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I couldn't make out who asked, but someone did, re: allowable bias or total allowable error for potassium.

The CLIA acceptable limits are +/- 0.5 mmol/L, which translates to 10-14% across a reference interval of 3.5-5 mmol/L. FYI, I use CLIA only as a last resort, since it's akin to hitting the broad side of a barn.

I prefer #s based on biological variation (based on Callum Fraser's work, referenced by Ricos et al, Scand J Clin Lab Invest 1999, updated 2014), when possible, and here are those ($p < 0.05$):

total allowable error = 5.6%, calculated from bias = 1.8% and CV = 2.3%

Hope this helps,

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