

Appendix 2. Outcome variables

Outcomes	Timing of assessment	Reported effect size, adjusted* (95%CI; p-value)	Transfused (n=)	Not transfused (n=)	NS
Mortality (n)					
WLST (n)					
GOS (ct)					
GOSe (ct)					
Poor neurological outcome, GOS < 4 (n)					
Poor neurological outcome, GOSe < 5 (n)					
Length of ICU stay					
Length of hospital stay					
Duration of mechanical ventilation					
Other relevant clinical outcome					
Complications / adverse events <i>(please specify in the first column : if they can be attributable to RBC transfusion)</i>					
Re-bleeding (n)					
MODS (n) <i>Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome</i>					
SOFA					
Cerebral infarction (n)					
Myocardial infarction (n)					
Vasospasm (n)					
DIC (n) <i>Disseminated intravascular coagulation</i>					
DVT (n) <i>Deep venous thrombosis</i>					
Thrombo-embolism (n)					
Volume overload / Pulmonary oedema (n)					
ARDS (n) <i>Acute respiratory distress syndrome</i>					
ALI (n) <i>Acute lung injury</i>					
TRALI (n) <i>Transfusion related acute lung injury</i>					
Infection (n) (non-VAP)					
VAP <i>Ventilator-associated pneumonia</i>					
Other (specify)					