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OPEN Author Correction: Seven day pre-analytical stability of serum and plasma neurofilament light chain

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The original version of this Article contained errors, where the intraindividual coefficient of variation (iCOV) was calculated incorrectly.

As a result, in the Results section under the subheading 'NfL concentrations in serum and plasma withstand delayed processing up to 7 days',

"For all three altered pre-freezing intervals, intraindividual variation (iCOV) was minimal (for samples stored for 7 days at room temperature; serum: 1.2%, plasma: 1.3%) and reproducibility close to perfect (for samples stored for 7 days at room temperature; serum: ICC = 0.99, plasma: ICC = 0.94)."

now reads:

"For all three altered pre-freezing intervals, intraindividual variation (iCOV) was minimal (for samples stored for 7 days at room temperature; serum: 9.0%, plasma: 6.5%) and reproducibility close to perfect (for samples stored for 7 days at room temperature; serum: ICC = 0.99, plasma: ICC = 0.94)."

Additionally, under the subheading 'Inter-assay variability' of the Results section,

"For sNfL, the iSD was 0.6 pg/mL (range 0.5-1.2), the iCOV 0.1% (range 0.0-0.1) and the ICC 1.0 (range 0.99-1.00). For pNFL, the iSD was 1.6 pg/mL (range 0.8-2.7), the iCOV 0.1% (range 0.1-0.2) and the ICC 0.99 (range 0.90-1.00)."

now reads:

"For sNfL, the iSD was 0.6 pg/mL (range 0.5-1.2), the iCOV 4.8% (range 2.0-6.0) and the ICC 1.0 (range 0.99-1.00). For pNFL, the iSD was 1.6 pg/mL (range 0.8-2.7), the iCOV 12.7% (range 6.0-18.0) and the ICC 0.99 (range 0.90-1.00)."

Furthermore, Table 3 contained errors in the "iCOV (%)" columns for "Freezing intervals: 3 days RT", "Freezing intervals: 3 days 4-8 °C" and "Freezing intervals: 7 days RT".

The original Table 3 and accompanying legend appear below.

The original Article has been corrected.

	Freezing interval: 3 days RT			Freezing interval: 3 days 4-8 °C			Freezing interval: 7 days RT		
	iSD [pg/mL]	iCOV (%)	ICC	iSD [pg/mL]	iCOV (%)	ICC	iSD [pg/mL]	iCOV (%)	ICC
(a) sNfL									
Whole cohort (and range)	1.5	1.2	0.97	1.7	1.2	0.98	1.3	1.2	0.99
	0.3-2.6	1.1-1.3	0.94-0.99	0.9-2.6	1.1-1.2	0.96-0.99	0.5-2.0	1.1-1.3	0.97-0.99
Lowest quartile (and range)	0.5	1.2	0.90	0.4	1.2	0.91	0.5	1.2	0.90
	0.1-0.9	1.0-1.3	0.65-0.94	0.2-0.6	1.2-1.3	0.66-0.94	0.1-0.8	1.1-1.4	0.64-0.93
Highest quartile (and range)	3.4	1.2	0.92	4.3	1.2	0.94	2.7	1.2	0.95
	1.5-8.4	1.0-1.4	0.60-0.98	1.2-7.3	1.0-1.3	0.69-0.99	0.5-5.9	1.1–1.4	0.78-0.99
(b) pNfL									1
Whole cohort (and range)	1.3	1.2	0.98	1.7	1.1	0.96	0.7	1.3	0.94
	0.6-2.0	1.1-1.3	0.96-0.99	0.6-2.7	1.1-1.2	0.92-0.98	0.4-1.1	1.2-1.3	0.90-0.99
Lowest quartile (and range)	0.4	1.2	0.90	0.6	1.1	0.90	0.5	1.2	0.88
	0.2-0.6	1.1–1.3	0.61-0.92	0.2-1.0	0.9–1.3	0.60-0.93	0.3-0.7	1.1–1.3	0.59-0.91
Highest quartile (and range)	3.4	1.2	0.91	4.5	1.1	0.86	1.7	1.3	0.84
	0.6-6.2	1.0-1.3	0.53-0.98	0.2-9.0	0.9–1.4	0.27-0.98	0.1-3.3	1.1-1.4	0.59-0.90

Table 3. Reliability of NfL concentrations at different freezing intervals compared to immediate freezing. Mean values and 95% confidence intervals for (a) serum neurofilament light chain (sNfL) and (b) plasma neurofilament light chain (pNfL). *ICC* intraclass correlation coefficient, *iCOV* intraindividual coefficient of variance, *iSD* intraindividual standard deviation, *pNfL* plasma neurofilament light chain, *RT* room temperature, *sNfL* serum neurofilament light chain.

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