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Table 1. Summary of noradrenaline concentration and T-maze performance data; S.E.M., standard error of mean.

Group	N	Noradrenaline, cortex and hippocampus (ng/g) (mean $\pm$ S.E.M.)	T-maze, days to criterion	
			Median	Range
Control	7	291 $\pm$ 15		
One-stage	3	269 $\pm$ 19	11	8-16
Two-stage	4	308 $\pm$ 20	10.5	6-13
One-stage total lesion	8	52 $\pm$ 5	12.5	6-16
Two-stage lesion				
Partial	4	157 $\pm$ 17	7	6-9
Total	3	65 $\pm$ 16	7	5-9

with food reinforcement to habituate them to the general experimental situation. The animals were then given 12 trials each day in a T-maze in which entrance into an arm with an olfactory stimulus (1 percent amyl acetate solution) led to food reward (4). The criterion was 22 correct responses in 24 trials. Animals were again given free access to food upon reaching criterion, and behavioral testing ended with measurement of activity by means of an Animex meter (5) over a 90-minute period. Throughout the study each lesion group was tested concurrently with a nonlesion control group (3). The animals were killed by spinal stem were isolated for subsequent parafin embedding and staining with thionin, and the cortex and hippocampus were removed for noradrenaline assay (6).

The histological and chemical analyses (Table 1) demonstrated extensive destruction of the locus coeruleus in most animals. In the groups classified as having total lesions, only two animals had any identifiable locus coeruleus cells remaining. The reduction in cortical noradrenaline ranged from 67 to 90 percent in these animals. The one-stage bilateral lesions markedly debilitated the animals; ataxia, temporary aphagia, and urogenital disorders were observed (7). Postoperative recovery in the animals with bilateral two-stage lesions was both more rapid and more complete.

During the habituation trials, all animals increased their running speeds so as to complete the 120-cm runway within 5 seconds. The running speeds for the animals with lesions were consistently lower than those for the control animals; however, we attribute this to motor variables. Motor difficulties observed (7) in some animals in all the lesion groups may have restricted their maximum running speeds. Activity, as measured during the 90-minute test period, was positively correlated with

noradrenaline content (group with single-stage lesions and corresponding controls,  $r = .82$ ; group with two-stage lesions and controls,  $r = .67$ ). The motor disturbances and decreased activity in the animals with lesions may account for their slower speeds in the runway.

Running speed in the T-maze was not a limiting variable because the criterion was based on entrance into the goal arm rather than speed of traversal. There was no initial preference for the olfactory cue. The animals with bilateral single-stage lesions did not differ from their controls with respect to days to criterion (Table 1) [Mann-Whitney:  $U = 11$ ,  $P = .92$  (8)]. There were no significant differences for this measure for the group with total two-stage lesions, the group with partial two-stage lesions, and their controls [Kruskal-Wallis:  $H_c = 2.13$ ,  $P > .1$  (8)]. These results fail to demonstrate a learning deficit in a T-maze discrimination despite a substantial decrease in cortical noradrenaline caused by bilateral locus coeruleus lesions.

If the nucleus locus coeruleus is the substrate for a reinforcement system operative in appetitive learning, destruction of the nucleus should lead to deficits in any learning task with food reward. Since animals with complete bilateral lesions of the locus coeruleus

can learn a T-maze discrimination, we conclude that the structure is not an essential component of a common reinforcement system.

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## Chlorine Compounds and Stratospheric Ozone

The potentially serious impact of man-made chlorofluoromethanes ( $CF_xCl_y$ ) on stratospheric  $O_3$  is now documented in the scientific literature (1-3). In our recent report (2) we showed that the potential size of this atmospheric perturbation is large, so large that chemical control of the stratosphere will eventually pass to the chlorine oxides ( $ClO_x$ ) that arise from  $CF_xCl_y$  usage. According to our calculations, the  $ClO_x$  sink for stratospheric  $O_3$  can be ex-

pected to dominate natural sinks for  $O_3$  by 1985 or 1990. This time dependence is striking. Time scales of decades arise from our current knowledge of atmospheric mixing rates, and from the present belief (1-3) that the only significant mechanism by which nature can break apart  $CF_2Cl_2$  and  $CFCl_3$  is by stratospheric photodissociation brought about by ultraviolet radiation.

