

Genetics. In the article “Conservation of sequence and structure flanking the mouse and human β -globin loci: The β -globin genes are embedded within an array of odorant receptor genes” by Michael Bulger, J. Hikke von Doorninck, Noriko Saitoh, Agnes Telling, Catherine Farrell, M. A. Bender, Gary Felsenfeld, Richard Axel, and Mark Groudine, which appeared in number 9, April 27, 1999 of *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* (**96**, 5129–5134), the authors request that the following change be noted. Due to a printer’s error, the author’s name, J. Hikke von Doorninck, is misspelled and should be J. Hikke van Doorninck.

Neurobiology. In the article “The effect of dynamic synapses on spatiotemporal receptive fields in visual cortex” by Ömer B. Artun, Harel Z. Shouval, and Leon N. Cooper, which appeared in number 20, September 29, 1998, of *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* (**95**, 11999–12003), the legend for Fig. 4 was printed incorrectly. The legend should read as follows:

FIG. 4. Reverse correlation functions (kernels) for the two models. (A) Kernel for SE model. (B) Kernel for the PR model. Both kernels are extracted from stimuli presented at 50 Hz. C and D are cross-sections taken from A and B at different orientations, respectively. Zero-crossings (the time at which the value of the kernel is zero) vary with orientation for the PR model but are constant in the SE model.

Neurobiology. In the article “Fluctuations and stimulus-induced changes in blood flow observed in individual capillaries in layers 2 through 4 of rat neocortex” by David Kleinfeld, Partha P. Mitra, Fritjof Helmchen, and Winfried Denk, which appeared in number 26, December 22, 1998, of *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, the authors request that the following correction be noted. Two-photon laser scanning microscopy was used to measure the flow of red blood cells in capillaries in the living brain. In this manuscript, we also reported the length-constant for attenuation of the signal (i.e., two-photon excited fluorescence) as a function of penetration depth into the cortex. As a result of an error in our analysis, the length-constants for each data set were overestimated. The correct value for the data of Fig. 1 is 100 μm (instead of 140 μm), and the range of values over all data sets is from 100 μm to 170 μm (instead of 120 μm to 220 μm). We apologize for any inconvenience caused by our error. None of the other results or conclusions in the original manuscript are affected.

Plant Biology. In the article “Convergent pathways for lipochito-oligosaccharide and auxin signaling in tobacco cells” by Horst Röhrig, Jürgen Schmidt, Richard Walden, Inge Czaja, Helge Lubenow, Ursula Wieneke, Jeff Schell, and Michael John, which appeared in number 23, November 12, 1996, of *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* (**93**, 13389–13392), the undersigned authors wish to note the following.

“Referring to Schell *et al.* [Schell, J., Bisseling, T., Dülz, M., Franssen, H., Fritze, K., John, M., Kleinow, T., Leßnick, A., Miklashevichs, E., Pawlowski, K. *et al.* (1999) *Plant J.* **17**, 461–466], we confirm the irreproducibility of results described in the above paper by Röhrig, *et al.* regarding phytohormone-independent division of tobacco protoplasts. We apologize for any inconvenience that publication of this study may have caused.”

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