

Authors' correction

"Carbon monoxide transfer coefficient (transfer factor/alveolar volume) in females *versus* males" J.M.B. Hughes, N.B. Pride. *Eur Respir J* 2003; 22: 186–189.

Unfortunately in Table 1, as published, some of the age and height coefficients for males and females had not been converted into SI units. This had no significant effect on the carbon monoxide transfer coefficient (*KCO*) values, all of which were expressed in SI units in the original Table, or on the main conclusion of the Correspondence article, that there were no important differences for *KCO* between females and males.

The corrected table 1 is reproduced below.

Table 1. – Published population studies of the carbon monoxide transfer coefficient (*KCO*)

Reference	Male					Female				
	n	Age coeff. per yr	Ht coeff. per cm	<i>KCO</i> 45 yrs	<i>KCO</i> 65 yrs	n	Age coeff. per yr	Ht coeff. per cm	<i>KCO</i> 45 yrs	<i>KCO</i> 65 yrs
[8]	70	-0.009	-0.003	1.87	1.69	72	-0.004	-0.0006	1.87	1.79
[9]	69	-0.01	-0.012	1.67	1.48	72	-0.004	-0.013	1.79	1.70
[10]	123	-0.011		1.82	1.60	122	-0.009		1.89	1.71
[11]	74	-0.01	-0.007	1.59	1.39	130	-0.005	-0.006	1.54	1.44
[12]	80	-0.008	-0.0004	1.61	1.45	291	-0.006	-0.008	1.62	1.50
[13]	71	-0.014	-0.008	1.87	1.59	99	-0.008	-0.009	1.80	1.63
[14]	194	-0.011	-0.01	1.74 [#]	1.51 [#]	167	-0.009	-0.012	1.75 [#]	1.58 [#]
[15]	83	-0.009		1.68	1.50	96	-0.006		1.67	1.55
[16]	119	-0.008	-0.0067	1.51	1.35	185	-0.008	-0.0017	1.45	1.29
[17]	374	-0.007	-0.0029	1.73 [†]	1.58 [†]	129	-0.005	-0.0117	1.70 [†]	1.60 [†]
Mean±SD	126			1.71±0.12	1.51±0.10	136			1.71±0.14	1.58±0.15

Age coeff.: age coefficient; Ht coeff.: height coefficient. The *KCO* at age 45 and 65 yrs has been derived from regression equations. Males were 175 cm in height and females were 165 cm. The units for *KCO* are mmol·min⁻¹·kPa⁻¹·L⁻¹ body temperature and ambient pressure, saturated with water vapour (for traditional units, multiply by 3). The data are nonsignificant (paired t-test) for males *versus* females for *KCO* at 45 yrs. [#]: contains a positive exponent for body weight; [†]: contains a negative exponent for *VA*.