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INFORMATION FROM THE BLOOD SUPPLIER AND  
UPDATES REQUIRED BY FDA

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To control risk of bacterial contamination in platelets, RIBC uses either 1) Pathogen reduction technology, or 2) Single-step, large volume delayed sampling (LVDS) no sooner than 48 hour strategy for 7-day platelets using BacT/Alert with both aerobic and anaerobic cultures.

A licensed Nucleic Acid Test (NAT) for Babesia parasite RNA has been performed and found to be nonreactive.

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