correlation was found between the number of cigarettes and the blood hydroxychloroquine concentrations ($R^2 = 0.09$). Finally, no more differences were observed between smokers and non-smokers when the analyses were restricted to SLE patients.

Our results regarding blood hydroxychloroquine and desethylchloroquine concentrations in 223 treated patients did not show any significant relationship between cigarette smoking and hydroxychloroquine or desethylchloroquine concentrations. This is a strong argument against a direct effect of smoking on hydroxychloroquine metabolism. Another mechanism of interaction (as a modification of the lysosomal accumulation of antimalarial agents) or a direct deleterious effect of smoking on cutaneous lesions seems more likely.

Authors’ affiliations
Gaëlle Leroux, Nathalie Costedoat-Chalumeau, Zahir Amoura, Jean-Charles Piette, Université Paris 6, AP-HP, Service de Médecine Interne, Centre de Référence National pour le Lupus Systémique et le Syndrome des Antiphospholipides, Paris, France
Jean-Sébastien Hulot, Guy Aymard, Philippe Lechat, Université Paris 6, AP-HP, Service de Pharmacologie, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Pitié-Salpêtrière, Université Paris VI Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France
Camille Francès, Université Paris 6, AP-HP, Service de Dermatologie-Allergologie, Hôpital Tenon, Paris, France

Correspondence to: Nathalie Costedoat-Chalumeau, AP-HP, Service de Médecine Interne, Centre de Référence National pour le Lupus Systémique et le Syndrome des Antiphospholipides, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Pitié-Salpêtrière, 47-83 Boulevard de l’Hôpital, 75651 Paris Cedex 13, France; nathalie.costedoat@psi.aphp.fr

Accepted 30 April 2007

REFERENCES

Corrections

doi: 10.1136/ard.2006.062760.corr1

doi: 10.1136/ard.2006.063230.corr1
The affiliations of Karina de Leeuw, Miek van Leeuwen and Marc Bijl were inadvertently omitted from an article in the October issue (van Rossum AP, Huitema MG, Limburg PC, Stegeman CA, de Leeuw K, van Leeuwen. MA, Bijl M, Kallenberg CGM. Standardised assessment of membrane proteinase 3 expression. Analysis in ANCA-associated vasculitis and controls. Ann Rheum Dis 2007;66:1350–51). They are all affiliated to the Department of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology, Groningen University Medical Centre, University of Groningen, The Netherlands.