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Dick Marsh taught us for many years about the errors he detected in the published literature. The tool he used was in particular his very experienced eye. Numerous space group corrections with his name can be found in the Cambridge Crystallographic Database. The most recent one (Acta Cryst. (2004), B60, 252-253) presents just another set of 164 corrections for structures published wrongly in space group Cc. This is an update on an earlier survey published in 1997. The big surprise is that, notwithstanding the large publicity on this problem, there is no sign that the error rate diminishes. Various reasons can be given for this observation. Among those are do-it-yourself push-button chemists, referees not knowledgeable in crystallography and the fact that investigators have lesser time to look at all the details of an analysis. Another even more important factor is the current trend in chemical journals to refer most or all crystallographic *details* to the supplementary material or just a deposition number with the CCDC. An experienced eye does not work here anymore. Part of the solution is computer software that investigates the numerical data present in the CCDC and produces a short list of *flagged* structures to be investigated by hand. The program PLATON was used for the first selection. We still need the experience and hard work of Dick for the last.