

ANTICOAGULANT RELATED SPURIOUS THROMBOCYTOPENIA: CASE REPORT AND BRIEF REVIEW.

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EDTA-related spurious thrombocytopenia is a well known phenomenon in the routine haematology laboratory, unfortunately underrecognized in our medical community. The management of suspected falsely low thrombocyte count is repeating the measurement on blood prelevated on a citrate tube (coagulation tube), while the more elaborate, but resource-consuming labour-intensive method is the confirmation of platelet count on cytological examination of blood smears. We here report a case where aggregation and consecutive spurious thrombocytopenia occurred not only on EDTA, but also on heparin and citrate anticoagulants.