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CORRECTION

Lipids from Flax Fibers and Their Fate in Alkaline Pulping, by Ana Gutiérrez* and José C. del Río. *J. Agric. Food Chem.* **2003**, *51*, 4965.

We regret that due to an unfortunate error during the writing of the paper, the chain lengths of the waxes identified were incorrectly assigned in the text. The error arises from **Figure 3**, which shows the mass spectra of, supposedly, waxes C_{50}, C_{52}, and C_{54}, but that in fact corresponds to waxes C_{44}, C_{46}, and C_{48}, as can be clearly deduced from the molecular ions at *m/z* 648, 676, and 704, respectively. The amended **Figure 3** is shown here. Therefore, throughout the paper, the chain lengths of the waxes have been misidentified (with six carbon atoms more than really corresponds).

In the paper it is said that waxes were identified in flax fibers (and in flax pulps) in the range from C_{46} to C_{60}, with the C_{50}, C_{52}, and C_{54} analogues being the most abundant; in fact, it must state that they were identified in the range from C_{40} to C_{54}, with the C_{44}, C_{46}, and C_{48} analogues being the most abundant, as is shown in the amended **Figures 1** and **4** and **Tables 1** and **2**. The error affects only the chain length of the esterified fatty alcohol moiety, which is six carbon atoms shorter than that shown in the paper, and the distribution of which, from C_{16} to C_{32} and maximum at C_{28}, now parallels that of the free fatty alcohol series, as shown in the amended **Figure 2**.

Table 1. Amended Composition of Lipids (mg/100 g) from Flax (*L. usitatissimum*) Fibers and Their Alkaline Pulps (Only the Compositions of Waxes Have Been Corrected)

		flax pulps				flax pulps	
compound	flax	kappa 28	kappa 6	compound	flax	kappa 28	kappa 6
			waxes				
total	168	213	11.4	wax C_{47}	0.91	0.00	0.00
wax C_{40}	0.70	0.55	0.16	wax C_{48}	30.0	23.9	1.04
wax C_{42}	4.86	8.51	0.80	wax C_{50}	8.16	1.85	0.39
wax C_{44}	39.3	67.6	4.37	wax C_{52}	3.71	0.73	0.00
wax C_{45}	0.82	0.55	0.00	wax C_{54}	1.28	0.00	0.00
wax C_{46}	78.1	109.1	4.63				

Although the error affects all figures and tables, the rest of the data and conclusions are correct. The amended figures and tables are shown here.

Table 2. Amended Composition of the Different Waxes (mg/100 g) Identified in Flax (*L. usitatissimum*) Fibers and Their Alkaline Pulps

