

Table 2. The patients counts of treatment response at the first month, third month and sixth month

		Third month			Sixth month		
N = 77		Major response (n = 42)	Minor response (n = 10)	No response (n = 25)	Major response (n = 51)	Minor response (n = 11)	No response (n = 15)
First month	Major response (n = 21)	18	2	1	20	0	1
	Minor response (n = 9)	5	4	0	5	4	0
	No response (n = 47)	19	4	24	26	7	14

* Major response: maintenance of hemoglobin above 90g/L without blood transfusion after treatment; minor response: maintenance of hemoglobin above 90g/L with 50% or over 50% reduction of transfusion volume; otherwise, the treatment was considered no response.