

Table 3. Laboratory differences between TTP and DIC

Laboratory value	TTP	DIC
Partial thromboplastin time	Normal	Normal/ increased
Prothrombin time	Normal	Increased
Thrombin time	Normal	Increased
Platelet count	Decreased	Decreased
Fibrinogen level	Normal	Decreased
Fibrin split products	Absent	Present
Schistocytes	Marked	Mild
Fibrinolytic activity*	Absent	Increased

Based on reference 7. DIC=disseminated intravascular coagulation; TTP=thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura.

*Measured by tissue plasminogen activator activity.