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Table 2. Thromboelastographic assessment during ATIII concentrate infusion. K Time, Kinetic time denoting rate of clot growth; R Time, Reaction Time for initial clot development; Mas. Amp., Maximum Amplitude.

Figure 1. Pre-AT-III concentrate infusion profile with an AT-III activity.
Figure 2. Platelet count and fibrinogen concentration during neo-natal ECMO.
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