT platelets followed by Reference platelets) and 11 patients randomized to Sequence R-I. The non-inferiority of INTERCEPT platelets relative to conventional platelets could not be demonstrated for the 1-hour post-transfusion CCI.
- The TESSI study was a randomized, controlled, double-blinded, non-inferiority study designed to compare the safety and efficacy of INTERCEPT Platelets stored for 6-7 days with conventional platelets of a similar age.³⁸ Patients were recruited from the hematology-oncology departments of the participating clinical study centers, and were thrombocytopenic or expected to develop thrombocytopenia requiring platelet transfusion within 30 days of randomization. The primary endpoint was the 1-hour CCI. A total of 211 patients were randomized and received one study platelet transfusion (105 Test, 106 Reference) of platelets stored >5 days (80% of platelet concentrates were stored for 7 days). Non-inferiority of 1-hour CCI for INTERCEPT Platelets relative to conventional platelets was not demonstrated based on the full analysis set (FAS) that included all randomized patients who received the study treatment (INTERCEPT or conventional platelets).

Observational Studies with INTERCEPT Platelets

This group includes data from two studies at two sites, one of which used platelet concentrates from “double-dose” apheresis collections and one of which prepared platelets from either apheresis or whole blood derived buffy coat platelet concentrates.

INTERCEPT Platelets prepared from apheresis and buffy coat platelets

- This was a single-arm, open label study of 560 INTERCEPT Platelet transfusions in 51 patients with malignant hematology disorders, including HSCT.³⁹ The study was designed to monitor the safety and efficacy of INTERCEPT Platelets transfused on a routine basis in adult patients. The primary endpoint was the frequency of acute transfusion reactions. Platelet concentrates were prepared from either apheresis collections or whole blood derived buffy coat platelets, treated with INTERCEPT in place of gamma irradiation, and stored up to 5 days prior to transfusion. The frequency of acute transfusion reactions was 1.6% (9/553). This study was small in size and uncontrolled therefore the rate of acute transfusion reactions cannot be compared with that for conventional platelets.

INTERCEPT Platelets prepared from double-dose apheresis platelet collections

- This study was designed as a single-arm, open observational label study of 551 INTERCEPT Platelet transfusions in 46 hematology patients with malignant disorders, including HSCT, to monitor the safety and efficacy of INTERCEPT Platelets transfused on a routine basis in a Swiss Red Cross blood center.⁴⁰ The primary endpoint was the frequency of acute transfusion reactions. INTERCEPT Platelets were prepared from apheresis “double unit” collections ($5-6 \times 10^{11}$) without gamma irradiation and stored up to 5 days. The frequency of acute transfusion reactions was 2% (12/551). This study was small in size and uncontrolled therefore the rate of acute transfusion reactions cannot be compared with that for conventional platelets.

Post-Marketing Studies

Safety data were obtained from three hemovigilance (HV) programs that monitor routine use of INTERCEPT Platelets without patient selection: the Cerus hemovigilance program and the regulatory surveillance programs in France and in Switzerland.⁴⁴⁻⁵⁹ Additional data were derived from an investigator-initiated post marketing retrospective observational study over a 5-year period of INTERCEPT Platelets stored for up to 7-days at a single institution in Basel, Switzerland.

The populations monitored in three Cerus hemovigilance studies conducted between 2003-2010 (CLI-HV 00045, CLI-HV 00047 and CLI-HV 00048) included 4,067 patients, where 62 patients were under the age of 1 year and 185 patients were 1-18 years of age. 50% of the patients enrolled in these studies were hematology-oncology patients, of which 12% were HSCT patients. Adverse events within 24 hours and serious adverse events within 7 days of platelet transfusion were reported. The frequencies of adverse events attributed to INTERCEPT Platelet transfusions were not increased compared to conventional platelet transfusions reported in European regulatory hemovigilance programs. A fourth Cerus hemovigilance study conducted between 2013-2016 (CLI-HV 00079) found similar results in 698 patients transfused with 2,373 INTERCEPT Platelets (unpublished Cerus data).

In November 2017 the Établissement Français du Sang (EFS) and the French military converted the national platelet supply to 100% INTERCEPT Platelets. The shelf-life for INTERCEPT Platelets in France was extended from 5 to 7 days in 2018-19.⁶¹ Prior to the conversion, France implemented INTERCEPT Platelets in select

regions in the French mainland and overseas territories accounting for between 7% and 21.4% of the French platelet supply.

Based on published ANSM hemovigilance data, transfusion reaction (TR) rates were analyzed for two 3-year periods before (2015-2017) (P1) and after (2018-2020) (P2) INTERCEPT Platelets became the national standard of care in France. A total of 801,047 conventional platelets were issued in France during P1 (79% of the national platelet supply). Fifteen (15) transfusion-transmitted bacterial infections (TTBI) were associated with conventional platelets (0.0016%) in P1 (range: 2-9 TTBI per year). One TTBI (6.7%) resulted in a fatality and 5 (33%) were life-threatening (severity grade 3). No TTBI were reported for 977,989 INTERCEPT Platelets issued in P2 following the adoption of INTERCEPT for all platelets and the incremental transition to 7-day platelet storage. Mean overall TR rates per 100,000 platelets issued were 425.4 in P1 and 367.1 in P2. No cases of viral infections against which INTERCEPT is effective or TA-GVHD were reported with INTERCEPT Platelets in either period. The mean rate of grade 3 TRs was 7.6 and 5.2 per 100,000 platelet concentrates issued in P1 and P2.⁶⁴

