

ney U test) than those measured at baseline (48 U, median difference = -9 U, range [-53 U; 24 U], $P < 0.02$) and at 1 month (47 U, median difference = -13 U, range [-38; +17], $P < 0.001$). The results were identical testing the median value measured at the end of treatment (26 U) against the baseline and the 1 month values.

These results do not support the hypothesis of induction of TPMT activity by 6-mercaptopurine. However, we do not know if the observed decrease in enzyme activity has any clinical relevance, and the data must be interpreted with caution. Since TPMT measurements were not made before chemotherapy, the initial relatively high value of TPMT activity may have been artifactual, as the consequence of enzyme induction by the previous intense multidrug induction consolidation treatment, including other drugs that interfere with purine metabolism (6-thioguanine, methotrexate, and low doses of 6-mercaptopurine).

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Erratum

Effect of longterm cetirizine treatment on the cutaneous hypersensitivity reaction in patients with grass pollen allergy

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There was an unfortunate error in this article. On page 20 in the right column, the time given in the third paragraph should have been "2 h" instead of "4 h".

The entire paragraph is reprinted here:

In an attempt to ensure patient compliance, a random blood sample was taken from each of the volunteers 2 h after a morning dose for the measurement of plasma cetirizine [13].

The authors apologize for the inconvenience.