

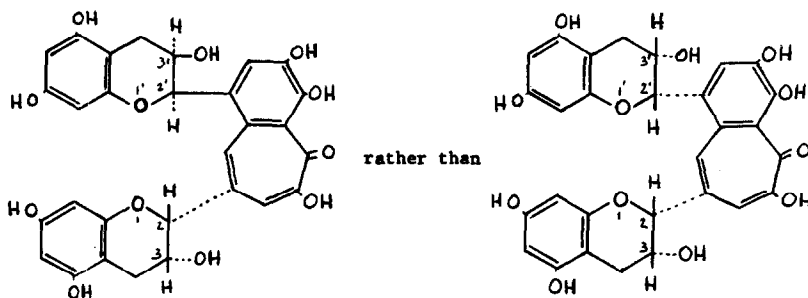
ERRATUM

Y. Takino, A. Ferretti, V. Flanagan, M. Gianturco and M. Vogel:

The Structure of Theaflavin, a Polyphenol of Black Tea.

Tetrahedron Letters No. 45, pp.4019-4025 (1965)

Structure IV, page 4020, should be



We much regret this error, which was brought about by our failure to adjust accordingly the configuration at C-2' and C-3' as the upper chroman system was rotated by 180° . We became aware of this error at the appearance of the paper by Ollis, et al. on the same subject in *Tetrahedron Letters* No. 11 pp. 1193-1204 (1966).

Although the available spectral data do not allow a clear choice between the two formulae, only the structure on the left above is consistent with the reasonable assumption that no change occurs in the absolute configuration of the theaflavin precursors, (-)-epicatechin and (-)-epigallocatechin, during formation of the pigment.

On page 4023, line 3, "with structure III" should be replaced by "with structure IV".