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Erratum

In the 15th February 2004 issue of *Drug Discovery Today* (Vol. 9, No. 4; 165–172), in the article entitled *Biological basis for the benefit of nutraceutical supplementation in arthritis* by Clare L. Curtis, John L. Harwood, Colin M. Dent and Bruce Caterson, Figure 3 on p. 168, should have been as follows (the arrows in the bottom box face down, not up as in the previously published figure):

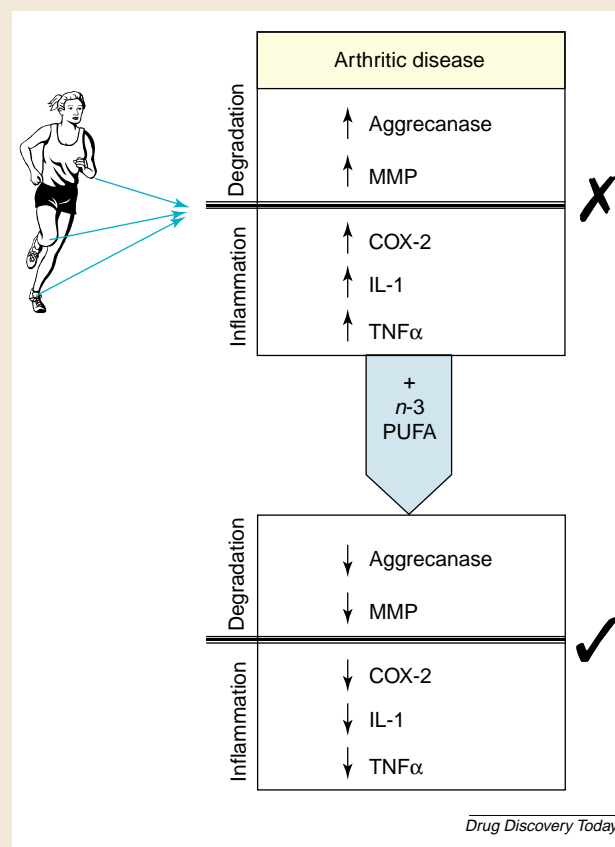


Figure 3. Cartoon summary depicting the effects of *n*-3 (omega-3) polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFA) supplementation to cartilage explant cultures *in vitro*. In arthritic disease (top half of diagram), there is up-regulation of the enzymes that degrade cartilage (aggrecanases ADAMTS-4 and -5, and MMP-3 and -13) and also the expression of mediators of inflammation (COX-2, IL-1 and TNF-α). After exposure to *n*-3 PUFAs (lower half of diagram), both the expression and activity of degradative enzymes and factors that propagate inflammation are reduced, resulting in a slowing of the progression of arthritic disease. MMP, matrix metalloproteinase; COX-2, cyclooxygenase-2; IL-1, interleukin 1; TNF-α, tumour necrosis factor-α.

The editorial team would like to apologize for any confusion that this might have caused.