waxes fatty acid: fatty alcohol	flax	flax pulp kappa 28	flax pulp kappa 6	waxes fatty acid: fatty alcohol	flax	flax pulp kappa 28	flax pulp kappa 6
wax C_{40}	0.70	0.55	0.16	wax C_{47}	0.91	0.00	0.00
C_{16}:C_{24}	0.26	0.26	0.12	C_{16}:C_{31}	0.12	0.00	0.00
C_{18}:C_{22}	0.07	0.04	0.04	C_{18}:C_{29}	0.48	0.00	0.00
C_{20}:C_{20}	0.24	0.18	0.00	C_{20}:C_{27}	0.16	0.00	0.00
C_{22}:C_{18}	0.13	0.07	0.00	C_{22}:C_{25}	0.14	0.00	0.00
wax C_{42}	4.86	8.51	0.80	wax C_{48}	30.0	23.9	1.04
C_{16}:C_{26}	3.37	7.18	0.72	C_{16}:C_{32}	0.63	1.24	0.00
C_{18}:C_{24}	0.34	0.69	0.08	C_{18}:C_{30}	16.6	15.0	0.48
C_{20}:C_{22}	0.42	0.17	0.00	C_{20}:C_{28}	7.13	5.03	0.28
C_{22}:C_{20}	0.59	0.44	0.00	C_{22}:C_{26}	4.59	2.40	0.28
C_{24}:C_{18}	0.13	0.03	0.00	C_{24}:C_{24}	0.58	0.15	0.00
C_{26}:C_{16}	0.02	0.01	0.00	C_{26}:C_{22}	0.16	0.04	0.00
				C_{28}:C_{20}	0.17	0.04	0.00
wax C_{44}	39.3	67.6	4.37	C_{30}:C_{18}	0.08	0.01	0.00
C_{16}:C_{28}	30.1	54.1	3.23				
C_{18}:C_{26}	6.82	12.4	1.04	wax C_{50}	8.16	1.85	0.39
C_{20}:C_{24}	0.67	0.44	0.04	C_{18}:C_{32}	0.41	0.29	0.00
C_{22}:C_{22}	1.14	0.40	0.04	C_{20}:C_{30}	1.85	0.44	0.02
C_{24}:C_{20}	0.35	0.07	0.00	C_{22}:C_{28}	4.12	0.95	0.37
C_{26}:C_{18}	0.03	0.06	0.00	C_{24}:C_{26}	1.54	0.11	0.00
C_{28}:C_{16}	0.06	0.04	0.00	C_{26}:C_{24}	0.07	0.07	0.00
C_{30}:C_{14}	0.07	0.07	0.00	C_{28}:C_{22}	0.11	0.00	0.00
				C_{30}:C_{20}	0.05	0.00	0.00
wax C_{45}	0.82	0.55	0.00				
C_{16}:C_{29}	0.32	0.22	0.00	wax C_{52}	3.71	0.73	0.00
C_{18}:C_{27}	0.33	0.33	0.00	C_{20}:C_{32}	0.20	0.00	0.00
C_{20}:C_{25}	0.05	0.00	0.00	C_{22}:C_{30}	1.02	0.26	0.00
C_{22}:C_{23}	0.10	0.00	0.00	C_{24}:C_{28}	2.05	0.47	0.00
C_{24}:C_{21}	0.03	0.00	0.00	C_{26}:C_{26}	0.34	0.00	0.00
				C_{28}:C_{24}	0.04	0.00	0.00
wax C_{46}	78.1	109	4.63	C_{30}:C_{22}	0.05	0.00	0.00
C_{16}:C_{30}	15.8	18.0	0.88				
C_{18}:C_{28}	55.1	85.4	3.39	wax C_{54}	1.28	0.00	0.00
C_{20}:C_{26}	4.69	4.34	0.24	C_{22}:C_{32}	0.16	0.00	0.00
C_{22}:C_{24}	1.17	0.80	0.12	C_{24}:C_{30}	1.11	0.00	0.00
C_{24}:C_{22}	0.96	0.18	0.00				
C_{26}:C_{20}	0.08	0.07	0.00				
C_{28}:C_{18}	0.15	0.07	0.00				
C_{30}:C_{16}	0.16	0.22	0.00				

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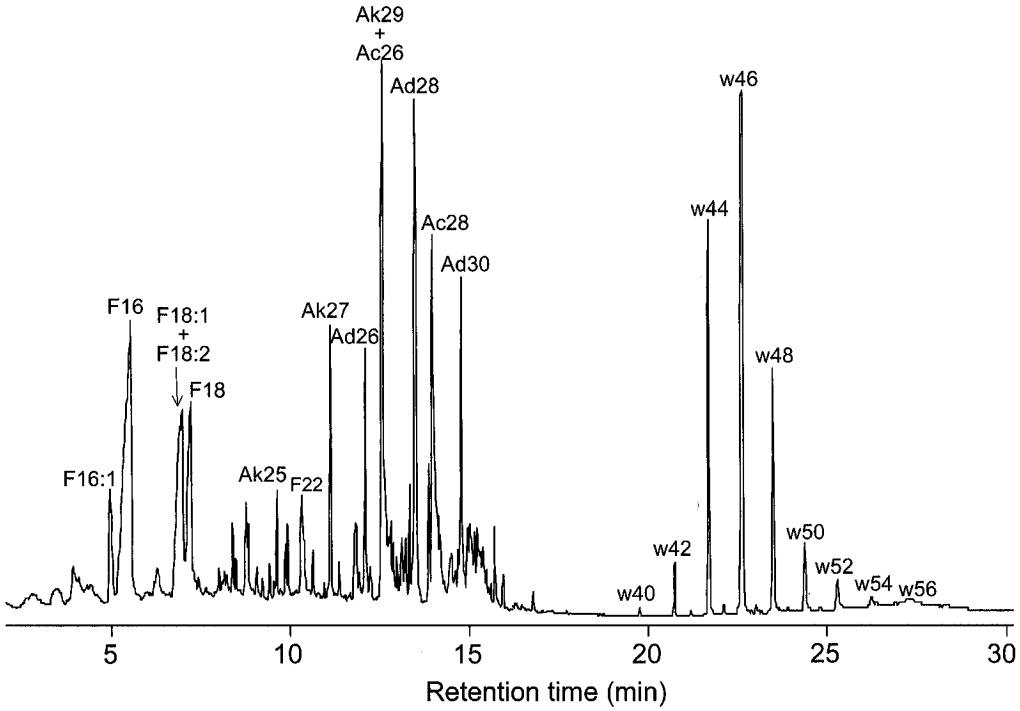

