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*In reply:*



In the reinvented *Annals Journal Club*, we aimed to narrowly focus our attention on 1 to 2 salient educational topics from a selected article. The points raised by Dr. Mayer are certainly valid, but beyond the scope of this exercise.

As discussed by Dr. Mayer, the cutoff of 6 ng/L was originally examined in a previous cohort. This cutoff was selected not because it represented an ideal threshold but rather because it represented the level of quantification, or the level at which the signal-to-noise ratio of the test itself becomes unacceptable. However, the work by Nowak et al<sup>1</sup> concerns derivation of an optimal test threshold. The threshold of 8 ng/L at presentation and a change of 3 ng/L at 30 minutes met predefined sensitivity and negative predictive requirements for ruling out acute myocardial infarction. A prospective trial is necessary to validate these cutoffs.

Dr. Mayer raises a point in regard to the reporting of receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves. The area under an ROC curve describes the test characteristics of a

diagnostic test by summation at all points along its continuum. At times this can be an effective way to determine how any test sacrifices sensitivity for specificity. The authors' intent, however, was simply to identify the maximum value providing 100% sensitivity. Because of the specific question asked by these authors, the generation 5 troponin assay's performance along its entire diagnostic continuum, and thus its area under the ROC, does not necessarily add additional useful information.

Finally, we thank Dr. Mayer for his insightful comments and look forward to continued correspondence.

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## CORRECTION



Correction to 'The Ultimate Emergency Medicine Guide: The Only EM Book You Need to Succeed' [*Annals of Emergency Medicine* 73 (2019) 699–699]

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In the book review of *The Ultimate Emergency Medicine Guide: The Only EM Book You Need to Succeed* published in the June issue of *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, a mistake was made to the author's name. The author's name should be listed as "Khan S."

The authors would like to apologize for any inconvenience caused.