Swissmedic and the Blood Transfusion Service of the Swiss Red Cross Switzerland completed implementing the INTERCEPT Blood System for platelets in November 2011. In 2015, Swissmedic evaluated changes in the national platelet safety profile between 2008-2011 (prior to and during the INTERCEPT roll-out) and 2011-2015 (after the completion of the roll-out), based on Swiss hemovigilance data. All platelets transfused during the first period (2008-2011) were approved for 5-days storage; however, Switzerland approved INTERCEPT Platelets for storage up to 7 days in 2013, midway through the second evaluation period. A total of 93,600 conventional platelets were transfused in the first period, compared to 167,200 INTERCEPT Platelets transfused in the second period. There were 344 and 448 probable/definite related TR reports in the first and second period, respectively; and 33 and 19 probable/definite related TR rated as grade 3 (life-threatening) or grade 4 (death) reports in the first and second period, respectively.⁵⁷

The majority of TRs reported to the Swissmedic hemovigilance system in 2021 were non-severe and related to febrile non-hemolytic transfusion reactions and allergic reactions. No cases of TA-GVHD or TTBI have ever been associated with INTERCEPT Platelets transfused in Switzerland.⁵⁷

A retrospective Phase IV, observational, two treatment period cohort study analyzed post marketing data with INTERCEPT Platelets stored for up to 7 days.⁶⁰ Data were retrospectively collected for all patients who received any platelet component or RBC at a single site, Basel University Hospital in Basel, Switzerland, for two consecutive 5-year periods. Periods were defined as transfusions performed before (pre-INTERCEPT) and after (post-INTERCEPT) universal adoption of pathogen inactivation with extended platelet component storage from midway through the second evaluation period. The reference product was conventionally prepared apheresis platelet components suspended in platelet additive solution (PAS-2, T-Sol) with plasma. The conventional platelets were stored for 5 days, were not screened for bacteria, and were universally gamma irradiated to prevent transfusion-associated graft-versus-host disease (TA-GVHD). The test product was INTERCEPT Platelets suspended in approximately 65% platelet additive solution (PAS-C, Intersol) and 35% plasma. The number of conventional platelet components transfused was 14,181 in the pre-INTERCEPT phase, and 22,579 INTERCEPT Platelet components were transfused in the post-INTERCEPT phase and 3,750 of them (16.6%) were stored for more than 5 days and up to 7 days. No increase platelet and RBC usages were observed on the same day or the next day after transfusions of INTERCEPT platelets stored more than 5 days compared to after transfusions of INTERCEPT platelets stored ≤ 5 days.

A post-marketing study (known as “PIPER”, a Phase IV study of INTERCEPT Platelets Entering Routine use) was conducted to evaluate the incidence of acute lung injury, with an emphasis on ARDS.^{62,63} The PIPER study

was a prospective, open-label, controlled, non-randomized, non-inferiority Phase IV study. The PIPER study was conducted at 15 clinical sites using a sequential cohort design with a Control cohort (n=1223) that received conventional apheresis platelets and a Test cohort (n=1068) that received apheresis INTERCEPT platelets for up to 21 days of platelet transfusion support. Patients were stratified by type of primary disease therapy. The primary outcome was the proportion of patients requiring treatment-emergent assisted mechanical ventilation (TEAMV) as a clinical indicator of acute lung injury. Results of the PIPER study showed that the Test cohort was non-inferior to the Control cohort with respect to TEAMV.⁶²

DEVICE PERFORMANCE

Pathogen Inactivation

The INTERCEPT Blood System for Platelets has been tested against a broad spectrum of pathogens and demonstrated inactivation of viruses, bacteria, parasites, and donor leukocytes. Selection of pathogens was intended to provide evidence of the broad capabilities of the inactivation process. Pathogens selected represent those associated with transfusion transmission as well as model viruses of more general applicability. [Table 2](#) through [Table 6](#) summarize the pathogen inactivation data expressed as log (cfu (bacteria), pfu (viruses) or TCID₅₀ (DHBV, Borrelia, and parasites)/mL).

Legend for [Table 2](#) through [Table 4](#) and [Table 6](#):

- Where a “>” is shown, the limit of the inactivation capacity was not reached in the study.
- Where a “≥” is shown, residual organisms were detected in some but not all replicates in the study.
- Where no symbol is shown, the inactivation capacity could be precisely calculated from the study results.
- Where “–” is shown, the pathogen was not tested in the indicated suspension medium.

Viruses:

The INTERCEPT Blood System for platelets has been shown to inactivate a variety of viruses. [Table 2](#) lists pathogen inactivation values assessed immediately after illumination, since most viruses that potentially contaminate platelets do not readily replicate in enucleated cells. Certain non-enveloped viruses such as Calicivirus have demonstrated limited inactivation with the INTERCEPT system ([Table 3](#)). Parvovirus B19, HEV and HAV, similar non-enveloped viruses are expected to be resistant to inactivation with INTERCEPT.

Table 2 Viral Inactivation (Enveloped)

Pathogen	Extent of Inactivation (Log ₁₀ pfu/mL Reduction)		
	Platelets in Plasma/InterSol	Platelets in Plasma/SSP+ ^a	Platelets in 100% Plasma
HIV-1 IIIB, cell-associated	≥5.4	>5.5	-
HIV-1 IIIB, cell-free	≥5.6	-	≥4.7
HIV-1 Z84 (clinical isolate)	>3.3	-	-
HIV-2 CLB-20 (clinical isolate)	>2.4	-	-
DHBV ^b	≥4.8	-	-
BVDV	>4.4	-	>3.3
HTLV-I	4.7	-	-
HTLV-II	5.1	-	-
Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	>4.9	-	-
PRV (model for CMV)	-	-	>4.2
Influenza A virus	≥5.9	-	-

“-” indicates not tested

a. The pathogen inactivation studies in SSP+ were carried out using the Small Volume (SV) processing set.

b. Log reduction value was calculated as log (TCID₅₀/mL)

Table 3 Viral Inactivation (Non-Enveloped)

Pathogen	Extent of Inactivation (Log ₁₀ pfu/mL Reduction)		
	Platelets in Plasma/InterSol	Platelets in Plasma/SSP+ ^a	Platelets in 100% Plasma
Calicivirus (model non-enveloped virus)	2.1	-	-
Blue Tongue virus (model non-enveloped virus)	4.4	>4.0	-

“-” indicates not tested

a. The pathogen inactivation studies in SSP+ were carried out using the Small Volume (SV) processing set.

