

Erratum

Increase in prostaglandin bioavailability precedes the onset of human parturition

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Please note the changes in Figures 1 and 2. These Figures contain 26 patients identified with ordinal numbers (rather than 28 in the original Figures), and two patients labelled A and B. These patients were labelled with the same laboratory number as two other patients included in

the other 26. Although the absolute values for PGE₂ and PGF₂ alpha were different, it is not certain whether they represent duplicate measurements of patients already included. The descriptive statistics have been recalculated with 15 rather than 17 patients (see Table 1). All conclusions of the paper remain unchanged: amniotic fluid PGE₂ and PGF₂ alpha concentrations increase prior to the onset of spontaneous labour at term. The authors would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

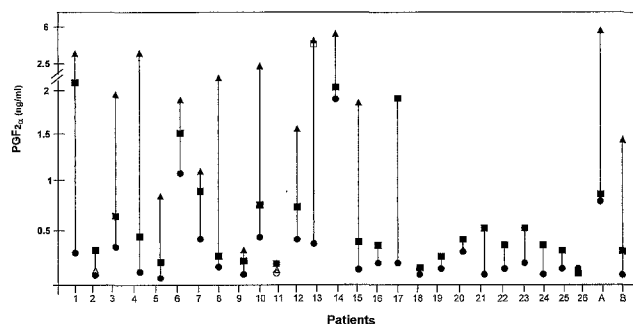


Fig. 1 Serial amniotic fluid PGE₂ concentrations in 28 patients according to labor status (● 1st amniocentesis – no labor; ■ 2nd amniocentesis – no labor; ▲ 3rd amniocentesis – early labor). The two samples on the right part of the figure (A and B) represent two additional sets of samples which were excluded from analysis because they were labelled with the same laboratory number. If one or both samples are included in the analysis the conclusion of the study remains the same.

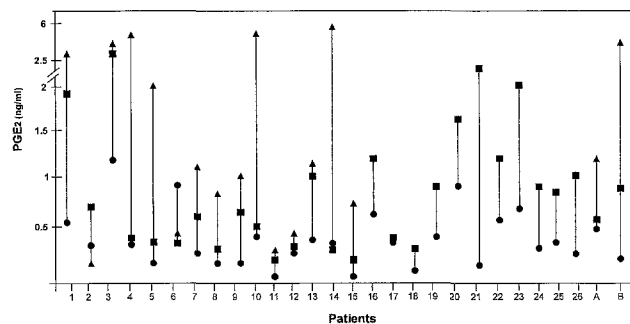


Fig. 2 Serial amniotic fluid PGE_{2α} concentrations in 28 patients according to labor status (● 1st amniocentesis – no labor; ■ 2nd amniocentesis – no labor; ▲ 3rd amniocentesis – early labor). The two samples on the right part of the figure (A and B) represent two additional sets of samples which were excluded from analysis because they were labelled with the same laboratory number. If one or both samples are included in the analysis the conclusion of the study remains the same.

Table 1 Descriptive statistics for serial amniotic fluid PGE₂ and PGF_{2α} concentrations in late pregnancy and early labor (*n* = 15).

Variables		Mean	SEM ^a	Median	Range	25th quantile	75th quantile
PGE ₂ (ng/ml)	1st amniocentesis – no labor	0.36	0.08	0.25	0.04–1.27	0.2	0.38
	2nd amniocentesis – no labor	0.68	0.18	0.41	0.14–2.68	0.25	0.7
	3rd amniocentesis – early labor	1.81	0.42	1.03	0.18–5.5	0.5	3
PGF _{2α} (ng/ml)	1st amniocentesis – no labor	0.42	0.11	0.30	0.08–1.82	0.17	0.48
	2nd amniocentesis – no labor	0.92	0.24	0.62	0.19–3.46	0.26	1.5
	3rd amniocentesis – early labor	1.91	0.33	1.85	0.13–4.5	0.85	3.05

^aSEM, standard error of the mean.

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