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Letter to the Editor

Human metabolism of methoxyphenamine

Sir,

K. K. Midha and R. T. Coutts have rightly shown our error in naming the first metabolite isolated from urine after administering methoxyphenamine. This was, in fact, an error introduced during printing as the original manuscript and the inaugural dissertation of the first author, presented in October 1975 (pp. 117–123) at the Medical School, Charles University, Prague, name the first metabolite as the N-demethylated derivative of methoxyphenamine. The habilitation paper describes its parameters in both TLC and GLC, including measured retention indices. We apologize for our lack of attention in correcting our preliminary note. We are also sorry that we did not have at our disposal an authentic synthetic sample of metabolite 2 for the interpretation of the mass spectrum. After the preliminary note was published we obtained a reagent for methylation and thus we were able to contradict our suggestion that metabolite 2 is not N-hydroxylated methoxyphenamine but the O-demethylated derivative of methoxyphenamine.

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