

**Erratum to: Trophic niche separation that facilitates co-existence of high and low microbial abundance sponges is revealed by in situ study of carbon and nitrogen fluxes**

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The equation of the regression line reported in the caption of Fig. 5 was carried over from an earlier version of the manuscript and presents a unit discrepancy in the coefficient and intercept, and an error in the decimal of the intercept.

The unit discrepancy was due to different unit used in the earlier version of the manuscript, in which the regression line was calculated using DOC In in  $\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$  and DOC uptake in  $\text{nmol s}^{-1} (\text{cm sponge})^{-2}$ . While in the published Fig. 5 DOC uptake is in  $\mu\text{mol s}^{-1} (\text{cm sponge})^{-2}$ . Therefore, the coefficient and intercept of the regression line should be corrected and divided by 1000.

The corrected equation follows:  $y = 0.00006x - 0.00429$ ,  $R^2 = 0.63$ ,  $p < 0.001$ .

The final numbers for DOC flux estimates remain unchanged and there are no changes to the results and conclusions of the paper.

The authors apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.