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"Allons Enfants . . . "

How appropriate to have the tricolor reversed in the (mis)representation of the French flag accompanying Michael Balter's article "ARC [Association for Cancer Research affair troubles French scientists" (News, 9 Feb., p. 750). This is the French equivalent of flying the Stars and Stripes upside down, which is a sign of distress.

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Editor's note: We regret the error, which was not intentional.

Drosophila Homolog of Yeast **ORC: Correction**

In our report of 8 December (p. 1674) (1), we described "A Drosophila homolog of the yeast origin recognition complex [ORC].' With a polyclonal antiserum to a Drosophila ORC-2 homolog as a diagnostic, we described a protocol for its purification and reported that the protein is tightly associated with five other proteins, including an ORC-5 homolog. Conceptual translation of both the DmORC-2 complementary DNA (cDNA) and the DmORC5 cDNA was provided; however, we inadvertently used the yeast mitochondrial genetic code for the ORC-2 translation. This affects some of the isoleucine codons and many of the leucine codons. As a result, the reported 21% identity (37% homology) between the Drosophila and yeast ORC-2 genes is actually 23% identical (38% homology). The correct sequence and translation for both DmORC-2 and DmORC-5 are available through GenBank database accession numbers u43504 and u43505, respectively.

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Corrections and Clarifications

- In Eliot Marshall's article, "Policy on DNA research troubles tissue bankers" (News & Comment, 26 Jan., p. 440), it should have been reported that the development of a model genetic privacy act, prepared for the Human Genome Program by George Annas of Boston University, received funding from the Department of Energy, not the National Institutes of Health.
- In Table 1 (p. 406) of the article "Transfer of genes to humans: Early lessons and obstacles to success" by Ronald G. Crystal (20 Oct., p. 404), and in the text (p. 406), the vector used in the clinical trial by J. A. Roth (reference 42 of the article) should have been given as wild-type p53 (not as anti-sense p53).

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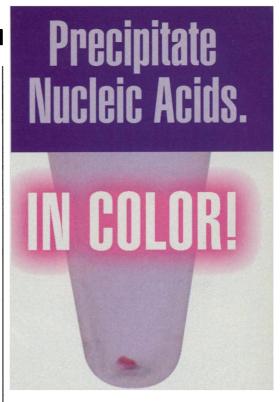
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