One purpose of this technical comment is to facilitate the readers' efforts

to verify our calculations (2). Several statistics and definitions require clarification, and one minor error should be noted by those who desire to check our work exactly. The  $CF_xCl_y$  mixing ratio shown for the year 2005 in figure 2 of (2) does not result from a steady model 2 emission rate of  $2 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$  at ground as the text implies. In fact, the text should read " $5 \times 10^7$ " on page 1166, column 1, line 46. Also we erroneously used a doubling time of 2.64 years in our computer computations, not 3.5 years as we stated. Consequently, we projected the total  $CF_xCl_y$  flux at ground level to be  $5.2 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$  in late 1975 instead of the proper value,  $4.2 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ . We have repeated our calculations for model 3 with the proper 3.5-year doubling time, a 5.05-year e-folding time. Although model 3 is more strongly affected than models 1 and 2, we find with these corrections only small changes in the model 3 results: the column  $O_3$  destruction rate peaks around 1990, as before, at a value of about  $1.55 \times 10^{31} \text{ molecule sec}^{-1}$  integrated over the globe. In our report (2) we showed a peak value (figure 1) of about  $1.81 \times 10^{31} \text{ molecule sec}^{-1}$ .

It should be noted that our presumed present stratospheric CIX (total concentration of gaseous chlorine compounds including Cl, ClO, and HCl) background accounts for more than half of the model 3  $O_3$  destruction rate and that stratospheric CIX concentrations are not well known (4). On the other hand, we must emphasize that uncertainties in the present CIX background do not affect the conclusions of our report (2). It is extremely important to learn present CIX values. Otherwise, future CIX increases will be impossible to document, whether due to chlorine release from  $CF_xCl_y$ , CIX injection by volcanoes, or HCl from the proposed Space Shuttle system (5).

Also our reference 11 in (2) presents 1973  $CF_2Cl_2$  and  $CFCl_3$  production statistics as current. These quantities,  $4.5 \times 10^8 \text{ kg}$  and  $2.7 \times 10^8 \text{ kg}$ , respectively, are DuPont's estimates of the 1973 annual global production. Presumably, the 1974 figures are larger.

The three paragraphs immediately above should assist others in repeating our calculations. Because of the potential seriousness of this problem, such checks are desirable. Similar reexamination of Crutzen's recent assessment of the expected  $O_3$  depletion (3) are also to be encouraged. The sensitivity of model calculations to parameters such as the characterization of atmospheric transport through eddy diffusion coefficients, chemical reaction rates, and assumed background concentrations of certain species (for example, OH) must be ascertained. Researchers must reexamine stratospheric photochemical schemes for completeness: Have important gas-phase or heterogeneous reactions been overlooked? The search for alternative natural sinks (6) for  $CF_xCl_y$  should continue as we indicated (2) in reference 10. Researchers should also investigate the atmospheric fate of the fluorine atoms released from  $CF_xCl_y$ . No direct effect on stratospheric  $O_3$  is expected (1-3), but reactions involving fluorine atoms may disrupt natural cycles of hydrogen-containing species and they may present possibilities for monitoring the  $CF_xCl_y$  effect.

Perhaps more important, atmospheric measurements of background gaseous concentrations are needed for OH, atomic oxygen, the nitrogen oxides, and the chlorine oxides, and, obviously, continued monitoring of  $O_3$  is necessary. Short of observing  $O_3$  decreases directly, the most telling measurement would be of ClO, its present abundance and its rate of increase. To assess the impact of HCl from the Space Shuttle, stratospheric OH data would also be useful.

Stratospheric profiles of  $CF_2Cl_2$ ,  $CFCl_3$ , and  $CCl_4$  are also needed immediately. As all these studies are formulated and completed, the appropriate industrial and governmental bodies may decide intelligently on questions of the regulation and control of  $CF_xCl_y$  production.

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5. Each Space Shuttle launch will deposit  $5 \times 10^4$  to  $10^5 \text{ kg}$  of HCl in the stratosphere ["Environmental Statement for the Space Shuttle Program" (NASA, Washington, D.C., July 1972)]. At the projected launch rate of 50 shuttles per year, we calculate that the globally averaged HCl input rate is at least 100 times smaller than the corresponding chlorine injection rate due to continued  $CF_xCl_y$  usage at the 1973 levels.
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