Erratum

In the article "Significance of Bacterial Flora in Abdominal Irradiation-induced Inhibition of Lung Metastases" by T. Matsumoto et al., which appears on pp. 3031-3034 of the June 1, 1988, issue, two references were inadvertently deleted. They are:


Reference a should have been cited in Line 1 and Reference b in Line 11 of the Introduction (p. 3031), as follows:

"We previously reported (a) that abdominal irradiation of mice prior to an i.v. challenge of syngeneic fibrosarcoma cells (NFSa) reduced artificial metastases in lung."

"We also demonstrated that intestinal organisms of mice are important in AIRIM; abdominal irradiation failed to inhibit lung metastases in germ-free or antibiotic-treated mice while lung metastases were inhibited by abdominal irradiation in normal SPF mice (b)."

In addition, both References a and b should have been cited in the third line from the bottom of the right column on p. 3031 under the subheading "Lung Colony Assays" ("Materials and Methods"):

"Although the number of lung colonies depended on the number of cells injected, no difference was found in the magnitude of AIRIM (References a and b)."

Finally, on p. 3033 the citations to Reference 1 in the second paragraph of the Discussion are incorrect. Reference a by K. Ando et al. (listed above) should have been cited in these places. The paragraph is reprinted below.

"Abdominal irradiation altered intestinal flora. After a dose of 12 Gy, E. cloacae multiplied in cecal contents, adhered to mucous membrane (Fig. 1), and invaded mesenteric lymph nodes (Table 2). The time course of the multiplication makes a mirror image to that of AIRIM (Reference a). Translocation of E. cloacae to mesenteric lymph nodes was not detected by abdominal irradiation with 8.5 Gy (data not shown), by which dose AIRIM is marginal (Reference a). On the other hand, Bifidobacterium and Lactobacillus migrated to mesenteric lymph nodes on day 14 after abdominal irradiation with 12 Gy γ-rays (Table 2). By this time, however, AIRIM had disappeared (Reference a)."

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