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## Erratum

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In a paper published last year [1] we presented theoretical calculations which were compared, among others, with the experimental results by D'angelo *et al* [2]. In doing this, we calculated the values obtained by those authors for three different distances, referred to in our paper as  $d_1$ ,  $d_4$  and  $d_5$ . The data we used was taken from table 2 of their paper. As a result of a misinterpretation, we could not obtain adequate values for the distances we referred to as  $d_2$ and  $d_3$ . In fact, the value of 3.48 Å presented by D'angelo *et al* [2] refers to the displacement between dimers and not the long and short distances ( $d_2$  and  $d_3$ ) of the Si–Si dimers as we wrongly interpreted. Had we correctly interpreted the data in [2], distances  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  would have been correctly obtained. This error appears both in the text and table 1 of our paper. The table containing the corrected data is given below. Although these errors do not affect the main

**Table 1.** Structural parameters corresponding to the ones shown in figure 1 for the three explored systems: *clean, hydrogenated* and *saturated*. A comparison with two previous works is also shown.

	$d_1(\text{\AA})$	$d_2(\text{\AA})$	$d_3(\text{\AA})$	$d_4(\text{\AA})$	$d_5(\text{\AA})$	$\Theta(\text{deg})$
A (This work—clean)	2.36	2.48	2.51	2.52	3.60	5.38
B (Lu et al [3]—clean)	2.24	2.37	2.38	2.41	3.43 <sup>a</sup>	12.8
C (D'angelo et al [2]-clean)	2.78	2.41	2.27	2.38	3.43	5.34
D (Tejeda et al [4]-clean	2.54	1.83	2.40	2.43	3.41	5.5
E (This work—hydrogenated)	2.44	2.56	2.56	2.52	3.61	
F (This work—saturated)	2.35	2.52	2.52	3.24	3.26	
Theotheo.: ratio (A/B)	1.053	1.046	1.055	1.046	1.049	0.420
Theoexp.: atio (A/C)	0.849	0.713	0.721	1.059	1.049	1.007
Theoexp: ratio (A/D)	0.929	1.355	1.046	1.037	1.056	0.978

<sup>a</sup> Value indirected determined from the reference data.

conclusions of the paper we feel that it is our obligation to register the error and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We thank Professor P Soukiassian for drawing our attention to this problem. This work has been supported by FAPESB and CAPES, Brazilian agencies.

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