

a low production of pigment on normal media, according to all the other biochemical tests showed them to be normal *P. aeruginosa* strains; this was confirmed by the results of the growth on the milk agar, both hydrolysis of the casein and pigment production being observed. In the case of the other two strains, 950 and 5940, the position was not so straightforward. Neither produced pigment on any of the solid media, including the milk agar. They did, however, show some signs of hydrolysis of the casein, and this increased on incubation for a further 48 hours, but no pigment was demonstrable. The results of the biochemical tests likewise showed that these two strains did not conform precisely to the *P. aeruginosa* or the *P. fluorescens* patterns, but in fact have some characters common to both, and these can be regarded as intermediate *fluorescens/aeruginosa* types. This is supported by the results of the milk agar media previously discussed. Indeed, in view of the recently demonstrated high transformation frequency within the genus *Pseudomonas* (Khan and Sen, 1967), the existence of such intermediate strains is not surprising. In either case, the milk agar has shown itself to be as reliable as the more conventional biochemical tests.

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Errata

In Table II in the paper entitled, 'Comparison of quick and slow thaw methods of producing cryoprecipitate antihaemophilic factor from fresh and 24-hour-old blood' A. L. Bloom (*J. clin. Path.*, **22**, 447-452) the P values for the supernatant have been printed under the wrong headings. The correct table 'Factor VIII content of cryoprecipitate and supernatant plasma', is printed below.

| | Fresh Blood | | Twenty-four Hour Blood | |
|---|---|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | Quick-Thaw (A) | Slow-Thaw (B) | Quick-Thaw (C) | Slow-Thaw (D) |
| Number of samples | 101 | 67 | 102 | 76 |
| Factor VIII in cryoprecipitate units) Mean \pm SD | 83 \pm 32 | 112 \pm 44 | 53 \pm 25 | 72 \pm 30 |
| Factor VIII in supernatant (units) Mean \pm SD | 42 \pm 21 | 30 \pm 21 | 31 \pm 19 | 25 \pm 12 |
| Statistical significance | A v B | C v D | A v C | B v D |
| Supernatant | P = <0.001 P = <0.001 | | | |
| Cryoprecipitate | P = <0.001 P = <0.001 P = <0.001 P = <0.001 | | | |

In Table IIa of the paper by Davis *et al.*, *J. Clin. Path.*, 1969, **22**, 634, the figures for *Proteus mirabilis* under the columns for tetracycline should read: S: 9.7%, 'S': 0.9% and R: 89.4%; the mean percentages of total should therefore read: S: 30.8%; 'S': 6.1%; R: 63.1%.