Is Commutability Testing Always Necessary?

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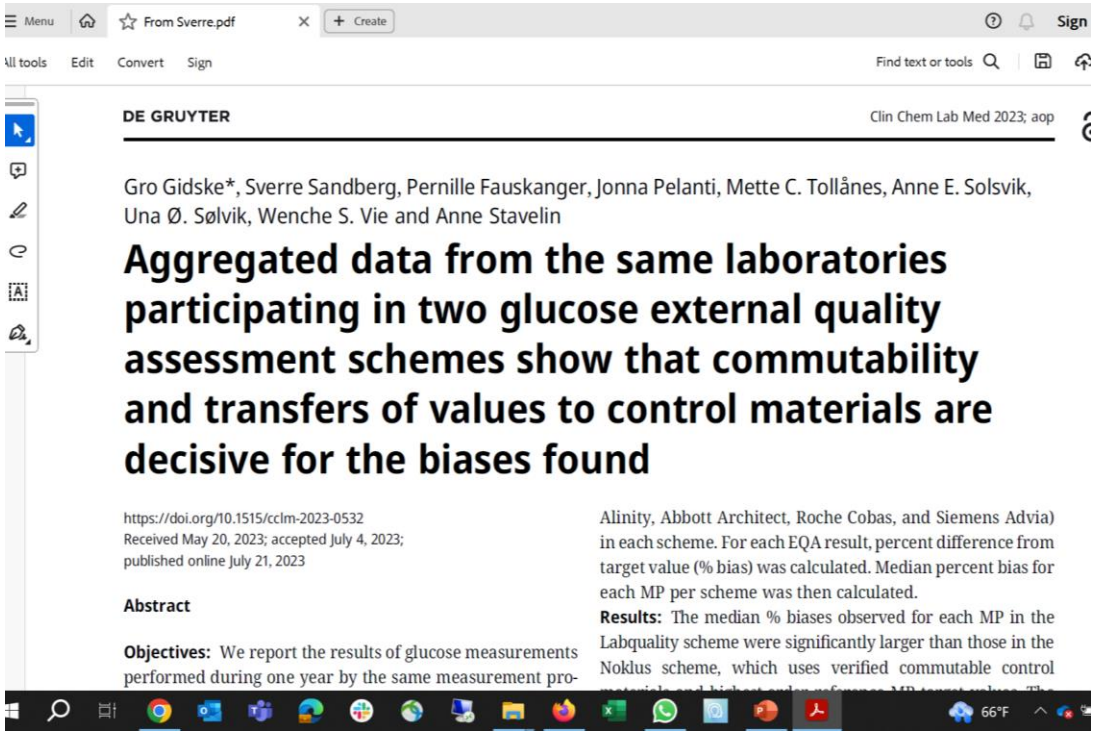

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Aggregated data from the same laboratories participating in two glucose external quality assessment schemes show that commutability and transfers of values to control materials are decisive for the biases found

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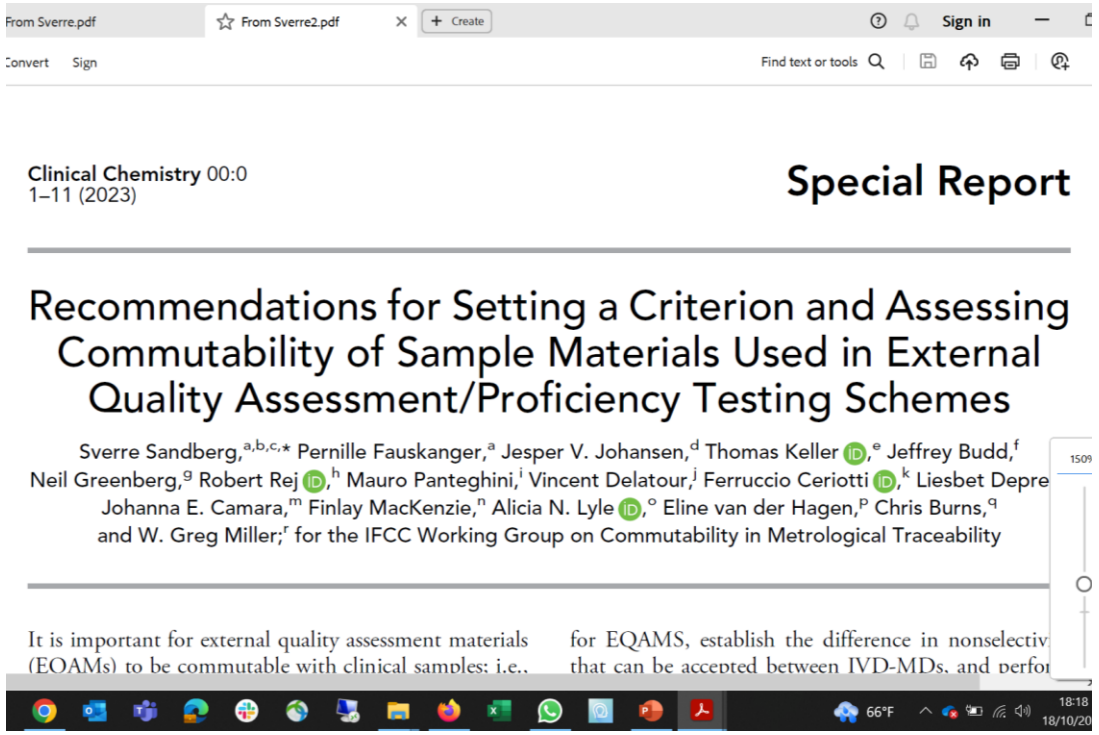
Abstract

