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Risk Factors and Clinical Outcomes Associated with Perioperative Transfusion-Associated Circulatory Overload

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To the editor

We thank Dr. Boucek for his insightful review of degassing as it relates to blood product transfusion and its clinical comparisons with TACO. Certainly, we acknowledge that the clinical diagnosis of TACO is one that remains a challenge for clinicians, both in real time, and in retrospective clinical research. Indeed, this has been demonstrated by multiple authors in the field and has compounded the difficulties studying this important transfusion related complication.

As we learn with interest more about the intricacies and challenges associated with blood product transfusion, the concept of degassing is certainly relevant, and studies directed to directly address this phenomenon would be a valuable contribution to the literature. Unfortunately, the present study is not able to effectively address the issue raised.

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