

Correction. In the article "Repression of the Overproduction of Porphyrin Precursors in Acute Intermittent Porphyria by Intravenous Infusions of Hematin," by Bonkowsky, H. L., Tschudy, D. P., Collins, A., Doherty, J., Bossenmaier, I., Cardinal, R. & Watson, C. J., which appeared in the November 1971 issue of *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA* **68**, 2725-2729, the sentence beginning on line 20 (from the top), right-hand column of page 2728, should read "Thus, while PBG appears not to penetrate certain cells or membranes as well as ALA (21-23), . . ."

Correction. In the article "Quantitative Analysis of Urine Vapor and Breath by Gas-Liquid Partition Chromatography," by Pauling, L., Robinson, A. B., Teranishi, R. & Cary, P., which appeared in the October 1971 issue of *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA* **68**, 2374-2376, the first sentence in the **Abstract** "When a human being is placed for several days on a completely defined diet, consisting almost en-

tirely of small molecules that are absorbed from the stomach into the blood, intestinal flora disappear because of lack of nutrition" is wrong. The absorption into the blood takes place not from the stomach, but from the small intestine. The diet of Vivonex-100 used by us consists of small molecules except for an oligosaccharide, averaging about 5 glucose units per molecule. Winitz, M., Adams, R. F., Seedman, D. A., Davis, P. N., Jayko, L. G. & Hamilton, J. A. (1970) *Amer. J. Clin. Nutrition* **23**, 546, have recently pointed out that the number of bacteria in the feces is greatly decreased when this glucose-based diet is ingested, but the intestinal flora do not completely disappear. They found a decrease in the total microbial population after 3 or 4 days on the glucose-based diet to 10^{-3} times the value before beginning the diet in two subjects, 10^{-4} in four subjects, and 10^{-5} in one subject. These comments also apply to the statement "... such that the foods are absorbed into the blood stream in the stomach and the intestinal flora disappear because of lack of nourishment." on the same page.