Objectives: We report the results of glucose measurements performed during one year by the same measurement pro-

Alinity, Abbott Architect, Roche Cobas, and Siemens Advia) in each scheme. For each EQA result, percent difference from target value (% bias) was calculated. Median percent bias for each MP per scheme was then calculated.

Results: The median % biases observed for each MP in the Labquality scheme were significantly larger than those in the Noklus scheme, which uses verified commutable control



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Special Report

Recommendations for Setting a Criterion and Assessing Commutability of Sample Materials Used in External Quality Assessment/Proficiency Testing Schemes

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It is important for external quality assessment materials (EQAMs) to be commutable with clinical samples; i.e.,

for EQAMS, establish the difference in nonselectiv that can be accepted between IVD-MDs, and perfo

Material preparation

Full Blood Count programme

- Whole Blood
- Leucodepleted whole Blood
- Buffy Coat Residue
- Platelets
- Concentrated Red Cells
- Plasma

Components used will depend on the targets agreed by the Advisory group

FBC material preparation

Specimens ready for packing

Automated Bottling machine

UK NEQAS
International Quality Expertise

The questions asked

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2. Do you think commutability testing is always necessary or practical?
3. Do you assess commutability experimentally?
4. Do you assume commutability, or a lack of commutability, based on the nature of the specimen and/or the results from participants?
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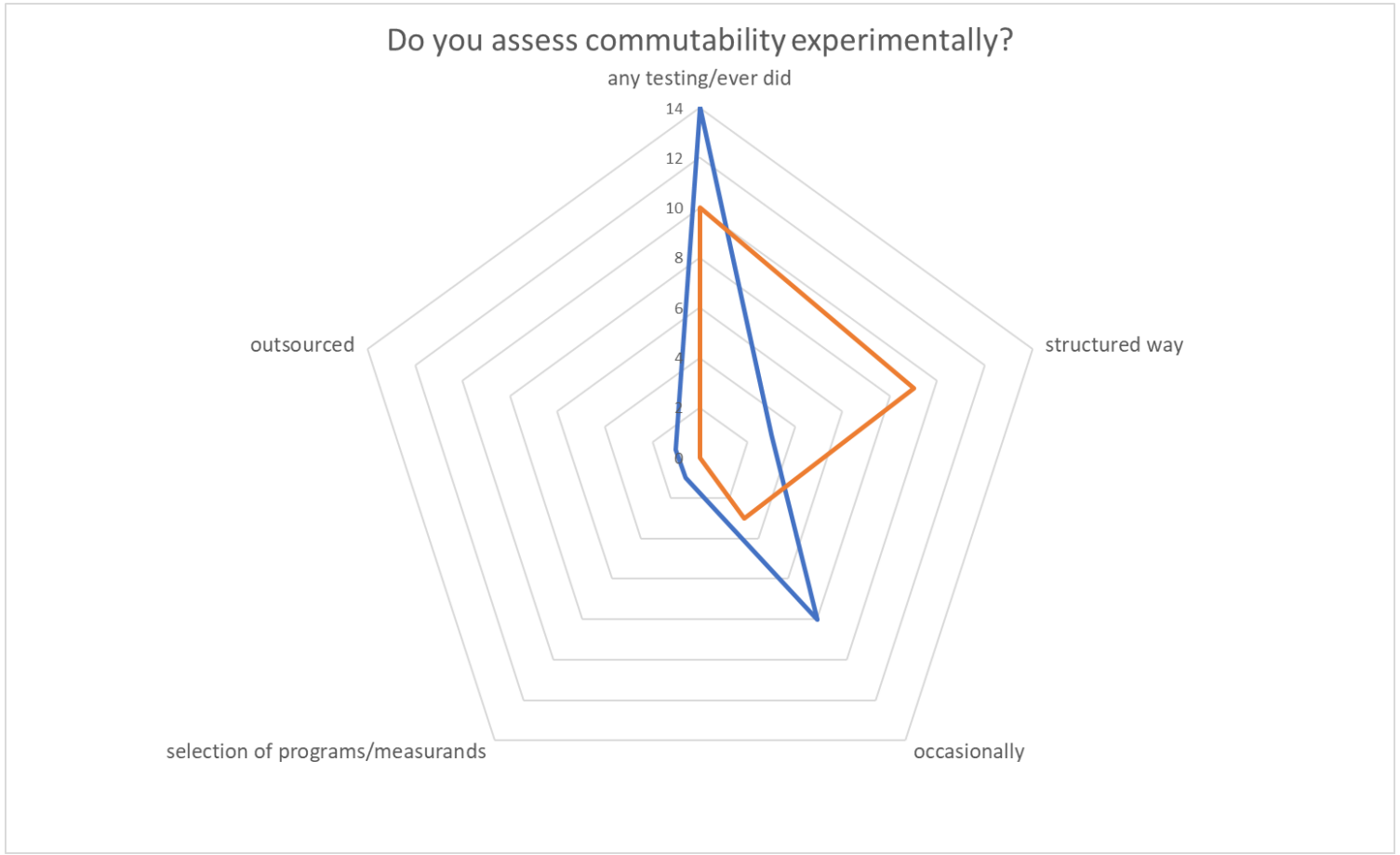

