

Rotational thromboelastometry (ROTEM)

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Abstract

Thrombus formation was measured by the viscoelastic test: ROTEM (Tem International GmbH c/o Dutch Affiliate, Tilburg, The Netherlands). Standard assays were used according to the manufacturer's recommendations: EXTEM (ref.: 503-05, Tem International GmbH c/o Dutch Affiliate, Tilburg, The Netherlands), FIBTEM (ref.: 503-06, Tem International GmbH c/o Dutch Affiliate, Tilburg, The Netherlands), and HEPTTEM (ref.: 503-09, Tem International GmbH c/o Dutch Affiliate, Tilburg, The Netherlands). All samples were measured within 1 h after blood collection. Furthermore, by means of EXTEM and FIBTEM results, the contribution of platelet count to the thrombus formation was calculated as the PLTEM parameter [22].

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