

for 7 hours in aqueous formaldehyde and CH_3OH with 5% Pd/C. The reaction mixture was evaporated, crystallized from ether and shown to be vindoline by comparison of TLC. and X-ray powder and mass spectral data with those of an authentic sample of vindoline.

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Erratum

Helv. 57 (1974), Contribution Nr. 155 by F. Gerson *et al.*, pp. 1412 (5. line from the bottom) and 1413 (caption to Fig. 6) read: $E = \alpha - x\beta$ and not $E = \alpha + x\beta$.
