Erratum

Stanley M Roberts: Development of the route to the new anti-AIDS drug abacavir: A highlight of academic/industry liaison

The author wishes to emphasize that the discovery of the excellent biological properties of the anti-HIV drug abacavir were discovered by the Burroughs-Wellcome team, based in the Research Triangle Park, USA. Their method of preparation of the drug is based on a route devised by Vince and Deluge. The contribution of the Exeter/Enzymatix (Chirosence) team was to provide a key intermediate to abacavir (the Vince lactam) in optically active form. The biocatalytic process proved to be the best method of obtaining the key intermediate as a single enantiomer. Note also that abacavir is phosphorylated by host cell kinases and not, as stated, by virally-coded kinases.