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Dear Sir,

I would like to correct the note on the absorption of Ciba 1906 (DPT) which appeared in the last issue of *Leprosy Review* (30, 1959, p. 260), and which incorrectly quoted my saying that DPT should be given at least three times daily.

At this research centre, we have been studying the absorption and metabolism of DPT. Our findings are briefly summarized as follows:

(a) Maximal oral absorption of DPT occurs after a dose of 1.5 g. Increased absorption cannot be obtained by a further increase in dose:

(b) About 90% of the drug which has been absorbed is excreted within 24 hours as water-soluble metabolites in the urine:

(c) Absorption of DPT can be greatly increased if a daily dose of 4.5 g. is employed, given in three equal amounts in spaced intervals throughout the day:

(*d*) Further dividing of the daily dose does not result in significantly increased absorption:

(*e*) Hence it is recommended that the maximal dose of DPT given at any time should be 1.5 g., that dosage should be daily at least, and if possible thrice daily.

It is hoped to publish these results in detail in the near future.

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