Bacteria:

The INTERCEPT Blood System for platelets has been shown to inactivate a variety of Gram-positive, Gram-negative, and spirochete bacteria. The results of these studies are summarized in [Table 4](#) and [Table 5](#). The majority of studies were performed to assess the limits of pathogen inactivation capacity and as a result, were tested post illumination ([Table 4](#)). Because residual bacteria may have replication potential in platelets, a subset of studies in platelet additive solution was also performed at the end of 7 days storage ([Table 5](#)). The INTERCEPT process is not effective against *Bacillus cereus* spores.

Table 4 Bacterial Inactivation (tested post-illumination)*

Pathogen	Extent of Inactivation (Log ₁₀ cfu/mL Reduction)		
	Platelets in Plasma/InterSol	Platelets in Plasma/SSP+ ^a	Platelets in 100% Plasma
Gram-Negative Bacteria			
<i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i>	5.8	>6.1	-
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	≥6.3	-	-
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	≥3.9	≥4.0	-
<i>Salmonella choleraesuis</i>	6.2	-	-
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	5.5	-	-
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>	≥5.9	-	-
Gram-Positive Bacteria			
<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>	≥6.1	>5.7	-
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	≥5.4	-	-
<i>Corynebacterium minutissimum</i>	≥5.3	-	-
<i>Bacillus cereus (vegetative)</i>	≥5.5	-	-
Anaerobic Gram-Positive Bacteria and Spirochete Bacteria			
<i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i> ^b	>6.8	-	-

“-” indicates not tested

*Tested immediately post illumination (without storage).

a. The pathogen inactivation studies in SSP+ were carried out using the Small Volume (SV) processing set.

b. Log reduction value was calculated as log (TCID₅₀/mL)

Table 5 Bacterial Inactivation (Tested After 7 Days of Storage) (Platelets in Plasma/SSP+)*

Gram-Negative Bacteria	Input Titer (log cfu/mL)	Result at 7 days (Platelets in Plasma / SSP+)
<i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i>	2.9	No organisms detected at outdate
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	4.6	No organisms detected at outdate
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	5.4	No organisms detected at outdate
Gram-Positive Bacterium	Input Titer (log cfu/mL)	Result at 7 days (Platelets in Plasma / SSP+)
<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>	6.8	No organisms detected at outdate
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	7.7	No organisms detected at outdate
<i>Cutibacterium acnes</i>	6.9	No organisms detected at outdate

* These studies were carried out using the Dual Storage (DS) processing set at 8 days post-collection and 6 days post-INTERCEPT treatment.

Table 6 Protozoa and Leukocyte Inactivation

Pathogen	Extent of Inactivation (Log₁₀ Reduction)		
	Platelets in Plasma/InterSol	Platelets in Plasma/SSP+	Platelets in 100% Plasma
<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> *	≥5.6	-	-
Human T-cells**	>4	-	-

“-” indicates not tested

*infected RBC/mL

**T-cell/mL

Leukocyte Inactivation

Irradiation of blood components to inactivate leukocytes (T-cells) is frequently performed to prevent TA-GVHD in blood product recipients. The INTERCEPT Blood System has been shown to be effective in inactivating leukocytes, eliminating leukocyte replication and also inhibiting cytokine production. In France and Switzerland, no cases of TA-GVHD were reported in INTERCEPT Platelet recipients between 2010-2020, a period during which more than 1.5 million INTERCEPT Platelet components were transfused in these countries (>1.2 million in France, >300,000 in Switzerland), and both countries moved to adopt INTERCEPT Platelets as the national standard of care.⁵⁰⁻⁵⁹

Both INTERCEPT treatment and gamma irradiation inactivate leukocytes. Using a limiting dilution assay (LDA), the INTERCEPT Blood System demonstrates reduction of viable T-cells comparable to a 2,500 cGy treatment of gamma irradiation (5-6 log₁₀ inactivation).^{16,17}

- INTERCEPT treatment results in approximately one amotosalen adduct per 83 base pairs, a sufficient frequency to ensure inactivation of most genes.¹⁸
- In an *in vitro* study, both untreated and gamma irradiated platelet samples spiked with high levels of leukocytes had significant levels of interleukin 8 after 5 to 7 days of storage, while cytokine production was substantially inhibited in the sample treated with amotosalen and UVA light.¹⁹
- In an *in vivo* murine transfusion model, mice receiving untreated splenic leukocytes developed TA-GVHD, while mice infused with gamma irradiated (2,500 cGy) or INTERCEPT treated splenic leukocytes remained healthy and did not develop TA-GVHD.²⁰

***In vitro* Characterization of Platelet Components Processed with the INTERCEPT Blood System.**

In vitro platelet function characteristics were evaluated in paired *in vitro* studies of INTERCEPT apheresis platelet components and INTERCEPT whole-blood derived buffy coat platelets compared to untreated (Control) platelet components or platelets derived from different collection methods. *In vitro* platelet function of the platelet components was evaluated on day 5 and day 7 after donation. The physical and metabolic characteristics evaluated for each study are included in [Table 7a](#), [Table 7b](#), [Table 7c](#), [Table 7d](#) and [Table 7e](#).

Apheresis-derived Platelets in 100% Plasma

Double-dose Amicus platelets containing 5.4 to 10.6 x10¹¹ platelets in 100% plasma were split evenly to produce an untreated Control and an INTERCEPT Platelet using the INTERCEPT Blood System for Platelets large volume (LV) platelet processing set and stored for 7 days post-donation.

