

Cocaine is a strong sodium-channel blocker and this effect trumps its adrenergic effects.<sup>9,10</sup> The net effect is to increase the threshold for ventricular fibrillation by at least 50%, not lower it.

The authors asked how we can resolve the conflicting experimental findings.<sup>1</sup> The answer has been known since 1936: it is far easier to cause ventricular fibrillation in a small swine than in a human.<sup>4</sup> There is no conflict within the larger body of clinical literature, which consistently shows no problems with the use of electronic control devices in humans.

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**Corrections**

A news item about neglected diseases research in the Aug. 12, 2008, issue should have stated that the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative has raised US\$118 million for its research program.<sup>1</sup>

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A news story about Health Canada's investment in a new post-market drug surveillance network that was published online at [www.cmaj.ca](http://www.cmaj.ca) on July 16, 2008, and in the August 26 print issue should have stated that rofecoxib

(Vioxx) was withdrawn from the Canadian market in 2004.<sup>1</sup>

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In the print version of a recent commentary,<sup>1</sup> the references were not cited in the correct order in the text. The online version is correct (available at [www.cmaj.ca/cgi/content/full/179/6/509](http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/content/full/179/6/509)).

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In the print version of a recent review article,<sup>1</sup> the references were not cited in the correct order in the text. Also, the following sentence was missing from the end of the first paragraph on page 546: "Comorbid conditions frequently observed in athletes, such as rhinitis, vocal cord dysfunction or gastroesophageal reflux, may affect asthma control or act as confounders, and investigation and treatment is necessary." The online version is correct (available at [www.cmaj.ca/cgi/content/full/179/6/543](http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/content/full/179/6/543)).

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