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Dear Prof. Philippe Grandjean:

Thank you for reviewing the manuscript. Here is the point by point response to the critique:

The current list of abbreviations is not appropriate, since physical symbols and units of measurement do not need to be explained. Instead, abbreviations such as ICC and EDTA need to be explained.

Response:
We corrected this and included ICC and EDTA.

We would like units of measurement to compatible with the SI, especially for hemoglobin. We assume that the original measurements were made in g/dL, and the limits used should therefore be given in (mmol/L) in the text, while a conversion factor in a footnote would be sufficient for the tables.

Response: We provide the information in the legend of tables 3 and 6 and in the Additional File 1. For the clinical reference values, we provided both, the clinical values from the textbook as they are provided and the SI version.

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