Table 7a In Vitro Platelet Function Characteristics of INTERCEPT and Control Apheresis Platelets in 100% plasma After 7 Days of Storage (Mean ±SD, [range])

Parameter (Units)	Day 5 mean ±SD and [range]			Day 7 mean ±SD and [range]		
	INTERCEPT Treated Test PC	Untreated Control PC	N	INTERCEPT Treated Test PC	Untreated Control PC	N
Apheresis Platelet Components Suspended in 100% Plasma (SUD 00666)						
Component Volume (mL)	294 ±6 [284-300]	297 ±3 [294-303]	7	283 ±4 [275-287]	289 ±4 [285-297]	6
Platelet Count (x10 ⁶ /mL)	1108 ±215 [790-1373]	1255 ±246 [906-1611]	7	1286 ±266 [895-1647]	1153 ±167 [912-1353]	6
Platelet Dose (x10 ¹¹ /unit)	3.3 ±0.6 [2.3-3.9]	3.7 ±0.7 [2.7-4.8]	7	3.6 ±0.7 [2.6-4.5]	3.3 ±0.4 [2.7-3.9]	6
pH (22°C)	7.30 ±0.15 [7.13-7.54]	7.38 ±0.19 [7.03-7.65]	7	7.13 ±0.31 [6.59-7.49]	7.06 ±0.23 [6.86-7.35]	6
pO ₂ (mmHg)	160 ±5 [154-168]	141 ±13 [117-161]	7	159 ±12 [139-175]	164 ±3 [159-169]	6
pCO ₂ (mm Hg)	14 ±1 [12-15]	17 ±2 [15-20]	7	16 ±3 [11-19]	13 ±1 [12-15]	6
HCO ₃ (mM)	6.4 ±3.7 [2.3-12.2]	9.2 ±5.1 [0-16.3]	7	4.5 ±4.5 [0-12]	2.5 ±3.8 [0-7.6]	6
Glucose (mg/dL)	199 ±16 [179-225]	222 ±32 [165-264]	7	173 ±45 [102-231]	159 ±27 [130-191]	6
Lactate (mM)	13.0 ±2.2 [10.4-15.7]	12.2 ±3.8 [8.2-19.4]	7	16.6 ±4.9 [10.8-25.1]	16.9 ±3.0 [13-20.4]	6
LDH (U/L)	420 ±69 [316-535]	373 ±56 [285-441]	7	373 ±54 [304-426]	430 ±81 [305-545]	6
Swirling	+	+	7	+	+	6
MPV (µm ³)	7.3 ±0.6 [6.8-8.6]	7.4 ±0.7 [6.8-8.7]	7	7.3 ±0.4 [6.7-7.6]	7.3 ±0.4 [6.7-7.8]	6
p-selectin (ng/mL)	210 ±18 [184-235]	225 ±19 [195-248]	7	261 ±22 [224-276]	270 ±39 [217-313]	6

PC = platelet concentrate

Apheresis-Derived Platelets in Additive Solution (PAS-C, InterSol)

Single-dose and double-dose Amicus platelets containing 2.9 to 8.0 x10¹¹ platelets in 35% plasma/65% PAS-C were either stored untreated (Control) or treated with the INTERCEPT Blood System for Platelets dual-storage (DS) platelet processing set and stored for 7 days post-donation.

Table 7b In Vitro Platelet Function Characteristics of INTERCEPT and Control Apheresis Platelets in InterSol After 7 Days of Storage (Mean ±SD, [range])

Parameter (Units)	Day 5 mean ±SD and [range]			Day 7 mean ±SD and [range]		
	INTERCEPT Treated Test PC	Untreated Control PC	N	INTERCEPT Treated Test PC	Untreated Control PC	N
Double and Single Dose Apheresis Platelet Components Suspended in InterSol (CLI 00094)						
Platelet Component Characteristics						
Component volume (mL)	279 ±74 [162-382]	288 ±74 [152-400]	63	262 ±65 [147-360]	272 ±66 [150-382]	63
Platelet Count (x10 ⁶ /mL)	1383 ±341 [717-2002]	1482 ±375 [730-2250]	63	1350 ±310 [720-1945]	1445 ±373 [678-2323]	63
Platelet Dose (x10 ¹¹ /unit)	3.7 ±0.8 [2.5-6.1]	4.0 ±0.6 [2.3-5.5]	63	3.4 ±0.7 [2.4-5.7]	3.7 ±0.5 [2.0-4.7]	63
MPV (fL)	8.1 ±0.8 [6.7-10.6]	8.1 ±0.9 [6.7-10.4]	58	8.3 ±1.0 [6.5-11.3]	8.2 ±1.0 [6.6-10.4]	55
Indices of Platelet Metabolism						
pH (22 °C)	7.02 ±0.11 [6.78-7.20]	7.03 ±0.12 [6.73-7.25]	63	7.06 ±0.09 [6.86-7.24]	7.10 ±0.10 [6.83-7.35]	63
pO ₂ (mm Hg)	130 ±2 [66-168]	124 ±20 [70-154]	63	133 ±17 [90-174]	123 ±21 [70-160]	63
pCO ₂ (mm Hg)	20 ±6 [10-32]	24 ±6 [13-35]	63	18 ±5 [10-26]	21 ±5 [10-30]	63
HCO ₃ ⁻ (mmol/L)	3.2 ±1.1 [1.0-5.3]	3.8 ±1.3 [2.0-7.0]	60	3.1 ±0.9 [2.0-5.0]	3.9 ±1.2 [1.0-6.0]	56
Supernatant glucose (mg/dL)	21.5 ±24.0 [0.0-127.8]	15.5 ±23.3 [0.0-120.6]	61	6.6 ±15.3 [0.0-102.6]	6.1 ±15.1 [0.0-99.0]	61
Supernatant lactate (mmol/L)	11 ±2 [7-15]	12 ±3 [7-19]	63	12 ±2 [8-15]	13 ±2 [9-18]	63
Total ATP (nmol/10 ⁸ Plts)	4.70 ±1.95 [1.07-9.39]	4.47 ±1.72 [1.20-10.25]	63	4.34 ±1.76 [0.12-8.45]	4.22 ±1.51 [1.21-10.08]	63
Indices Correlating with In Vivo Recovery, Survival and Function						
Morphology	257 ±47 [176-360]	251 ±45 [186-360]	63	235 ±44 [158-335]	233 ±44 [124-340]	63
Extent of Shape Change (ESC; %)	12.2 ±8.1 [1.0-49.0]	11.9 ±9.1 [0.0-32.6]	63	10.8 ±6.2 [0.0-20.7]	11.7 ±7.2 [0.0-27.0]	63
Hypotonic Shock Response (HSR; %)	28 ±18 [0-56]	30 ±19 [0-62]	63	25 ±14 [0-51]	28 ±18 [0-55]	62

