

There is a proposal to define Avogadro's constant as exactly 84446886 to the third power. (Fox, Ronald and Theodore Hill. "An Exact Value for Avogadro's Number." *American Scientist* 95 (2007): 104–107.) The proposed number in the article is actually $(84446888)^3$. In a subsequent addendum the authors reduced it to 84446886^3 to make the number divisible by 12. (See www.physorg.com/news109595312.html.) This number corresponds to an ideal cube of atoms with 84,446,886 atoms along each edge. Let us check the difference between the proposed value and the measured value of $(6.0221415 \pm 0.0000010) \times 10^{23}$ atoms.

$$A = 84446886^3$$

$$B = 6.0221415 \times 10^{23}$$

$$A - B$$

$$-5.17173 \times 10^{16}$$

Check the experimental error.

$$0.0000010 \times 10^{23}$$

$$1 \times 10^{17}$$

We see that the proposed value is within the experimental error.