

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to correct the impression given in an article by Mrs. M. B. Glos in *Nucleonics*, February, 1967, about  $^{123}\text{I}$  labeled albumin for brain scanning. In fact, I have not actually used this radioactive substance in patients and do not claim that it is definitely "superior to almost any other isotope." What I have done, is to calculate a Figure of Merit for a number of different possible substances and also, the probable minimum size of brain tumor which could be detected with each of them (*J. Nucl. Med.* 6:155, 1965. *Acta Radiologica*, In press).

Using this criterion,  $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$  pertechnetate came at the top of the list of those substances which have been actually used and for low energy gamma ray emitters  $^{123}\text{I}$  albumin was the next substance tested. Highest values of Figure of Merit were obtained for short lived positron emitters, but the use of these would depend on finding a suitable labeled compound which could be made quickly enough.

Dr. D. J. Silvester has prepared  $^{123}\text{I}$  on the Medical Research Council cyclotron, here, but it has not been used for brain scanning, because the proportion of other iodine isotopes produced at the same time is too high.

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### SNM MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

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As announced at the 14th Annual Meeting in Seattle, effective January 1, 1968 the new dues for the National Organization are:

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| Full Members         | \$25.00 |
| Associate Members    | \$20.00 |
| Technical Affiliates | \$12.50 |

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