

## Potassium Comment for Hemolysis – Change in Language

### Orderable: Potassium [LAB114]

**Effective May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the text for potassium comments that give hemolysis information will change.** The change is to provide better graduated language for the amount of hemolysis. There is no consistent relationship between amount of hemolysis and the increase in potassium. However, more hemolysis will cause more elevation in potassium values. A grossly hemolyzed sample can add more than 1.5 mmol/L to the actual potassium value.

Old Comment Language	New Comment Language
Not hemolyzed	Not hemolyzed
Moderately hemolyzed sample; causes moderately increased values	<b>Moderately</b> hemolyzed sample causes a <b>small increase in</b> values
Hemolyzed sample; causes substantially increased values	<b>Substantially</b> hemolyzed sample causes <b>a substantial increase in</b> values
Very hemolyzed sample; causes substantially increased values	<b>Grossly</b> hemolyzed sample causes <b>a large increase in</b> values

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