Intra-individual alterations of serum markers routinely used in forensic pathology depending on increasing post-mortem interval

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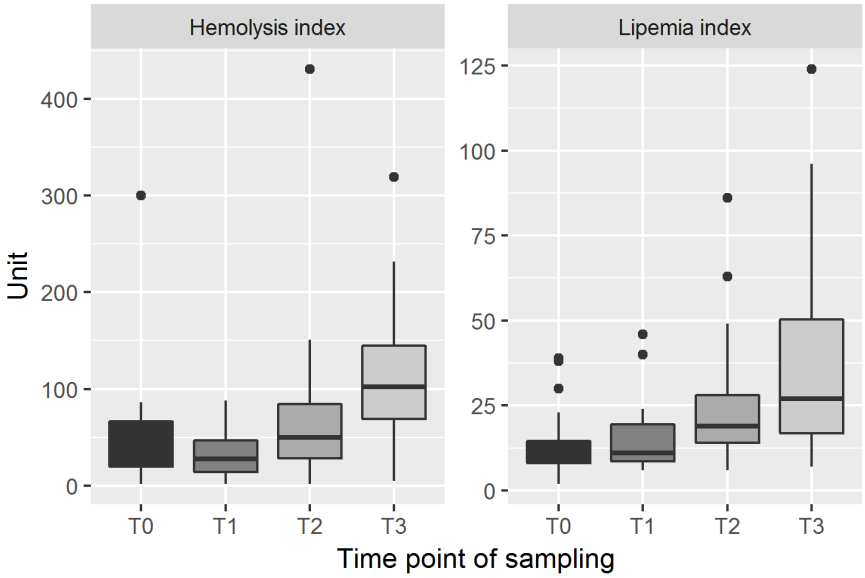
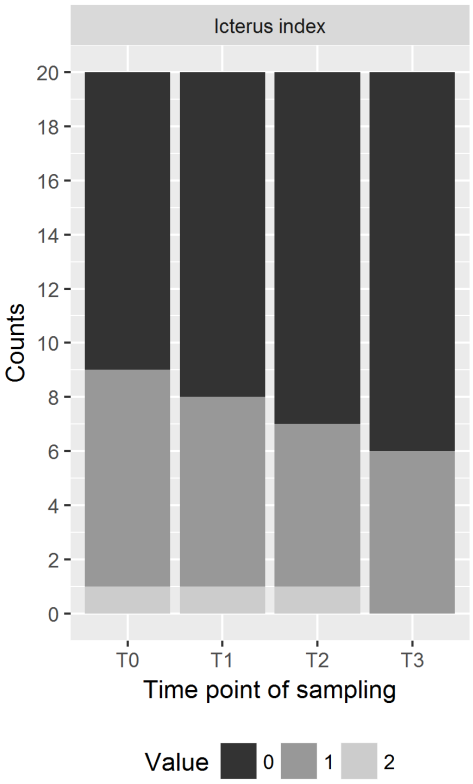
Electronic supplementary material



Supplemental figure 1: Changes of hemolysis index (left) and lipemia index (right) according to the different sampling time points reflecting increasing post-mortem interval.



Supplemental figure 2: Minute changes of icterus index according to the different time points of sampling reflecting increasing post-mortem interval.

Marker	Upper clinical reference	Post-mortem cut-off values	
		Value	**Citation**
Creatinine (in µmol/l)	104	353.6	Kernbach-Wighton [26]
Urea (in mmol/l)	8.3	33.4	Kernbach-Wighton [26]
3HB (in µmol/l)	74	500	Iten & Meier [27]
Tryptase (in µg/l)	11.4	44.3	Edston et al. [28]
Myoglobin (in µg/l)	72	*not reported*	*not available*
Troponin T (in pg/ml)	14	250	Gonzalez-Herrera et al. [29]
CK (in µkat/l)	2.9	*not reported*	*not available*
CK-MB (in µkat/l)	0.4	*not reported*	*not available*

Supplemental table 1: Comparison between upper clinical reference values presented by the manufacturer (Roche Diagnostics, Mannheim, Germany) and post-mortem threshold values, linked to one main reference.

Quality control	**Creatinine**	**Urea**	**3HB**	**Tryptase**	**Myoglobin**	**Troponin T**	**CK**	**CK-MB**
Freeze-thaw stability								
Upper range	+28.8%	+25.8%	+17.6%	+21.1%	+6.4%	+13.9%	+51.8%	+16.9%
Lower range	-8.8%	-13.3%	-17.9%	-45.2%	-51.0%	-54.9%	-8.0%	-9.7%
Triplicate								
Upper range	+1.3%	+0.3%	+4.4%	+5.5%	+5.3%	+1.1%	+2.4%	+2.6%
Lower range	-2.5%	0.0%	-3.2%	-7.3%	-2.3%	-6.5%	-3.4%	-2.6%
Arterial-venous deviation								
Maximum relative	9.1%	2.8%	11.3%	1.7%	27.3%	18.3%	14.3%	1.9%

Supplemental table 2: Numerical details of quality control checks.