

Corrigenda

Triplet State of Protoporphyrin IX

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In the above communication we implied that oral treatment with β -carotene could lead to hypervitaminosis A. This was based upon the work of Page¹ who proposed that women with a normal protein and high carotene intake suffered from hypervitaminosis A syndrome leading to a bleeding tendency. However, it has now been brought to our attention by Dr. M. Mathews-Roth that hypervitaminosis A cannot be developed by oral intake of large amounts of β -carotene and that in the numerous reports of the successful use of β -carotene in treating erythropoietic protoporphyria no such side effects were detected; as examples of this see refs. 2 and 3.

¹ S. W. Page, *Austral. N.Z. J. Obstet. Gynaec.*, 1971, **11**, 32.² M. M. Mathews-Roth, M. A. Pathak, T. B. Fitzpatrick, L. C. Harber, and E. H. Kass, *Arch. Derm.*, 1977, **113**, 1229.³ A. Wiskemann, in 'Sunlight and Man,' eds. M. A. Pathak, L. C. Harber, M. Seiji, and A. Kukita, Univ. of Tokyo Press, 1974, p. 669.

Decay of Locus Populations in a Compartmentalised Free-radical Polymerisation Reaction upon Removal of Radical Source

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Equation (4) should read

$$n_r(t) = (N/2^r r!) \sum_{p=r}^{\infty} B_p (m+p-1) {}_r J_p^{r-1, m+r-1}(0) \times \exp(-t/\tau_p)$$

Equation (5) should read

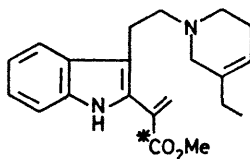
$$(ii) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (m+p-1) B_p \exp(-t/\tau_p)$$

Laboratory Model for the Biosynthesis of Vallesamine, Apparicine, and Related Alkaloids

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On p. 948, l.h.s., structure (5) (secoline) should read:



First name in ref. 1 should read: A. Walser.

Stereospecific Synthesis of Chiral Acetic Acid from Glycine

By MASAHIRO KAJIWARA, S.-F. LEE, A. IAN SCOTT, M. AKHTAR, C. R. JONES, and PETER M. JORDAN

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On p. 968, r.h.s., line 10, compound at end of line should read: (S)-(10a).

On p. 968, r.h.s., line 11, compound at beginning of line should read: (R)-(10b).

On p. 968, r.h.s., line 18, compound at beginning of line should read: (2R)-[¹H₁, ²H₁, ³H₁]ethanol.