

Erratum

“Organochlorine Insecticides Residues in Human Milk: A Study of Lactating Mothers in Siphofaneni, Swaziland” by J. O. Okonkwo, L. Kampira, D. D. K. Chingakule

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Table 2, Table 3, and four lines of text were inadvertently omitted between pages 245 and 246 of this article. The missing material is printed here.

Table 2. Residues of DDT and DDE and % extractable fat in mothers' milk(mg/kg whole milk).

| Compound | Range | Mean | % ^a | % ^b |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| p,p'DDT | 0.01 - 6.47 | 1.13 ± 1.66 | 83.5 | 75.7 |
| o,p'DDT | 0.01 - 3.90 | 0.48 ± 0.69 | 76.7 | 57.3 |
| p,p'DDE | 0.01 - 0.61 | 0.02 ± 0.08 | 47.6 | 5.0 |
| Σ DDT | 0.01 - 8.39 | 1.66 ± 2.22 | 83.5 | 80.0 |
| % extractable fat | 1.3 - 8.0% | | | |

^a Percentage occurrence of compounds in samples

^b Percentage exceeding the FAO/WHO acceptable daily intake(ADI)

Since all the mothers have lived in the area studied from birth, contamination of their breast-milk from agricultural or any other source would have shown high level of DDE. There was a noticeable significant difference of the levels of the contaminant residues from one sample to another. As can be seen from Table 2, the standard deviations for

Table 3. Mean sum DDT residue in different sampling sites(mg/kg whole milk).

| Village | Mean Σ DDT \pm SD |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Mphaphati | 3.22 \pm 3.75 |
| Kamkhweli | 2.08 \pm 2.13 |
| Gucuka | 1.92 \pm 2.53 |
| Mandlenya | 1.44 \pm 1.80 |
| Ngcamphalala | 0.79 \pm 1.80 |
| Lanjane | 0.40 \pm 0.41 |
| Thandiveni | 0.40 \pm 0.76 |
| Siphofaneni | 0.36 \pm 0.43 |

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