

ERRATUM

M. J. ZMIJEWSKI, JR., R. WONG, J. W. PASCHAL and D. E. DORMAN: The biosynthesis of antibiotic A23187. *Tetrahedron* **39**, 1255 (1983).

The three sentences on p. 1260 which begin: "As with the ansamycins, the chain etc. . . ." should read as follows:

"As with the ansamycins, the chain of the diox-aspiro (5,5) undecane ring is elongated in an "amide-head" direction in which the finished chain is condensed with the N of the aromatic unit. In the case of A23187, this would be an "oxazole-head" pathway. Instead of beginning with the condensation of a methylmalonate unit with propionate, the chain extension would begin with the addition of proline or pyrrole-2-carboxylate. Since the addition of unlabeled pyrrole-2-carboxylate along with D,L-proline[1-¹⁴C] did not reduce the incorporation of proline into the antibiotic (data not shown), it is likely that the first methylmalonate (propionate) unit condenses directly with proline which then is reduced to the α -ketopyrrole moiety."

The underlined words represent the necessary changes in these three sentences.