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Molecular Chirality Control and Amplification by CPL: Correction

In our report "Dynamic control and amplification of molecular chirality by circular polarized light [CPL]" (20 Sept., p. 1686) (1), a sentence in column 2 on page 1687 could lead to misinterpretation. The sentence reads, "A large pitch ($p = 580 \ \mu m$ based on helical twisting power 0.1) is seen in the cholesteric phase as a result of low resolution of 1 by CPL irradiation." This might be read as if a pitch of 580 micrometers had actually been determined.

Such a large pitch cannot be measured directly, so the following procedure was used. The cholesteric phase with a large pitch was based on the observed texture and control experiments where an increase in pitch of the cholesteric texture with decreasing enantiomeric excess of the dopant was seen. We then calculated what the pitch of the cholesteric phase must be after irradiation by CPL on the basis of the helical twisting power and the enantiomeric excess determined by circular dichroism. We are grateful to G. B. Schuster of the Georgia Institute of Technology for bringing this matter to our attention.

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Corrections and Clarifications

- In the 14 March News & Comment article "Court invalidates expert panel report" by Jocelyn Kaiser (p. 1560), the judge's name should have been Paul L. Friedman and the date of the preliminary injunction 5 March.
- In figure 3, A and D, on page 383 of the report "Receptor and $\beta\gamma$ binding sites in the α subunit of the retinal G protein transducin" by R. Onrust *et al.* (17 Jan., p. 381), the left edge was inadvertently cropped. The correct figure 3A appears below. In figure 3D, the label "GDP" should have appeared at the top left end of the line leading to guanosine diphosphate, which is highlighted in pale yellow.



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