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Dear editor, thank you for considering our manuscript for publication, we have revised the manuscript as per your requirement.

Reviewer comment: The conclusions and discussion of your paper is based on Hb concentration only without results of MCV and MCHC. As I said previously, without these results your assumptions are largely hypothetical with no solid evidence. You cannot talk about causes of iron deficiency and other factors causing anemia without identifying the type of anemia in the first place. Please rewrite the paper after inclusion of MCV, MCH and MCHC results. Otherwise, I am afraid it is unacceptable in the current form.

Response: we included the red blood cell indices in the results, discussion and conclusion section. (Abstract section line number 25, methods and material section line number 97, results section page number 13, and 14, line number 7-16, discussion section page number 16, line number 8, conclusion section page number 18, line number 57-59)