TO THE EDITOR: We are writing in response to the corrigendum by Velez et al. (2) to their original manuscript, in which they have determined that the peptide residing at mass 1,181 Da corresponds to angiotensin-(2-10), and not angiotensin-(2-9). In their letter, the authors have incorrectly suggested that our previous publication using isolated rat proximal tubules assigned a peptide with mass 1,181 Da as angiotensin-(1-9) (1). In our manuscript, angiotensin-(1-9) was assigned a mass of 1,183 Da, as clearly indicated in Figs. 4, 5C, and 7 (1). This assignment was based on sequence analysis. The small peaks in the mass spectra at 1,181 Da, depicted in Fig. 5, A and B, were not assigned to angiotensin-(1-9). Indeed, these peaks were not sequenced, but may correspond to angiotensin-(2-10), as Velez et al. have determined. We would like to emphasize therefore that the corrigendum by Velez et al. (2) does not alter in any way the results or conclusions of our study.

REFERENCES

Kevin D. Burns
Division of Nephrology
Department of Medicine
The Ottawa Hospital
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
e-mail: kburns@ottawahospital.on.ca

Ningjun Li
Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Medical College of Virginia
Virginia Commonwealth University
Richmond, Virginia