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Platelet count		... ×10 ⁹ /l
Reticulocyte count		% (or ... ×10 ⁹ /l)
Haemoglobin	Hb	g/dl ^a
Packed cell volume	PCV	ratio ^b
Mean cell volume	MCV	fl
Mean cell haemoglobin	MCH	pg
Mean cell haemoglobin concentration	MCHC	g/dl
Mean cell diameter	MCD	µm
Sedimentation rate	ESR	mm in 1 h ^c
Plasma haemoglobin	Plasma Hb	mg/l
Serum vitamin B ₁₂		ng/l
Serum folate		µg/l
Serum iron		µmol/l
Total iron binding capacity	TIBC	µmol/l
Unsaturated iron binding capacity	UIBC	µmol/l
Transferrin		g/l
Serum haptoglobin		g/l
Plasma fibrinogen		g/l

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