Parameter (Units)	Day 5 mean \pm SD and [range]			Day 7 mean \pm SD and [range]		
	INTERCEPT Treated Test PC	Untreated Control PC	N	INTERCEPT Treated Test PC	Untreated Control PC	N
Indices of Granular and Cytoplasmic Content Retention						
LDH activity (IU/L)	149 \pm 92 [10-581]	142 \pm 83 [60-460]	63	198 \pm 104 [74-586]	177 \pm 83 [74-549]	63
LDH (IU/10 ¹² Plts)	110 \pm 54 [8-329]	97 \pm 49 [35-270]	63	155 \pm 85 [39-382]	127 \pm 60 [40-322]	63
P-selectin (%)	36.98 \pm 16.22 [7.93-83.31]	33.70 \pm 13.96 [9.28-74.47]	60	40.96 \pm 13.39 [9.47-78.83]	35.40 \pm 13.56 [11.06-77.28]	60

PC = platelet concentrate

Apheresis-Derived Platelets in Additive Solution (PAS-E, SSP+)

Trima platelets containing 4 to 5 x10¹¹ platelets in 35% plasma/65% SSP+ were treated with the INTERCEPT Blood System for Platelets large volume (LV) platelet processing set and stored for 7 days post-donation.

Table 7c In Vitro Platelet Function Characteristics of INTERCEPT Apheresis Platelets in SSP+ After 5 and 7 Days of Storage (Mean \pm SD, n=6)

Parameter (Units)	Day 5 mean \pm SD	Day 7 mean \pm SD
Trima Apheresis Platelet Components Suspended in SSP+ (REL-R 00469)		
Component volume (mL)	265 \pm 9	254 \pm 8
Platelet Count (x10 ³ / μ L)	1449 \pm 137	1301 \pm 109
Platelet Dose (x10 ¹¹ /unit)	3.83 \pm 0.31	3.30 \pm 0.24
pH (22°C)	6.85 \pm 0.05	6.82 \pm 0.10
pO ₂ (mm Hg)	121 \pm 21	80 \pm 18
pCO ₂ (mm Hg)	24 \pm 2	21 \pm 2
Glucose (mmol/L)	0.67 \pm 0.69	0.00 \pm 0.00
Normalized Glucose (mmol/10 ¹² plts)	0.49 \pm 0.54	0.00 \pm 0.00
Lactate (mmol/L)	13.8 \pm 1.2	15.5 \pm 0.4
Normalized Lactate (mmol/10 ¹² plts)	9.6 \pm 0.7	12.0 \pm 1.3
ATP (μ mol/10 ¹¹ plts)	3.4 \pm 0.6	3.1 \pm 0.5
sCD62p (ng/mL)	86.9 \pm 8.6	82.6 \pm 6.9
Normalized sCD62p (ng/10 ⁸ plts)	6.03 \pm 0.76	6.38 \pm 0.75
LDH (U/L)	329 \pm 187	438 \pm 267
Normalized LDH (U/10 ¹²)	233 \pm 150	348 \pm 248
RANTES (ng/mL)	57.2 \pm 2.6	55.0 \pm 2.5
Normalized RANTES (ng/10 ⁸ plts)	3.98 \pm 0.44	4.26 \pm 0.49

Buffy Coat-Derived Platelets in Additive Solution (PAS-C, InterSol)

Pools of 10 to 12 whole-blood derived buffy coat platelets in 36 to 42% plasma/58-64% PAS-C were split evenly to produce an untreated Control and an INTERCEPT Platelet using the INTERCEPT Blood System for Platelets large volume (LV) platelet processing set and stored for 7 days post-donation.

Table 7d In Vitro Platelet Function Characteristics of INTERCEPT and Control Whole Blood Derived Buffy Coat Platelets in InterSol After 7 Days of Storage (Mean ±SD)

Parameter (Units)	Day 5 mean ±SD			Day 7 mean ±SD		
	INTERCEPT Treated Test PC	Untreated Control PC	N	INTERCEPT Treated Test PC	Untreated Control PC	N
Whole-Blood Derived, Single Dose Platelet Components Suspended in InterSol (148-REP-NIV-FE-505)						
Parameter (Units)	INTERCEPT Treated Test PC	Untreated Control PC	N	INTERCEPT Treated Test PC	Untreated Control PC	N
Component Volume (mL)	331 ±23	346 ±20	6	324 ±24	338 ±23	6
Platelet Count (x10 ⁶ /mL)	870 ±68	928 ±77	6	852 ±90	922 ±72	6
Platelet Dose (x10 ¹¹ /unit)	2.9 ±0.3	3.2 ±0.3	6	2.8 ±0.4	3.1 ±0.3	6
pH (22°C)	7.25 ±0.02	7.32 ±0.03	6	7.20 ±0.03	7.28 ±0.08	6
pO ₂ (mmHg)	18.8 ±2.1	19.7 ±1.8	6	18.5 ±2.0	16.1 ±3.6	6
pCO ₂ (mm Hg)	3.0 ±0.2	3.3 ±0.2	6	2.9 ±0.3	3.4 ±0.2	6
HCO ₃ (mmol/L)	5.7 ±0.6	6.9 ±0.6	6	4.6 ±0.8	6.0 ±0.7	6
Glucose (mmol/L)	4.8 ±0.5	5.2 ±0.6	6	3.3 ±0.5	3.6 ±0.5	6
Lactate (mmol/L)	12.3 ±0.9	12.6 ±0.9	6	15.4 ±1.1	15.7 ±1.0	6
ATP	4.9 ±0.3	5.3 ±0.5	6	4.7 ±0.3	5.2 ±0.4	6

