

Feasibility of supercontinuum sources for use in glucose sensing by absorption spectroscopy (Erratum)

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In the original article, the absorptivity of water used to calculate the change in intensity for small glucose concentrations was recorded at 22 °C,² whereas the glucose values were recorded at 37 °C.¹ Figure 1 was therefore incorrect. Instead, values for water absorptivity from Amerov et al.¹ recorded at 37 °C were used in this erratum. The corrected absorptivity of water and the molar absorptivity of glucose at 37 °C both based on Amerov et al.¹ are plotted in Fig. 1(a). The resulting difference for a 1 mm change of glucose for 1 mm path length is plotted in Figure 1(b). The change in the relative intensity I/I_0 can be found from Beer's law presented in Eq. 1 in the original draft. We would like to note that since Amerov et al. defined Eq. 1 by \log_{10} and not \ln , the expected change in intensity must be calculated with the conversion factor

$$\frac{\epsilon_{\text{meas}} c}{\log_{10}(e)} = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{meas}} c}{0.4343} = \ln \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right). \quad (1)$$

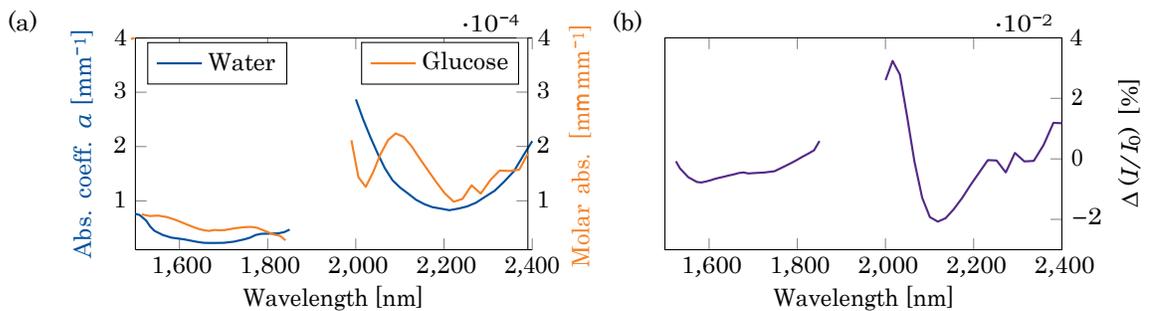


Figure 1: (a) Absorptivity of water and molar absorptivity of glucose as tabulated.¹ Note the difference in the orders of magnitude between water and glucose. (b) The difference in the intensity of 4 mm and 3 mm for $l = 1$ mm.

In the original paper, we concluded that a system measuring glucose should be able to measure a difference corresponding to the highest possible percentage change in absorption, which was 0.003 %. However, we believe a more robust bound is the average absolute difference in absorbance across the range. For the updated difference presented in this erratum, the needed coefficient of variation (CV) for the first overtone band is therefore estimated to 0.0045% and a CV of 0.0117% is needed for the combination band.

Later in the paper, we argued that the set limit could be relaxed according to $\sigma = \sigma_0/\sqrt{\rho/N_v}$, with ρ channel variables that are transformed to N_v latent variables. For $\rho = 512$ and $N_v = 5$, the limit of a CV of 0.0045 % would increase by approximately a tenfold to 0.045 % for the first overtone band, instead of 0.03 % which was estimated in the original paper. The updated estimate is on the same order of magnitude and does not influence the conclusion.

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