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In "Kinetic Distinction Between Rapid-Equilibrium Random and Abortive Ordered Enzymatic Mechanisms Using Alternative Substrates or Kinetic Isotope Effects", by Cynthia A. Gates and Dexter B. Northrop, pages 406-410: the apparent V/K_a in Eq. 4 on page 408 should have been presented as an apparent K_a/V at high B (i.e. $[B] > K_b$), as follows:

$$\left[\frac{K_a}{v} \right]_{app} = \frac{K_a}{v} + \frac{K_a[B]}{vK_I} + \frac{K_{ia}K_b}{vK_I} \quad (4)$$

Under steady-state conditions at "higher" B, V/K_a becomes:

$$\left[\frac{v}{K_a} \right]_{app} = \frac{vK_I}{K_a[B]} = \frac{k_1K_I}{[B]} \quad (5)$$

Hence, this apparent V/K_a is independent of catalysis (k_5) as assumed throughout the rest of the paper.

But the object of the derivation was to define an apparent V/K_a under rapid-equilibrium conditions. The original Eq. 5 was erroneously attributed to a limit when $k_5 \ll k_4$, when in fact it was the limit when $k_5 \gg k_4$, for $VK_I/K_{ia}K_b$ (1). The latter term is introduced into V/K_a under the rapid-equilibrium hypothesis, which in turn requires that k_5 be small relative to k_2 (2). Hence, we have a contradiction: k_5 cannot be "small" and "large" at the same time. To state the problem another way, the idea being put forth is that saturation with B drives $k_3[B]$ to infinity and traps A on the enzyme as (EA), such that the limiting V/K_a is determined only by kinetic events preceding (EA) in Scheme I. But the rapid-equilibrium assumption supposedly places (EA) in equilibrium with (E+A), based on a rate equa-

tion in which k_5 is driven towards zero. Algebraically, this generates $k_3[B]k_5$ terms which become a product of opposing limits (i.e. infinity times zero) when both assumptions are invoked.

The way out of this paradox is to start with apparent V/K_a in terms of all possible constituent rate constants before these are grouped into individual kinetic parameters and pared by restrictive assumptions. From net rate constant theory (3), apparent V/K_a of Scheme I can be written as:

$$\left[\frac{v}{K_a} \right]_{\text{app}} = \left[\frac{k_1 k_3 [B] k_5}{k_2 (k_4 + k_5) + k_3 [B] k_5} \right] \left[\frac{1}{1 + [B]/K_I} \right] \quad (6)$$

Obviously, at "higher" B, Eq. 6 approaches the same limit as Eq. 5 and the theory holds; the question is, how high is "higher" when slow catalysis qualifies for the rapid-equilibrium assumption? Given $K_b = (k_4 + k_5)/k_3$ and assuming that $k_3[B]k_5$ must exceed $k_2(k_4 + k_5)$ by ten fold in order to effectively eliminate k_5 from Eq. 6, then "higher" B is: $[B] > 10(K_b k_2/k_5)$. Hence, if catalysis is 100-fold less than the rate of dissociation of A, then the concentration of B must exceed 1000-times its Michaelis constant.

In some instances, such concentrations may not be attainable. Consequently, this method eliminates the rapid-equilibrium mechanism when values of V/K_a are identical at high B, but it does not eliminate the abortive-ordered mechanism when they are not.

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In the article "Characterization of the Liver Mitochondrial Cytochrome P-450 Catalyzing the 26-Hydroxylation of 5 β -Cholestane-3 α , 7 α , 12 α -triol," by Helena Dahlbäck, pages 30-36:

On page 35, lines 5 and 6 contain two errors: Residue 9 is Gln not Glu and a residue Gly was omitted at position 14; thus Pro 14 becomes 15 and each residue beyond is increased by one. The correct N-terminal sequence amino acid is:

Ala-Leu-Pro-Ala-Asp-Glu-Ala-Ala-Gln-Ala-Pro-Gly-
Ala-Gly-Pro-Gly-Asp-Arg-Gly-Gly-Val.

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In the article "Transcellular Conversion of Endogenous Arachidonic Acid to Lipoxins in Mixed Human Platelet-Granulocyte Suspensions," by Charlotte Edenius, Jesper Haeggström, and Jan Åke Lindgren, pages 801-807:

On page 804, the sentence beginning on line 14 should read: "The transformation of LTA₄ to lipoxins increased about five-fold in the presence of ionophore A23187. Thus, the amount of LXA₄ reached 228 \pm 57 pmol/ml in the presence of ionophore A23187 (1 μ M) as compared to 41 \pm 16 pmol/ml in the absence of ionophore stimulation (mean \pm SEM, n = 5)."

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In the article "Inhibition of the Proteolysis of Rat Erythrocyte Membrane Proteins by a Synthetic Inhibitor of Calpain," by Shujaath Mehdi, Michael R. Angelastro, Jeffery S. Wiseman, and Philippe Bey, pages 1117-1123:

On page 1118, line 10 under Erythrocyte Membrane Protein Degradation should read "...5 mL of 5 mM sodium phosphate (pH 8.2) containing....," instead of "... 5 mL of 5mM sodium phosphate containing...." Lines 4 and 5 under Assays for Measuring Calpain Activity should read "... 100 mM MOPS (pH 7.5), 5 mM CaCl_2 ..." instead of "... 100 mM MOPS (pH 7.5), 100 mM CaCl_2 "

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In the article "The Presence of a Novel Cellular Retinoic Acid-Binding Protein in Chick Embryos: Purification and Partial Characterization," by Toshihiro Kitamoto, Takashi Momoi, and Mariko Momoi, pages 1302-1308:

In Fig. 3 on page 1306, the 10th residue of CRABP II (chick) was mistyped. The correct residue is K (Lys) and not R (Arg). The correct NH_2 -terminal amino acid sequence of chick CRABP II is:

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CRABP II (chick)	PNFSGNWKM <u>K</u>	SSENFEE <u>LL</u> K	ALGVN <u>MM</u> LRK IAVAAA