

Addition to "Indirect Rotational Spectroscopy of  $\text{HCO}^+$ "

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After publication, we learned that pure rotational transitions in the  $1\nu_1$  vibrationally excited state of  $\text{HCO}^+$  had been measured by Warner in his Ph.D. thesis<sup>1</sup> and by Hirao et al.,<sup>2</sup> so our combination differences and fit results should be compared to the results from this work.

Additionally, a 1 MHz error was found in the calculation of all of the vibrationally excited combination differences as a result of a single transcription error in the  $J = 3 \leftarrow 2$  excited state transition<sup>3</sup> used in determining the combination differences. The corrected values are reported in Table 1.

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**Table 1. Summary of the Corrected Rotational Transitions in the  $1\nu_1$  Vibrationally Excited State and a Comparison of Those to Previously Determined Values<sup>a</sup>**

$J' - J''$	frequency	previous	calc – prev
1–0	88485.7(19)	88480.748(100) <sup>b</sup>	5.0
2–1	176956.4(16)	176959.485 <sup>c</sup>	–3.1
4–3	353901.7(9)	353903.215(30) <sup>d</sup>	–1.5
5–4	442365.0(11)	442364.230(30) <sup>d</sup>	0.8
6–5	530814.3(13)	530815.436 <sup>c</sup>	–1.1
7–6	619256.7(16)	619254.813(30) <sup>d</sup>	1.9
8–7	707677.4(19)	707680.392(30) <sup>d</sup>	–3.0
9–8	796092.7(19)	796090.220(20) <sup>d</sup>	2.5
10–9	884478.9(24)	884482.326 <sup>c</sup>	–3.4

<sup>a</sup>The comparison column is the difference between our calculated combination difference and the previously calculated or observed value. All the values are in MHz. <sup>b</sup>Warner.<sup>1</sup> <sup>c</sup>Hirao et al. calculated.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>d</sup>Hirao et al. observed.<sup>2</sup>

Excluding the  $J = 1 \leftarrow 0$  transition, all previous values are within  $2\sigma$  of our determined frequencies.

The differences between the  $B$  and  $D$  constants in this paper and those in Hirao et al. arise from the inclusion of a sextic distortion constant. When the sextic distortion constant is not included, the  $B$  and  $D$  constants ( $B = 44240.511(41)$  MHz and  $D = 82.13(30)$  kHz) are in good agreement with those of Hirao et al. ( $B = 44240.52774(118)$  MHz and  $D = 82.0571(87)$  kHz).

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