The data were corrected for absorption using *XABS*, a program which provides an empirical correction based on $F_o$ and $F_c$ differences (Hope & Moezzi, 1988).

The absolute configuration was determined by a routine in *SHELXTL-Plus* (Sheldrick, 1989). The method is similar to that suggested by Rogers (1981).

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## Structure of $MgCl_2.NH_4Cl.6H_2O$: amplification and apology.

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In a recent paper [Marsh (1992). *Acta Cryst.* C**48**, 218–219] correcting the reported structure of $MgCl_2.RbCl.6H_2O$, I noted that the structure of the corresponding ammonium compound $MgCl_2.NH_4Cl.6H_2O$ should also be corrected from triclinic, space group *P*1 [Nakayasu, Suzukawa & Kobayashi (1983). *Denki Kagaku*, **51**, 419–422], to monoclinic, *C*2/*c*. In fact, the correct *C*2/*c* structure had been reported in that same year by Solans, Font-Altaba, Aguiló, Solans & Domenech [*Acta Cryst.* (1983), C**39**, 1488–1490]. Also in that year, *Structure Reports* [(1983), Vol. A, edited by Ferguson & Trotter, pp. 120–121. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers] had already noted that the triclinic structure reported by Nakayasu *et al.* (1983) could be transformed to *C*2/*c*, so as to agree with the results of Solans *et al.* I apologize both to Solans *et al.* and to the editors of *Structure Reports* for the oversights. They were brought to my attention by Professor J. Trotter, to whom I am much indebted.

All relevant information is given in the *Abstract*.