Supplementary Appendix

This appendix has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

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Epoetin Dosing

In both groups the patients received epoetin alfa administered subcutaneously. The protocol specified a maximum total dose of epoetin alfa for each group of 20,000 units per week. All randomized patients received an initial epoetin alfa dose of 10,000 units subcutaneously once per week for three consecutive weeks regardless of their weight or baseline Hb. Based upon the Hb on their subsequent visit 2 weeks after the first dose, subsequent doses of epoetin alfa were administered weekly based on a pre-specified dosing algorithm to achieve the randomized Hb target. Subjects who had a stable epoeitin alfa dose for a period of one month could begin dosing every other week receiving the equivalent of twice their previous weekly dose biweekly.