PC = platelet concentrate

Apheresis and Buffy Coat-Derived Platelets in Additive Solution (PAS-C, InterSol)

Double-dose Trima platelets containing 7.2×10^{11} platelets in 41% plasma/59% PAS-C and pooled whole blood derived buffy coat platelets containing 6.9×10^{11} platelets in 42% plasma/58% PAS-C were treated with the INTERCEPT Blood System for Platelets dual-storage (DS) platelet processing set and stored for 7 days post-donation.

Table 7e In Vitro Platelet Function Characteristics of INTERCEPT Apheresis and Whole Blood Derived Buffy Coat Platelets in InterSol After 7 Days of Storage (Mean \pm SD)

Parameter (Units)	Day 5 (mean \pm SD)		Day 7 (mean \pm SD)	
	INTERCEPT Treated Buffy Coat PC (n=17)	INTERCEPT Treated Apheresis PC (n=15)	INTERCEPT Treated Buffy Coat PC (n=17)	INTERCEPT Treated Apheresis PC (n=15)
Apheresis and Whole Blood Derived Buffy Coat Platelet Components Suspended in Intersol (REL-R 00492)				
pH (22°C)	7.00 \pm 0.08	7.08 \pm 0.09	7.02 \pm 0.08	7.05 \pm 0.08
pO ₂ (mmHg) at +37°C	112.4 \pm 20.2	111.1 \pm 15.4	125.8 \pm 22.8	119.0 \pm 16.8
pCO ₂ (mmHg) at +37°C	20.0 \pm 2.8	19.1 \pm 3.7	14.7 \pm 2.4	16.0 \pm 4.0
Glucose (mmol/L)	1.4 \pm 0.8	3.2 \pm 1.5	< 0.3	1.3 \pm 1.0
Lactate (mmol/L)	15.4 \pm 2.5	11.5 \pm 1.9	18.9 \pm 1.6	15.0 \pm 1.5
MPV (fL)	7.5 \pm 0.6	8.4 \pm 1.9	7.6 \pm 0.6	8.4 \pm 1.8
LDH (U/L)	166 \pm 27	159 \pm 39	218 \pm 43	180 \pm 41
p-selectin (ng/mL)	80.3 \pm 10.0	139.4 \pm 56.1	125.8 \pm 16.6	176.8 \pm 60.0
Swirling index ^a	POS	POS	POS	POS

PC = platelet concentrate

a. POS corresponds to the presence of swirling. It is equivalent to the result +++.

Together these studies support the comparability of INTERCEPT-treated apheresis platelets or whole blood-derived buffy coat platelets in platelet additive solution with untreated platelets through 7 days of storage. In addition, these studies support the comparability of INTERCEPT-treated platelets in 100% plasma with untreated platelets through 5 days of storage. All units met CSA/CAN-Z902 for pH (22°C) of 6.4– 7.8 and local, or study design, requirements for platelet dose.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

- Do not use if: tamper-evident package has been opened; signs of deterioration or damage are visible; fluid path closures are loose or not intact; cannulae are broken; there is no fluid in amotosalen solution container; CAD is bent or broken; base labels are not legible, accurate, or are missing.
- Do not freeze. Do not store above 25°C. Do not vent. Protect the pack and tubing from sharp objects.
- Sets removed from the aluminum foil must be used within **8 hours**.
- Record the Date Opened on the foil pouch label in space provided.
- Unused sets may be kept **20 days** at room temperature in open aluminum foil by folding and securing open end of aluminum foil. Record the Use By date on the foil pouch label in space provided.
- Keep set in light-protective package until time of use. Protect from direct sunlight and strong UVA light source.
- Set is single use only.

This process is designed to be a closed system. Treatment with INTERCEPT Blood System does not replace applicable standards for processing in open and closed systems. If there is a leak in the set during processing, platelet product must be discarded.

MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

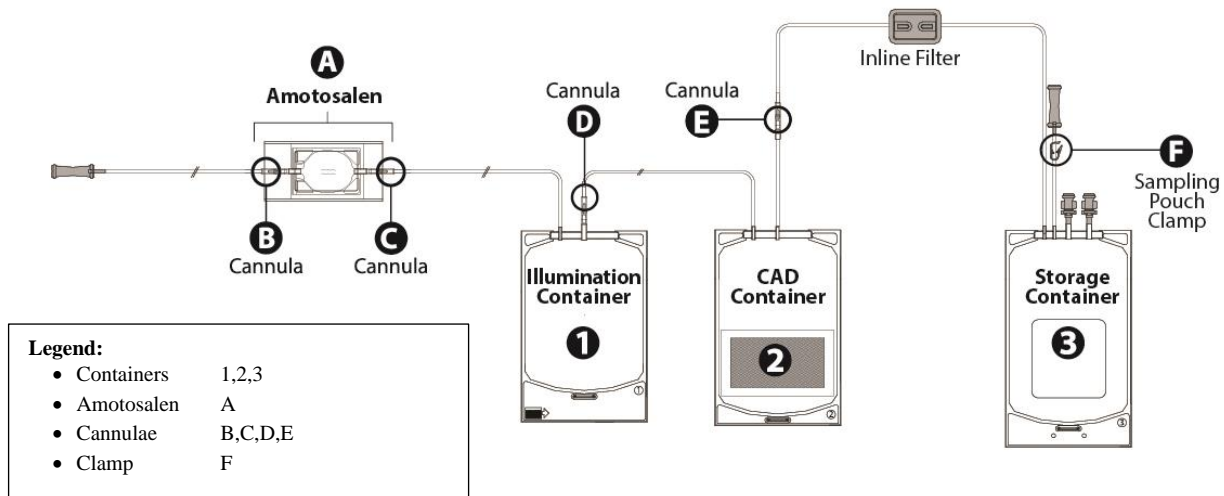
Materials Provided: One (1) INTERCEPT Large Volume Processing Set

