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The name under the photograph in the bottom center of Fig. 3 appeared incorrectly in the article cited above. The correct name should be given as Dr. Chigashi Suzuki, not Dr. Shigashi Suzuki. The publisher sincerely apologizes for the error.

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