

Errata

Our 2004 paper “Making eggs from nectar: the role of life history and dietary carbon turnover in butterfly reproductive resource allocation” (Oikos 105: 279–291) contains the following incorrect mathematical expression:

$$\text{Egg } \delta^{13}\text{C} = C\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{larval C}} + ((\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{diet}} + \mathbf{f}_a) - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{larval C}})(1 - e^{-rt})(\mathbf{p}_{\text{max}}) + C\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{larval C}}(1 - \mathbf{p}_{\text{max}}) \quad (4)$$

This equation should appear as:

$$\text{egg } \delta^{13}\text{C} = (\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{larval C}} + ((\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{diet}} + \mathbf{f}_a) - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{larval C}})(1 - e^{-rt})(\mathbf{p}_{\text{max}}) + (\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{larval C}})(1 - \mathbf{p}_{\text{max}}) \quad (4)$$

The parameters estimated by the model (cited as bold in the article text) are as follows:

\mathbf{p}_{max} = the maximum % of egg carbon to derive from the adult diet

\mathbf{r} = the fractional turnover rate of carbon from larval to adult sources

\mathbf{f}_a = the isotopic fractionation associated with incorporating adult dietary carbon into eggs

$\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{larval C}}$ = the isotopic composition of egg carbon deriving from the larval diet.

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The formula (page 49, 2nd column) to calculate trophic position of fishes based on $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ was applied incorrectly. All values in Table 3 should have 1 added to them, thereby elevating the trophic position of each species. For example, trophic position of *Schizodon isognathus* (Table 3, 1st row) should be “2.5” not “1.5”.

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