Letters to the Editor

October 24, 1991

Dear Sir,

We recently published (Ferrari, F., Messana, I., do Carmo Mesquita de Araujo, M. (1989) Planta Med. 55, 70–72) the structural elucidation of a natural product which showed the same structural formula as a compound named albanin E described previously (Shirata, A., Takahashi, K., Takasugi, M., Nagao, S., Ichikawa, S., Ueno, S., Muñoz, L., Masamune, T. (1983) Bull. Sericult. Exp. Stat. 28, 793) without any spectral data. In the meantime, a revised structure for albanin E has been reported (Fukai, T., Nomura, T. (1991) Heterocycles 32, 499). Since the structure published by us in Planta Medica is correct, the compound isolated by us is new and its name needs to be changed to brosimone L.

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Dear Sir,

Concerning the preceding letter from Ferrari: the structure of albanin E (isolated from *Morus alba*) was revised to 6-geranylnorartocarpetin on the basis of synthetic studies. On the other hand, we confirmed that the substance isolated by Ferrari et al. was identical with 8-geranylnorartocarpetin by a direct comparison of the natural flavone and our synthetic compound (Fukai, T., Nomura, T. (1991) Heterocycles 32, 499). In this publication, we mentioned that the name "albanin E" assigned to the geranylnorartocarpetin isolated by Ferrari et al. from *Brosimopsis oblongifolia* should be corrected to a new trivial name.

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Erratum

Zhang, J.-S., Chen, Z.-L. (1991) Planta Med. 57, 457-459.

The correct name of the plant investigated in this work is $Arcangelisia\ gusanlung\ H.\ S.\ Lo\ (Menispermaceae)\ and not\ Acangelisia\ as\ printed\ throughout\ this\ paper.$

L. Krenn, R. Ferth, W. Robien, B. Kopp (1991) Planta Med. 57, 560.

In Abb. 1 the formula of 5α -4,5-Dihydroscillarenin was inadvertently incorrect reproduced; the correct formula is: