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Taner Abdullah (Reviewer 1):
"Thank you for your answers.
I still believe that it is highly controversial to compare samples from different time points in such an unstable condition regarding hemoglobin values. Nevertheless, for such a retrospective study, i also believe that the methodology and statistical approach used is remarkable and also the paper is very well written.
Thank you for your cooperation and valuable work."

Thank you for your review - Future studies should be prospective comparing both testing methods of hemoglobin sampled at the same time.
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"Thank you for this interesting well designed manuscript
During massive blood transfusion will change within few minutes
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Thank you for your review - Future studies should be prospective comparing both testing
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Thank you for your review.

Sincerely,

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