formation in the ER" (12 Sept., p. 1681) (*1*), we describe data suggesting that cysteine and glutathione are secreted through the exocytic pathway in response to disulfide bond formation in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER). However, we have been unable to replicate some of the experiments conducted by the first author of that report. This calls into question our results and conclusions.

We are now in the process of repeating most of the experiments, and are ready to communicate the available results on request. Meanwhile, we wish to alert readers that the original conclusion that cysteine and glutathione are secreted through the exocytic pathway is not supported unless further experimental evidence becomes available. We apologize for any difficulties that may have been experienced by the scientific community.

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## Corrections and Clarifications

■ In the article "EU bodies on collision course over research budget" (News & Comment, 20 Feb., p. 1125) by Nigel Williams, a currency conversion error led to all the dollar figures in the text and the table being smaller than they should have been. All of these figures should have been increased by 18%; thus, the value of the new Framework 5 budget proposed by the Council of Research Ministers is $15.2 billion, while those proposed earlier by the European Commission and European Parliament are $17.7 billion and $18.1 billion, respectively. The percentage cuts reported in the article were all correct.

■ The team that discovered the 90-minute clock discussed in Elizabeth Pennisi's article "New developmental clock discovered" (News, 28 Nov., p. 1564) included Portuguese researchers as well as French and British scientists.

■ Elizabeth Pennisi's article "The architecture of hearing" (Research News, 14 Nov., p. 1223) did not make clear that Christine Petit of the Pasteur Institute in Paris was one of the researchers who, with Steve Brown and Karen Steel, showed that Usher syndrome 1B is caused by a mutant *myosin VIIA* gene.

■ In the report "Formation of a silicate $L_3$ phase with continuously adjustable pore sizes" by K. M. McGrath *et al.* (25 July, p. 552), the solutions used to prepare the $L_3$ phase silicate materials were incorrectly listed in the middle of the second column on page 553. The text should have read, "Solutions were prepared with a hexanol-to-CpCl ratio of 1.15 .... "

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