

Corrections

Structural Characterization of Hellethionins from *Helleborus purpurascens*, by Alexander G. Milbradt, Franz Kerek, Luis Moroder, and Christian Renner*, Volume 42, Number 8, March 4, 2003, pages 2404–2411.

Page 2404. Because of confusion in the nomenclature of thionins, the new family of thionins termed hellethionins were incorrectly classified as γ -thionins because their structures resemble the Greek letter Γ . However, only α - and β -thionins exhibit the Γ -resembling fold, whereas γ -thionins instead belong to the defensin superfamily (because of their three-dimensional structures and sequence compositions). Our hellethionins belong to the classical thionins (α and β) and are not γ -thionins. Additionally, it might be noted that the thionins from cowpea, cited in our paper, belong to the γ -thionin class and therefore have little relation to our hellethionins. We acknowledge Sonny Larsson (Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden) for pointing out our error in this matter.

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