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EXPERT OPINION

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In response to a recent article that was posted online on November 6, 2012 entitled "Leucine-rich repeat kinase 2 inhibitors: a patent review (2006 – 2011)" (doi:10.1517/13543776.2012.729041).

The authors appear to claim that they were the first to discover compound **11** and that Genentech/Roche discovered **11** in a parallel effort. However, the patent and non-patent literature clearly shows that Genentech/Roche was the first to discover compound **11** and that the Gray group found it later.

On page 4 of the article, the authors present a misleading chronology of the discovery and reporting of compound **11**. The Genentech/Roche patent [1] (Reference 48 in this patent review) was published in December of 2011 and clearly exemplifies compound **11** as Example 3. Because the compound was made before the provisional filing date of June 4, 2010, this clearly shows that this patent was the first disclosure of compound **11**.

The first disclosure of compound **11** in the non-patent literature was in the publication by Chen *et al.* [2] (Reference 50 in patent review). This article was received by *J. Med. Chem.* on March 31, 2012, and first published online on May 16, 2012. This publication appeared online six days before the publication by Choi *et al.* [3]. (Reference 47 in patent review) was received by *ACS Med. Chem. Lett.* (May 22, 2012). The Choi article was first published online on June 18, 2012.

Furthermore, the current article misrepresents the authorship of Reference 50 in the text as "Hu *et al.*" rather than the correct "Chen *et al.*" The authors also do not make reference anywhere in the text to compound **12** (Figure 6) as this compound has clearly been shown to have a superior LRRK2 activity and ADME profile in comparison to compound **11** [4].

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The author of this letter is an employee of Genentech, Inc. The author declares no other conflict of interest and has received no payment in preparation of this correspondence.

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