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Esa T. Jarvi, James R. McCarthy,* Shujaath Mehdi, Donald P. Matthews, Michael L. Edwards, Nellikunja J. Prakash,* Terry L. Bowlin, Prasad S. Sunkara, and Philippe Bey: 4',5'-Unsaturated 5'-Halogenated Nucleosides. Mechanism-Based and Competitive Inhibitors of S-Adenosyl-L-homocysteine Hydrolase.

Page 651. Structures 43 and 44 were misassigned as the Z-geometric isomers. The correct structures of 43 (described in the supplementary material) and 44 (characterized in the Experimental Section) are shown below, and are the E-geometric isomers.

In addition, the experimental procedure for 42 describes a 5:1 mixture of Z:E-stereoisomers, when in fact it is a 5:1 mixture of E-42 to Z-42.

We thank Professor Morris J. Robins for bringing this misassignment to our attention. As suggested by him, we heated sulfoxide 41 under conditions similar to our previous procedure but at 130–140 °C for 2 h instead of 4 h at reflux. We obtained a sample of a 2:1 mixture of Z-42 to E-42 separated from unreacted starting material. NMR experiments on this sample revealed that we had misassigned the vinyl proton (at δ 5.83 for E-42) and the H-1' proton (at δ 6.35 for E-42). The NOE experiments on the 2:1 mixture of Z:E-isomers were complicated by the proximity of the 3' and vinyl protons, but under careful conditions, irradiation of the vinyl proton of Z-42 (δ 5.59, s) produced a 3.2% NOE at H-3' (δ 5.72, d). No such NOE was obtained with E-42 in the same NMR sample. The NMR experiments were all carried out in CDCl₃.

Authentic Z-isomer of final nucleoside 44 has now been isolated by both Robins and by us. Details will be published elsewhere.

Page 652. Footnote 43 should read as follows: Prakash, N. J.; Davis, G. F.; Jarvi, E. T.; Edwards, M. L.; McCarthy, J. R.; Bowlin, T. L. *Life Sci.* 1992, 50, 1425. The incorrect structure of the vinyl chloride nucleoside appears there as well. The compound listed as ZDDCA there is in fact the structure 44 (*E*-isomer).