Equipment Provided Separately: INTERCEPT Illuminator, Platelet Additive Solution [PAS-C, InterSol (manufactured by Fenwal, Inc. is supplied by Cerus upon request) and PAS-E, SSP+ (manufactured by Maco Pharma)] are the only platelet additive solutions currently approved in Canada for use with the INTERCEPT Blood System.

Equipment Required but Not Provided: Sterile Connecting Device (SCD), Tube Sealer, Flatbed Agitator, Manual Tube Clamp (e.g., Hemostat)

Temperatures should be controlled to meet applicable regulations for platelet processing. Used and unused INTERCEPT sets should be discarded like any used blood containers, as biohazardous waste.

Figure 3 INTERCEPT Large Volume Processing Set



Performing the INTERCEPT Treatment Process

Instructions refer to [Figure 3](#) for labeling and identification of set components.

All the following conditions must be met for pathogen inactivation:

- Platelet source, content, volume, and red blood cell (RBC) count must be within the ranges specified in [Table 8](#).
- Follow apheresis device instructions for platelet handling and resting procedures prior to INTERCEPT treatment.
- Platelets should meet institutional specifications for aggregates prior to INTERCEPT treatment.
- Platelets mixed with amotosalen must be exposed to UVA light dose from INTERCEPT Illuminator. No other source of UVA light may be used.
- Platelets collected on Day 0 must be exposed to UVA light by end of Day 1.
- After illumination, platelets must be agitated in CAD container in accordance with the duration specified in [Table 9](#).

I. Preparation of Platelets

Platelet products within the following ranges have been shown to be acceptable for use with this processing set (Table 8).

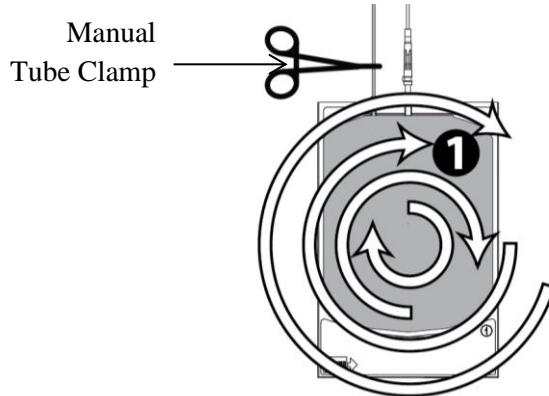
Table 8 Platelet Collection Specifications for INTERCEPT Large Volume Processing Set

	Suspension Medium	
	PAS	100% Plasma
Platelet Source	Apheresis, Whole Blood-Derived Buffy Coat Platelets	Apheresis
PAS	InterSol® (PAS-C) or SSP+ (PAS-E)	Not Applicable
Platelet Input Volume	300 – 420 mL	255 – 420 mL
Platelet Dose	2.5 – 7.0x10 ¹¹	2.5 – 7.0x10 ¹¹
PAS Content	53 – 68%	0%
Plasma Content	32 – 47%	100%
RBC Content	< 4x10 ⁶ RBC/mL	< 4x10 ⁶ RBC/mL

II. Amotosalen Addition to Platelets

1. Remove set from package. Unwrap only illumination container (1) from organizer.
2. Weld tubing from platelet collection container to amotosalen container (A) tubing using SCD.
3. Label storage container (B) using appropriate donation identification.
4. Hang platelet collection container and break cannula (C) below amotosalen container (A) to let amotosalen flow into illumination container (1); visually verify amotosalen is present.
5. Break cannula (B) above amotosalen container (A) to let platelets flow through amotosalen container (A) into illumination container (1).
6. Ensure the platelets drain completely from initial platelet collection container into illumination container (1) by expressing air from the illumination container (1) into amotosalen container (A).
7. When air is removed and platelets have fully drained back into illumination container (1), manually clamp tubing above illumination container. Mix illumination container thoroughly by gentle agitation to ensure complete mixing of amotosalen and platelets (Figure 4).

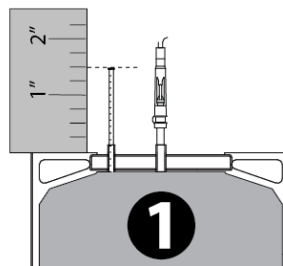
Figure 4 Gently Agitate the Filled Illumination Container



8. Open manual tube clamp and expel remainder of air in illumination container (❶) into amotosalen container (❸).
9. Express a small amount of platelet and amotosalen mixture into tubing, filling about 1.5 inches of tubing. Close manual clamp.
10. Seal tubing between illumination container (❶) and amotosalen container (❸) so that tubing is no longer than 1.5 inches from the illumination container (❶) (See [Figure 5](#) below; also refer to INTERCEPT Illuminator Operator’s Manual for further details on loading the processing set into the Illuminator).

Warning: During illumination, tubing must be held within large compartment of illumination tray.

