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Dear Dr. Georg,

In the Miniperspective by Christopher A. Lipinski, et al, published in the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry (DOI 10.1021/jm5011308) there is an error regarding the coverage by CAS of a US patent (the 2009 Goldfarb patent, US 20090163545). In the section entitled "Example 2. Identifier and structure searches in SciFinder reveals an extreme disclosure", paragraph 5, it is stated that "However, SciFinder abstracts 6018 substances". This is not correct.

CAS indexed all of the substances in that patent. There are a total of 132,831 substances in the CAS databases indexed from that patent. The authors may have inadvertently overlooked that CAS created a total of 20 document records for this patent, necessitated by the unusually large number of substances, in order to completely index the patent in our publication systems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Toussant', is located below the word 'Sincerely,'.

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