Supplementary material: Case questions

Correct answers, calculated by the app *Labtracker*+, are shown in bold.

Reference values are from Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC+).

1. Glucose

Reference values fasting glucose [4.0 – 7.0 mmol/L]

First measurement: [7.3 mmol/L] Second measurement (two weeks later): [6.9 mmol/L]

What is the probability likelihood that this is a real change?

A: Unlikely (<50%)

B: Doubtful (50-80%)

C: Likely (80-95%)

D: Very likely(>95%)

2. TSH

Reference values TSH [0.4-4.3 mU/L]

First measurement: [6.5 mU/L] Second measurement (three months later): [7.1 mU/L]

What is the probability likelihood that this is a real change?

A: Unlikely (<50%)

B: Doubtful (50-80%)

C: Likely (80-95%)

D: Very likely (>95%)

3. CRP

Reference values CRP: <10 mg/L

First measurement: [79 mg/L] Second measurement (two days later): [106 mg/L]

What is the probability likelihood that this is a real change?

A: Unlikely (<50%)
B: Doubtful (50-80%)
C: Likely (80-95%)
D: Very likely (>95%)

4. Haemoglobin

Reference values haemoglobin for a woman (7.5-9.5 mmol/L)

First measurement: [7.0 mmol/L]
Second measurement (six months later): [7.2 mmol/L]

What is the probability likelihood that this is a real change?

A: Unlikely (<50%)
B: Doubtful (50-80%)
C: Likely (80-95%)
D: Very likely (>95%)

5. HbA1c

Target value HbA1c <58 mmol/mol

First measurement: [55 mmol/mol] (= 7.2%)
Second measurement (6 months later): [60 mmol/mol] (= 7.6%)

What is the probability likelihood that this is a real change?

A: Unlikely (<50%)
B: Doubtful (50-80%)
C: Likely (80-95%)
D: Very likely (>95%)

6. Leukocytes

Reference values leukocytes [3.5-11.0*10 %L]

First measurement: [12*10⁹/L] Second measurement (14 days later): [14*10⁹/L]

What is the probability likelihood that this is a real change?

A: Unlikely (<50%) **B: Doubtful (50-80%)**C: Likely (80-95%)

D: Very likely (>95%)

7. aPTT (this question was excluded from analyses)

Reference values aPTT [18-36 sec]

First measurement: [30 sec] Second measurement (a few hours later): [34 sec]

What is the probability likelihood that this is a real change?

A: Unlikely (<50%)
B: Doubtful (50-80%)
C: Likely (80-95%)
D: Very likely (>95%)

8. Vitamin B12

Reference values vitamin B12 [250-850 pmol/L]

First measurement: [114 pmol/L]
Second measurement (3 months later): [125 pmol/L]

What is the probability likelihood that this is a real change?

A: Unlikely (<50%)
B: Doubtful (50-80%)
C: Likely (80-95%)
D: Very likely (>95%)

9. ALAT

Reference values ALAT < 45U/L

First measurement: [44 U/L]
Second measurement (6 months later): [55 U/L]

What is the probability likelihood that this is a real change?

A: Unlikely (<50%) **B: Doubtful (50-80%)**C: Likely (80-95%)
D: Very likely (>95%)

10. Creatinine

Reference values creatinine for men [60-110 µmol/L]

First measurement: [89 μ mol/L] Second measurement (one year later): [109 μ mol/L]

What is the probability likelihood that this is a real change?

A: Unlikely (<50%)
B: Doubtful (50-80%)
C: Likely (80-95%)
D: Very likely (>95%)