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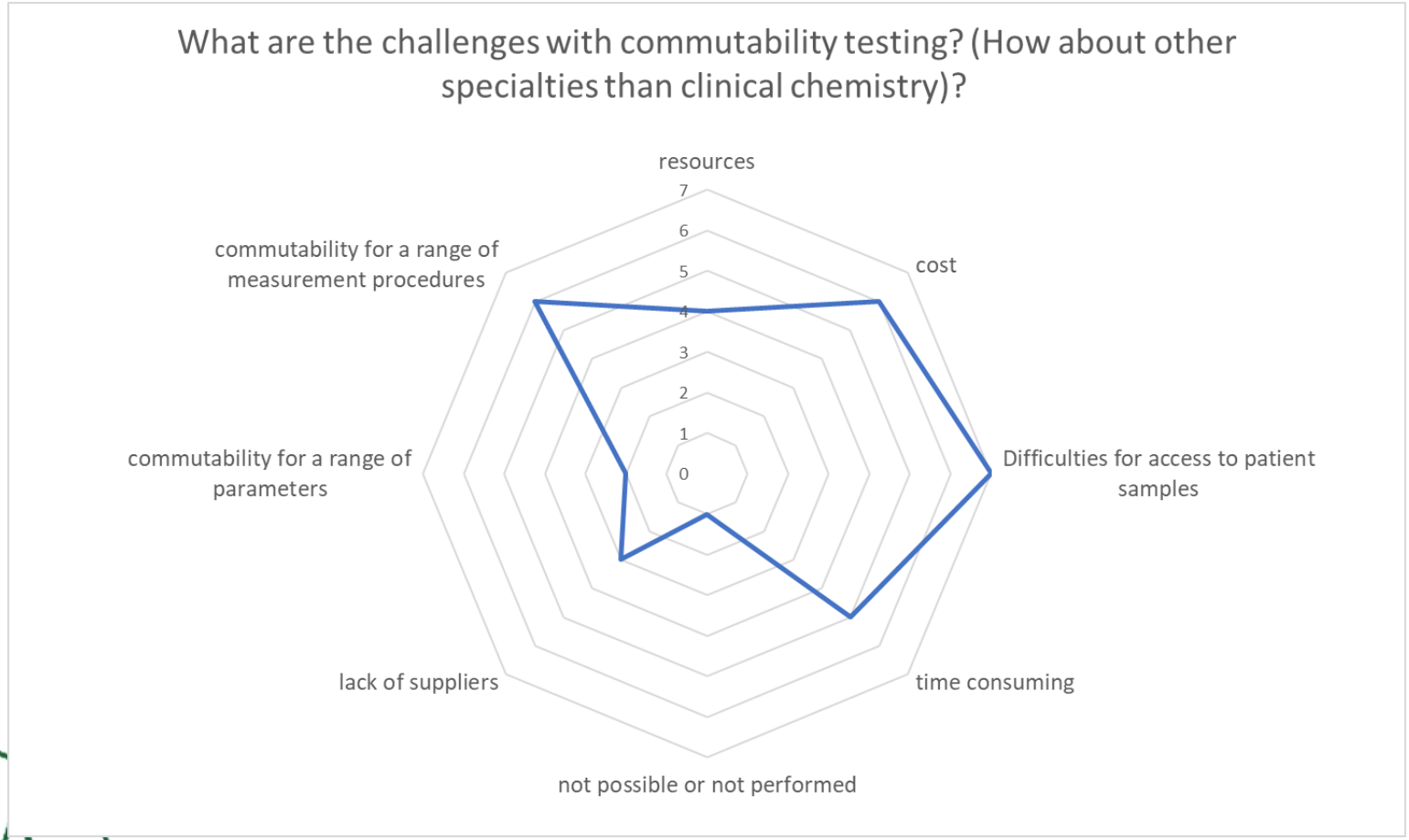

