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In *Pharm. Weekblad Sci. Ed.* (1979) *Vol. I*, No. 1 a serious printer's error occurred in the paper 'The laxative action of anthracene derivatives. 2. Absorption, metabolism and excretion of sennosides A and B in the rat' (author: L. LEMMENS). On page 5 the text in the righthand column should read:

3. RESULTS

3.1. *Metabolism in the gastrointestinal tract*

After incubation of sennoside A or B in the

gastrointestinal pH media, no metabolites were formed, either after injection of sennoside A or B in the tied-off stomach, jejunum or rinsed colon.

In the tied-off caecum of the rat however, sennoside A or B was shown to be hydrolysed to the aglycones sennidin A and B. This sennidine was further metabolised into rhein and rhein-9-anthrone.

Figure 4 shows the metabolic pathway of sennoside A and B in the caecum of the rat.