

Additional file 1 (Questionnaire)

1) Do you perceive blood transfusions as a health hazard?

Not at all 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 very much

2) Are you concerned that the following complications can occur after a blood transfusion?

Allergic reaction

No concern 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 very often concerned

Fever

No concern 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 very often concerned

Shortness of breath

No concern 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 very often concerned

Infection with HIV/hepatitis c virus

No concern 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 very often concerned

Medical error (like ABO-incompatible blood transfusion)

No concern 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 very often concerned

3) Please make an estimate guess how often the following complications associated with blood transfusions occur

Allergic reaction

No occurrence 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 occurs very frequently

Fever

No occurrence 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 occurs very frequently

Shortness of breath

No occurrence 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 occurs very frequently

Infection with HIV/hepatitis c virus

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Medical error (like ABO-incompatible blood transfusion)

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4) Source of knowledge/opinion about blood transfusions (Please mark)

- General Practitioner
- Family & Friends
- Print media & television
- Internet
- Others

5) Your age: sex:

6) Marital status?

- Married
- Unmarried
- Divorced
- Widowed

7) Residence?

- Urban (City)
- Suburban (Edge of town)
- Municipal
- Rural (Village)

8) Blood donor: Yes/No?

9) Categorical denial of transfusion: Yes/No?