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Letter to the Editor

High-performance liquid chromatographic method for the simultaneous determination of myocardial creatine phosphate and adenosine nucleotides

Reply to E. Harmsen et al.

Sir,

We would like to comment on Drs. Harmsen, De Tombe and De Jong's Letter to the Editor regarding our note "High-performance liquid chromatographic method for the simultaneous determination of myocardial creatine phosphate and adenosine nucleotides" [1].

First, we gave proper credit to Dr. Harmsen et al. for an abstract [2] and for a personal communication, when their publication in this Journal [3] was not available to us. We were also thankful for their kindness in letting us use their method before publication, as stated in our note. As far as we are concerned, there is no question of priority and we do not claim one.

Secondly, our high-performance liquid chromatographic (HPLC) system is different from that used by Dr. Harmsen et al., and salt precipitation was a real problem within a few days of use.

Thirdly, we never claimed that our method is better than that described by Dr. Harmsen et al. [3]. Our method is a variation adapted to our different HPLC system and works well for us. This point was also made quite clear in our Discussion.

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