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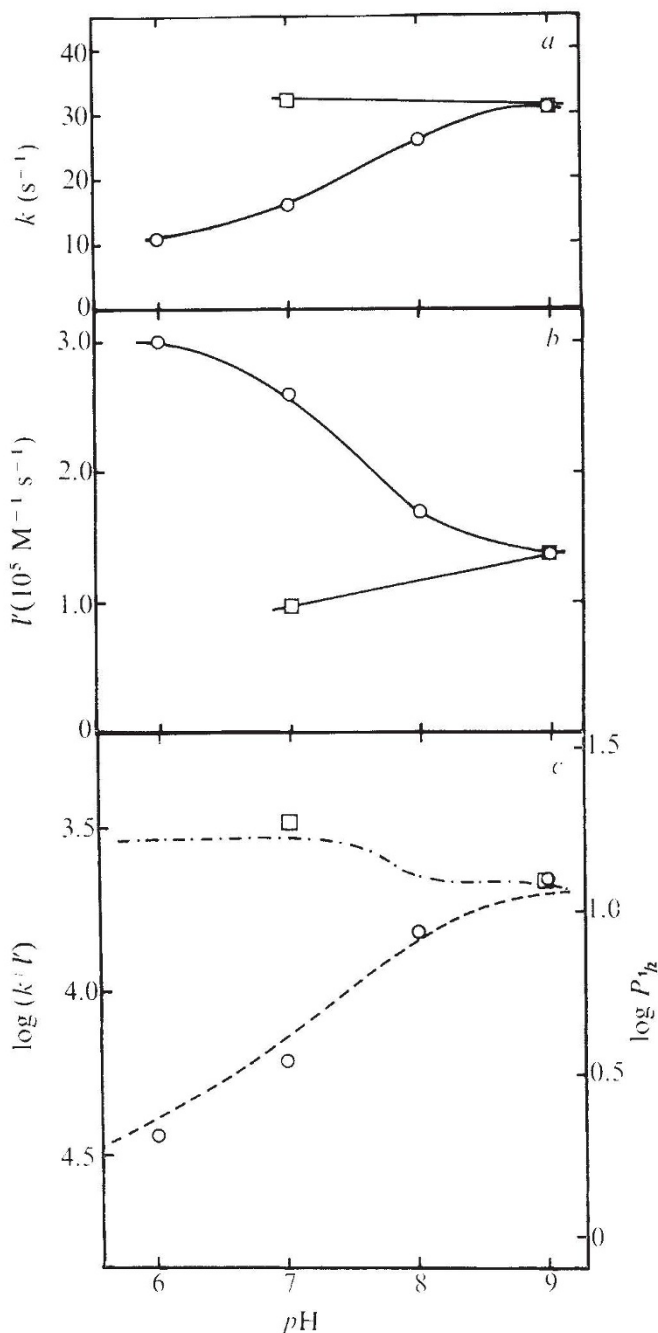
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**Fig. 3** Effect of pH on the apparent velocity constants at 20°C for oxygen dissociation (a) and CO combination (b) for stripped *Amphiura* haemoglobin (○) and for the haemoglobin in the presence of 1 mM ATP (□). c, The log of the ratio of the kinetic constants (symbols) is compared to the equilibrium data of Fig. 1 (dashed lines).

lines should contribute to our understanding of the flexibility of haemoglobin function in response to environmental pressures.

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## Errata

In 'Release of substance P from isolated nerve endings' by Christina Schenker, Edmund A. Mroz and Susan E. Leeman (*Nature*, **264**, 791, 1976), line 9 should read . . . not be released by high K<sup>+</sup> in the presence of Ca<sup>2+</sup> . . .

In 'Significant journals of science' by E. Garfield (*Nature*, **264**, 609-15), on page 610, in Fig. 1a, the headings of the three columns to the right of the column of journal titles should read D, E and F. On page 612, in Fig. 2a, the column headings A, B and C should appear above the three columns on the left. On page 614, in the legend for Fig. 3, the definition of column D shown read "number of 1974 articles".

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