Figure 5 Heat Seal Filled Tubing Within 1.5 Inches



11. Remove and discard empty platelet collection container, amotosalen container (❸) and excess tubing.

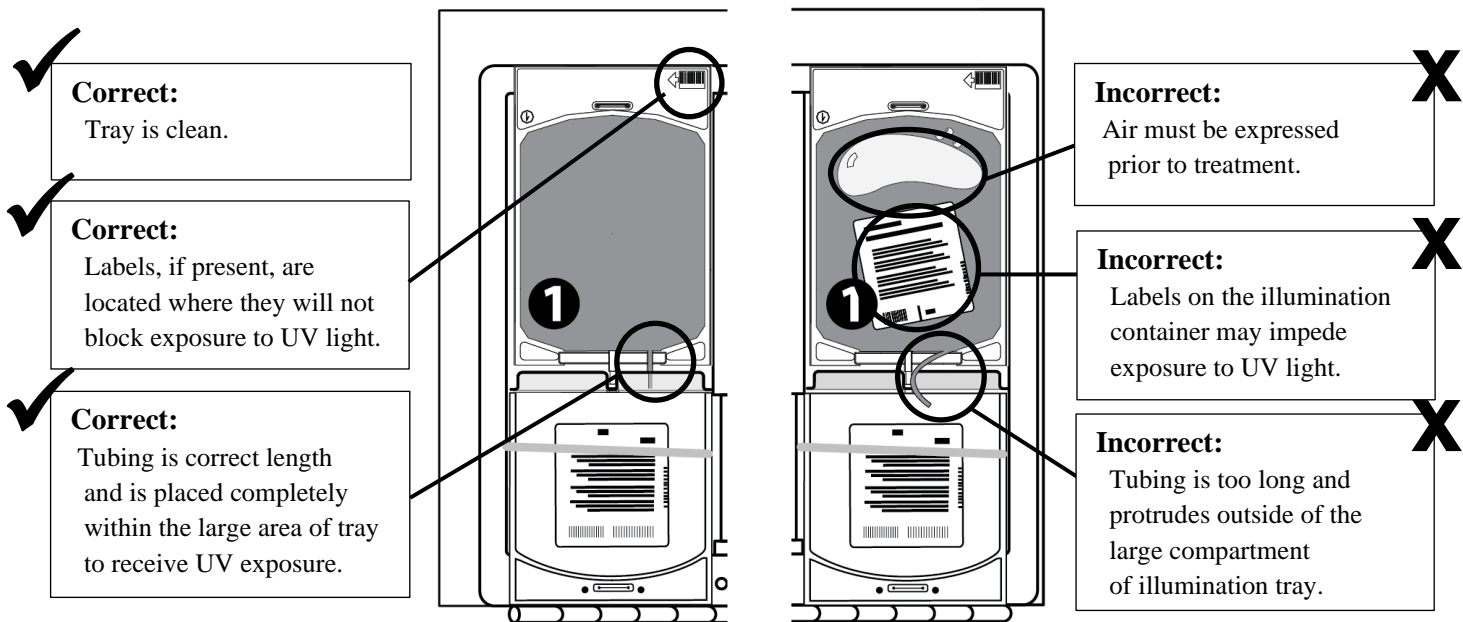
III. Illumination

Illuminate platelets.

Refer to INTERCEPT Illuminator Operator's Manual for complete illumination instructions for use.

Warning : All platelets, both in illumination container and tubing, must be within large compartment of illuminator tray in order for inactivation to occur. The process requires unimpeded light transmission through tray and illumination container with platelets. **No labels or other material should be on this area. Tray must be clean. Labels should be placed on illumination container flap only.** Illumination container should lay flat in order to ensure complete illumination.

Figure 6 The Correct and Incorrect Way to Load a Processing Set Into the Illuminator Tray



IV. Agitation with Compound Adsorption Device (CAD)

Warning: Do not fold or bend CAD.

1. Unwrap set from organizer.
2. Hang platelets in illumination container (❶), break cannula (❷) and allow platelets to flow into CAD container (❸).
3. Express air from CAD container (❸) into illumination container (❶). Do not fold or bend CAD.
4. Seal tubing close to inlet port of CAD container (❸).
5. Remove and discard empty illumination container (❶) and excess tubing.
6. Place CAD container (❸) flat on flatbed agitator with attached storage containers for duration specified in **Table 9**. Agitation rate must be at least 60 RPM.
7. Do not fold or place storage container (❹), in line filter, or any tubing under CAD container (❸) during agitation.

Table 9 CAD Agitation Duration

Suspension Medium	CAD Agitation Duration
PAS	6 to 16 hours
100% Plasma	16 to 24 hours

V. Transfer to Storage Container

1. Remove platelets from agitator and hang platelets in CAD container (❸).
2. Expel air from platelet sampling pouch and close clamp (❺).
3. Break cannula (❻) at outlet of CAD container (❸) and allow platelets to flow into storage container (❹).
4. Express air from storage container (❹) into CAD container (❸).
5. Ensure appropriate donor identification is attached to the filled platelet storage container (❹).
6. Seal tubing to storage container (❹).
7. Remove and discard empty CAD container (❸) and tubing. Place platelets on platelet agitator.

The INTERCEPT treatment process is now complete.

Sampling Platelet Product (optional)

1. Mix INTERCEPT treated platelets by gently agitating platelet storage container.
2. Open clamp (**F**) to platelet sampling pouch and squeeze several times.
3. Allow sampling pouch to fill with platelets. Seal tubing.
4. Remove sample pouch.
5. Transfer sample to appropriate laboratory tube immediately.

STORAGE

Following processing, INTERCEPT Platelets should be stored in the storage container provided in the processing sets at 20-24°C with continuous agitation.

INTERCEPT Platelets suspended in InterSol (PAS-C) or SSP+ (PAS-E) may be stored for up to 7 days from the day of collection.

INTERCEPT Platelets suspended in 100% plasma may be stored for up to 5 days from the day of collection.

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