

### Lignocaine, a new technique for intravenous administration

Sir,

In the above article by R. A. Levy *et al.* (1977, **39**, p. 1026) the dose of lignocaine by infusion is stated to be 20  $\mu\text{g}/\text{min}$  for patients between 68 and 90 kg and 30  $\mu\text{g}/\text{min}$  for those over 90 kg. This is a very small dose: the usual dosage would be 20 or 30  $\mu\text{g}$  per minute per kg body weight.

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This letter was shown to the authors who reply as follows:

Sir,

A disastrous typographical error occurred; the doses should have been given as 20  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  per min and 30  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  per min.

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