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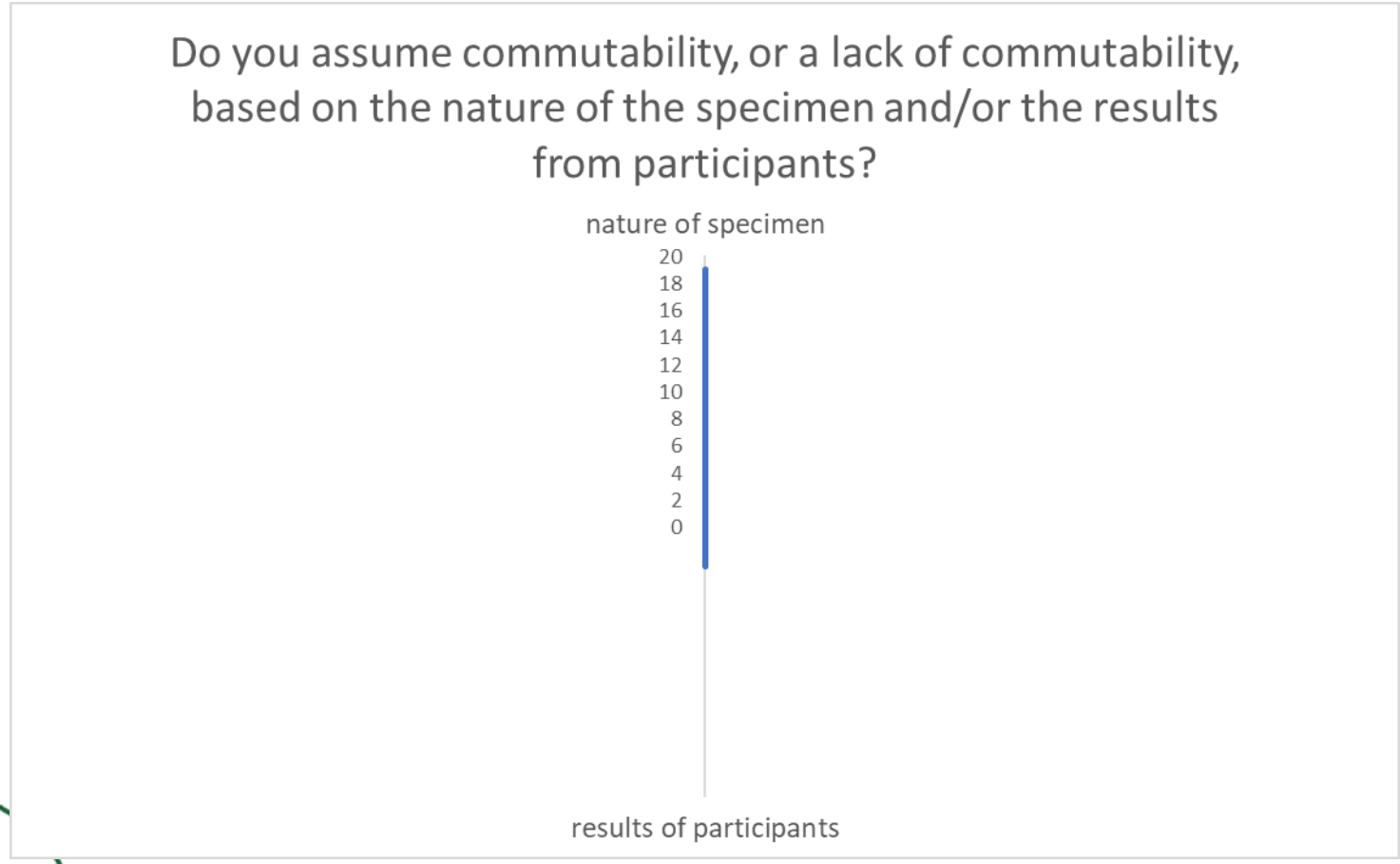

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