



Letter to the Editor

**Commentary to “The Structure of McN-5652”
[*Bioorg. Med. Chem.* 9 (2001) 2105][☆] and to the Corrigendum to “The
Structure of McN-5652” [*Bioorg. Med. Chem.* 10 (2002) 3368][†]**

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There was a serious error in stereochemical nomenclature (*cis* vs *trans*) in the publication by Schulze et al. (*Bioorg. Med. Chem.* **2001**, 9, 2105), as noted in the accompanying Corrigendum (*Bioorg. Med. Chem.* **2002**, 9, 3368), which led the authors to make three incorrect statements relative to work from my laboratories. The three statements that follow in quotation marks (all from page 2105, column 2) should be negated and considered removed from the public domain. (1) ‘...there is still a lack of information about the correct stereochemistry of the individual isomers’. (2) ‘The information that can be found in the literature is misleading and contradictory...’. (3) ‘...there has never been an unequivocal proof of the

correct identification of any isomer’. It should also be noted that the spectroscopic data, said (page 2106, column 1) to be ‘lacking in ref 6 [*J. Med. Chem.* **1987**, 30, 1433]’, were actually presented in the Supplementary Material to a subsequent full paper cited as ref 13 (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, 112, 3567).

The interested reader can refer to the following papers by Maryanoff and co-workers for stereochemical background: *J. Med. Chem.* **1987**, 30, 1433; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 2487; *J. Org. Chem.* **1986**, 51, 1342; *J. Org. Chem.* **1983**, 48, 5062; *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **1985**, 22, 911; *Chirality* **1998**, 10, 169.

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