

Baseline characteristics for all randomised for continuous variables

Baseline Characteristic	Treatment Arm	N	Q1	Median	Q3	Min	Max
Age (years)	Placebo	22	46.0	60.0	66.0	28.0	87.0
	Desmopressin	20	50.5	58.0	68.5	22.0	78.0
Weight (kg)	Placebo	22	60.0	70.5	84.0	39.0	136.0
	Desmopressin	20	70.0	75.0	79.8	49.0	110.0
Nadir platelet count at screening ($\times 10^9/L$)	Placebo	22	47.0	62.0	73.0	6.0	174.0
	Desmopressin	21	36.0	44.0	60.0	10.0	92.0
GCS – lowest score during first 24 hours of ICU admission, before intubation or sedation	Placebo	21	3.0	14.0	15.0	3.0	15.0
	Desmopressin	19	3.0	14.0	15.0	3.0	15.0
APACHE II score	Placebo	22	21.0	26.5	35.0	12.0	45.0
	Desmopressin	19	16.0	26.0	35.0	10.0	46.0
Serum creatinine ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	Placebo	21	63.0	146.0	224.0	39.0	552.0
	Desmopressin	19	72.0	101.0	224.0	41.0	634.0
Platelet count ($\times 10^9/L$)	Placebo	22	50.0	61.5	73.0	0.0	174.0
	Desmopressin	19	32.0	44.0	60.0	10.0	163.0
Haemoglobin (g/L)	Placebo	22	80.0	92.0	102.0	66.0	127.0
	Desmopressin	19	74.0	81.0	102.0	67.0	136.0
Haematocrit (L/L)	Placebo	21	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4
	Desmopressin	19	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4