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rocks that, if subject to erosion, would have yielded age suites of zircons like those in the impact layers. Hence, the similar detrital zircon suites are not relevant at this stage to evaluating how close or distant these cratons were at the time of the impact. The similarity of stratigraphic sequences and ages provides much more substantial evidence that the Pilbara and Kaapvaal cratons may have been conjoined during the Archean (2, 3).

Our study was designed only to determine the age and equivalence of the oldest impact layers in these areas. Future, more detailed U/Pb studies might support a single conjoined Archean landmass but would require examination of many hundreds of zircons from each

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impact layer, with the aim of identifying populations of grains in both areas that could have been sourced by rocks in only one area.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

EDITORS' CHOICE: "Snake vine and Munumbi Miller" (20 Sept., p. 1961). Gary Strobel was incorrectly identified as the discoverer of taxol. Strobel discovered fungal taxol. Taxol was discovered by M. Wall, M. C. Wani, and co-workers [M. C. Wani *et al.*, J. Am. Chem. Soc. **93**, 2325 (1971)].

BREVIA: "*BLM* heterozygosity and the risk of colorectal cancer" by S. B. Gruber *et al.* (20 Sept., p. 2013). The order of the au-

thors was incorrect. The correct order is Stephen B. Gruber, Nathan A. Ellis, Karen K. Scott, Ronit Almog, Prema Kolachana, Joseph D. Bonner, Tomas Kirchhoff, Lynn P. Tomsho, Khedoudja Nafa, Heather Pierce, Marcelo Low, Jaya Satagopan, Hedy Rennert, Helen Huang, Joel K. Greenson, Joanna Groden, Beth Rapaport, Jinru Shia, Stephen Johnson, Peter K. Gregersen, Curtis C. Harris, Jeff Boyd, Gad Rennert, Kenneth Offit.

RESEARCH ARTICLES: "Super ENSO and global climate oscillations at millennial time scales" by L. Stott *et al.* (12 July, p. 222). The second sentence of the second paragraph on page 226, which reads, "At times of cooling at high latitudes, the tropical Pacific was experiencing either less-frequent or less-persistent El Niños" is incorrect. It should read, "At times of cooling at high latitudes, the tropical Pacific was experiencing either more-frequent or more-persistent El Niños."

SCIENCESCOPE: "Next up" (17 May, p. 1219). The new interim Under Secretary for Science of the Smithsonian was incorrectly identified as Ira Shapiro. His name is Irwin Shapiro.

