

Table 2 Clinical and laboratory data of the thrombocytopenia patients and the control group

Parameter	Group 1 (n = 12)	Group 2 (n = 12)	Group 3 (n = 10)	Statistics
Initial platelet count ( $\times 10^9/L$ ) [mean (SD)]	16.9 (5.3)	82.7 (13.8)	325.6 (60.7)	F = 245.168; P < 0.001; LSD: (1,2)*, (1,3)*, (2,3)*
Platelet specific antibodies	Present	Absent	Absent	
Helicobacter pylori eradication	10 patients	12 patients	-	
No. of responders	2 patients	12 patients	-	
Time to response (weeks)	4	1 (4 patients); 2 (8 patients)	-	
Duration of response (months)	< 3	> 6	-	
TNF- $\alpha$ (pg/mL) [mean (SD)]	60.3 (18.1)	49.7 (8.5)	31.9 (28.6)	F = 14.873; P < 0.001; LSD: (1,2)*, (1,3)*, (2,3)*
IFN- $\gamma$ (pg/mL) [mean (SD)]	69.9 (17.5)	53.8 (21.1)	36.9 (4.7)	F = 8.962; P < 0.001; LSD: (1,2)*, (1,3)*, (2,3)*

Group 1 = patients with immune thrombocytopenia; Group 2 = patients with non-immune thrombocytopenia; Group 3 = controls.

F= analysis of variance test, LSD = least significant difference,

SD = standard deviation; TNF = tumour necrosis factor; IFN = interferon.