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Dear Editor,

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Title: New developments and controversies in iron metabolism and iron chelation therapy

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Reply to the Reviewer 02508408:

We thank the reviewer for the positive comments.

2. Reply to the Reviewer 02520738

We thank the reviewer for the positive comments and the suggestions. The manuscript was revised accordingly and as follows: Table 1 has been reformatted to make it fully understandable. A section on the antioxidant action of chelators has been included in Table 1. The role of antioxidants has been included in the last paragraph of the discussion, where a related reference by Ciccone et al (ref 157) has been added in the bibliography section.

3. Reply to the Reviewer 00506472

We thank the reviewer for the positive comments and the suggestions. The manuscript was revised accordingly and as follows: A section regarding iron metabolism indices and algorithms and how to use them in order to best evaluate iron deficiency or overload and adapt iron chelation or iron supplementary therapy has been included at the last paragraph of the discussion. A reference (ref 158) has been included in the bibliography section related to this topic.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Methodology*.