METHOD FOR PRECIPITATING RED BLOOD CELLS

A method for washing collected blood uses an inert anticoagulant during collection of the blood. The inert anticoagulant does not interfere with agglomeration of the red blood cells so that gravity sedimentation separation is facilitated. The preferred inert anticoagulant is CPD.
**INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**

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