Figure 1. GC-MS chromatogram of the underivatized lipid extracts from flax (*Linum usitatissimum*) fibers. F(*n*), *n*-fatty acid series; Ak(*n*), *n*-alkane series; Ad(*n*), *n*-aldehyde series; Ac(*n*), *n*-alcohol series; w(*n*): wax series; *n* denotes the total carbon atom number. (The wax lengths have now been corrected.)

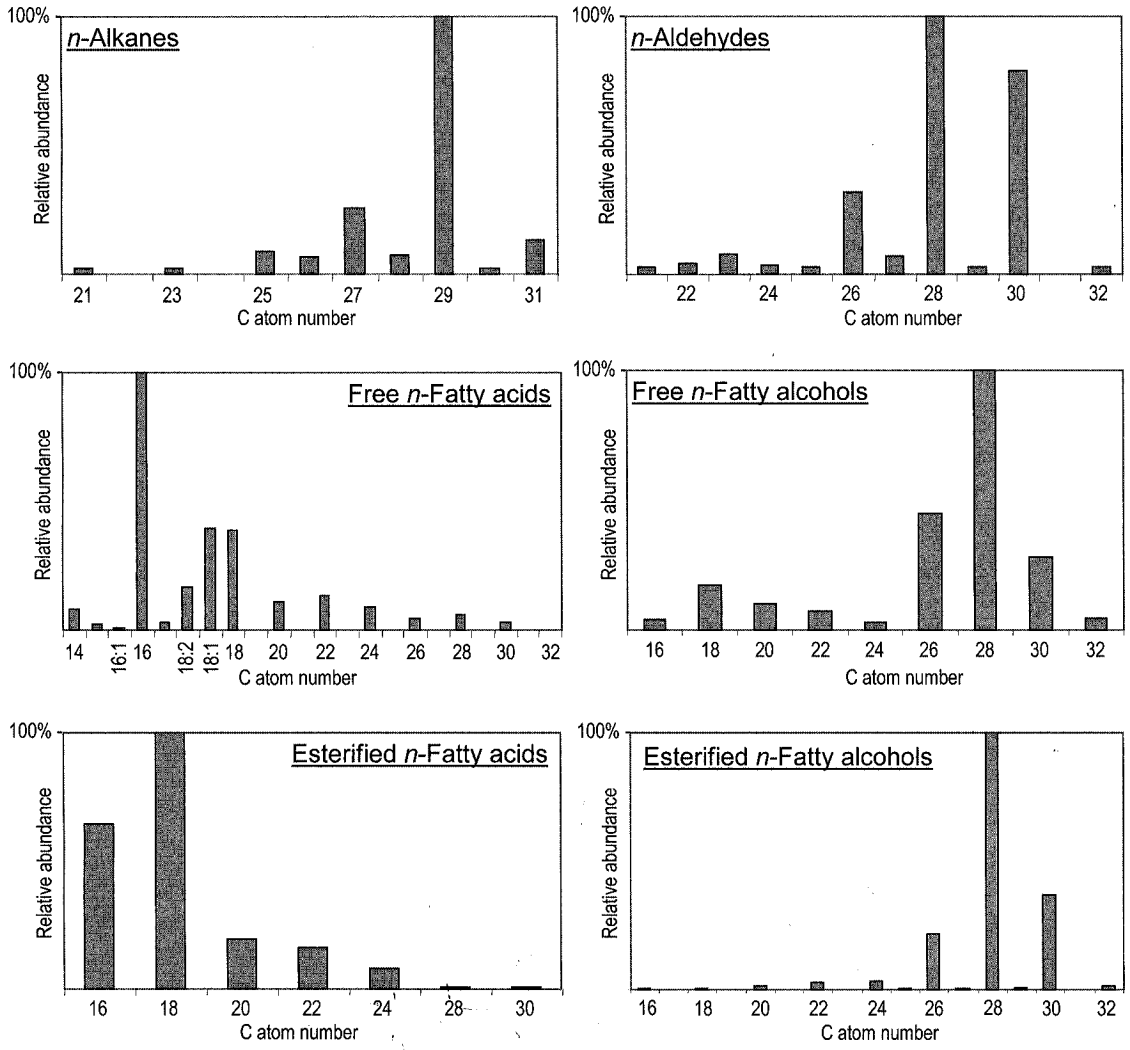

Figure 2. Distribution of the main aliphatic series identified in the extracts of flax (*L. usitatissimum*) fibers. The histograms are scaled up to the abundance of the major peak in the series. (The lengths of the esterified fatty alcohol series have now been corrected.)

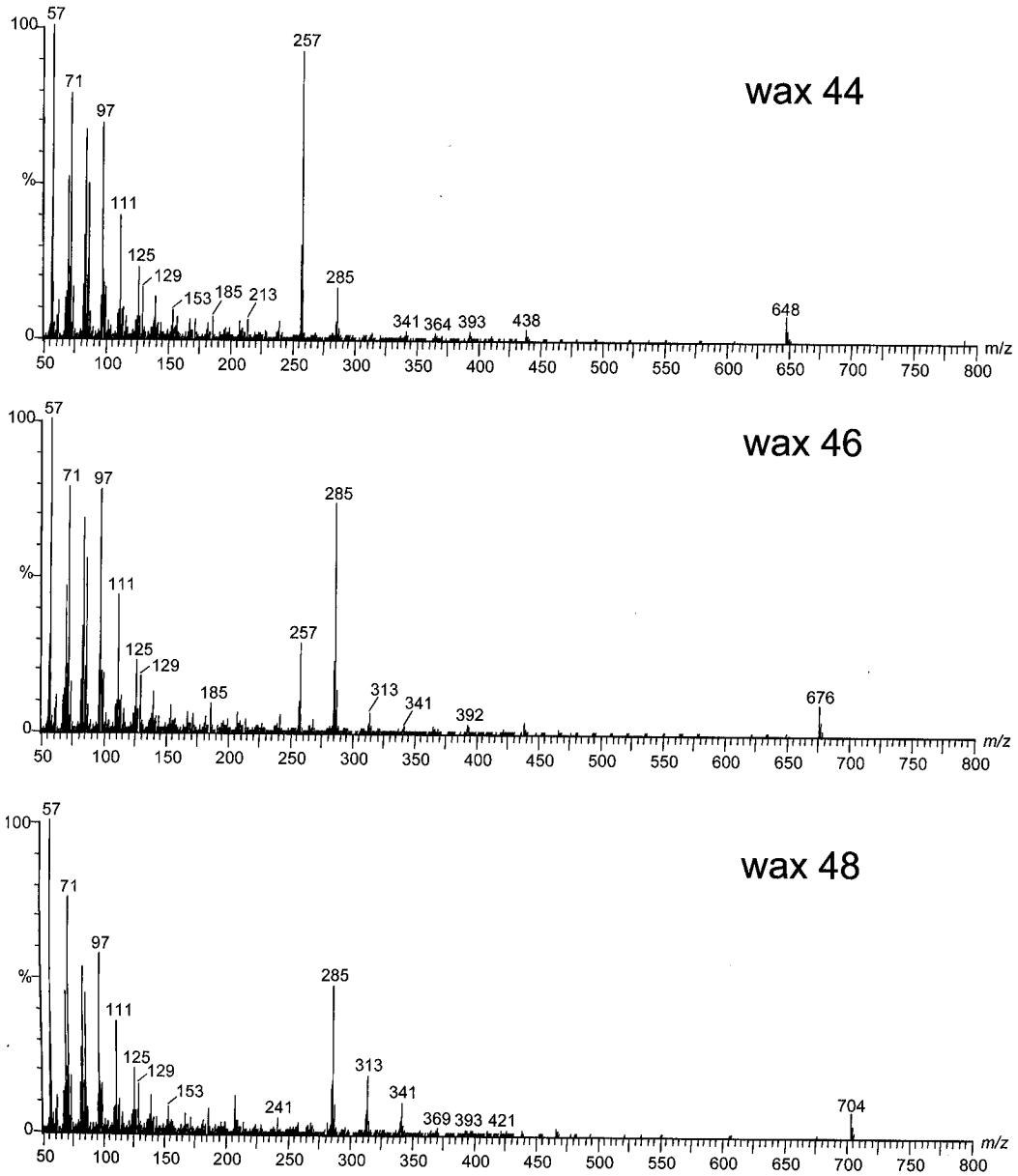

Figure 3. Mass spectra of the chromatographic peaks corresponding to (**a**) wax C_{44}, (**b**) wax C_{46}, and (**c**) wax C_{48}. (The lengths of the waxes have now been correctly identified.)

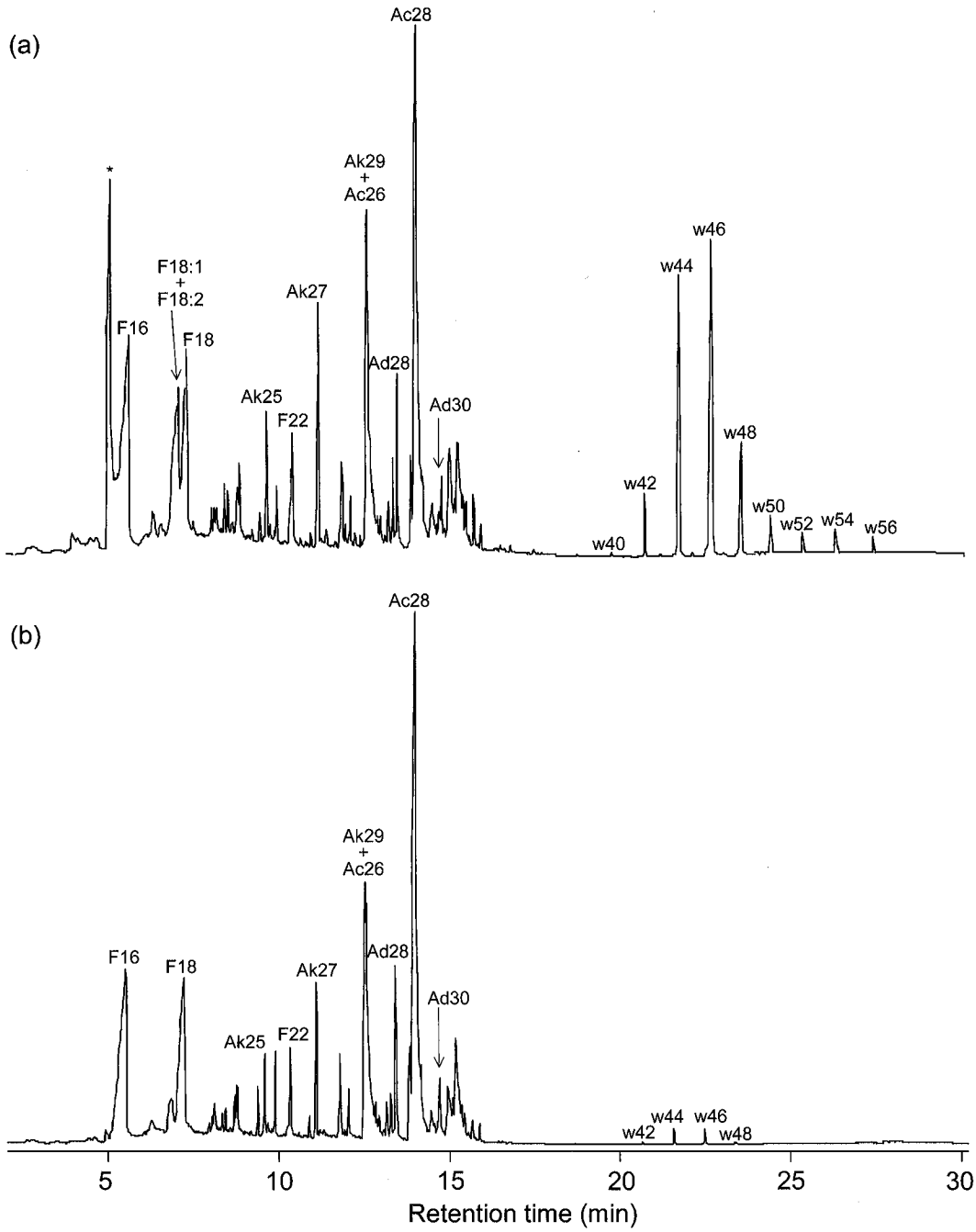

Figure 4. GC-MS chromatograms of the underivatized lipid extracts from (**a**) flax pulp with kappa number 28 and (**b**) flax pulp with kappa number 6. F(*n*), *n*-fatty acid series; Ak(*n*), *n*-alkane series; Ad(*n*), *n*-aldehyde series; Ac(*n*), *n*-alcohol series; w(*n*), wax series; *n* denotes the total carbon atom number. * is anthraquinone. (The wax lengths have now been corrected.)

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