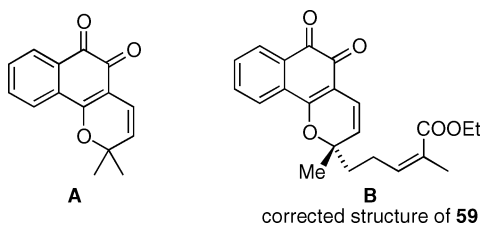


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In our paper, we reported the catalytic oxa 6π -electrocyclization of compound **59** to yield pyran **27** (Schemes 16 and 17). Unfortunately, the structure of **59** was misassigned. On the basis of a comparison with model system **A**, whose structure was unequivocally confirmed by X-ray crystallography, we have reassigned the structure of compound **59** as its isomer **B**. This isomer is presumably in equilibrium with the originally assigned structure under the reaction conditions.



Consequently, we retract our claim to have catalyzed an oxa 6π -electrocyclization.

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