

Table 1: Characteristic and platelet counts of the study group. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD and (range).

	H. pylori positive patients			Control group without follow up (n=14)	Control group with follow up (n=30)
	Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3		
Age at diagnosis in months (range)	113	119	71	80.2 $\pm$ 44.6 (12-128)	83.0 $\pm$ 47.5 (16-188)
Duration of ITP in months (range)	12	90	13	49.2 $\pm$ 36.3 (12-109)	48.9 $\pm$ 37.9 (12-136)
Platelet count at inclusion (x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	46	50	88	44 $\pm$ 30.2	45 $\pm$ 30.0
Platelet count after 3 months (x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	143	145	157	No data	47.2 $\pm$ 38.7
Platelet count after 6 months (x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	-	116	100	No data	51.0 $\pm$ 39.6
Platelet count after 9 months (x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	134	-	-	-	-