ERRATA

The purpose of this note is to apologize to the editors and readership of Blood for a serious error. One of the illustrations, Figure 8, in our recent article: "Retention of glycoprotein Ib/IX on external surfaces of thrombin-activated platelets in suspension," had been used to illustrate an earlier publication, and, also, a letter to the editor in a different journal. It was bad enough to make the mistake once, but to compound the error by using the same photograph on two previous occasions is inexcusable. I have no excuse. There were over 70 micrographs to choose from for the illustrations, and I selected one we had already published twice. It was simple carelessness on my part; my colleagues were not involved in the preparation of the article for Blood. If they had been, I am sure the problem would not have occurred. Thus, the responsibility is entirely mine.

At the suggestion of the editor, I have included (1) a control photomicrograph (original magnification X 27,000) and (2) an illustration (original magnification × 27,000) to replace Figure 8 in the published article. Methods were identical to those used in the recent publication. Cryosections of the control cell and the platelet fixed 5 minutes after exposure to thrombin (0.1 U/mL) were incubated with antiglycocalicin antibody and stained by protein A coupled to 10 nm gold particles. Exposed surfaces (ES) and membranes lining channels of the open canalicular system (OCS) of both cells were covered by randomly dispersed gold particles indicating sites of GPIb. There was no evidence to suggest that GPIb receptors were translocated to, concentrated near, or taken up by OCS channels of thrombin-activated cells. I hope substitution of this illustration for Figure 8 in recent report will help to rectify the error.

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