Reviewer’s report

Title: Seasonal variation in haematological and biochemical reference values for healthy young children in The Gambia

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Minor Essential Revision

Controls used for the analytes are of quantittive and not qualitative. For that matter, POSITIVE and NEGATIVE controls are not appropriate. It is rather words like abnormal (pathological) or normal (non-pathological) controls that are used.

So Lines 125-127 should read as

“Calibrations of the analyzers are done periodically, using commercially available abnormal and normal controls, based on the manufacturer’s instructions.”

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests