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## Correction

### Mesothelioma and asbestos fibre type

In the second paragraph of this letter (August, p 567) it should have read "... small quantities of amphibole fibre at the former, we would not agree with him."