



# Corrigendum: N<sub>2</sub> Fixation in the Eastern Arabian Sea: Probable Role of Heterotrophic Diazotrophs

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## A Corrigendum on

### N<sub>2</sub> Fixation in the Eastern Arabian Sea: Probable Role of Heterotrophic Diazotrophs

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In the original article, there were errors in the text, **Figure 5** and **Figure 6**, and **Tables 1** and **2**. We made a mistake in the reporting N<sub>2</sub> fixation and carbon uptake rates. While reporting mean N<sub>2</sub> fixation and mean carbon uptake rates, we forgot to include the duplicate values in calculation in the original article. We provide correct values in the following sections, figures and tables as described. Corrections have been made to the **Results and Discussion** section (sub-section “N<sub>2</sub> Fixation Rate and Carbon Uptake,” first line of first paragraph and sixteenth line of the first paragraph), the **Conclusion** (eighth line), as well as **Figures 5** and **6** and **Tables 1** and **2**.

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the sub-section “N<sub>2</sub> Fixation Rate and Carbon Uptake,” first line of the first paragraph:

N<sub>2</sub> fixation rates varied from 4 to 238 nM N h<sup>-1</sup>, while carbon uptake rate ranged between 16 and 1628 nM C h<sup>-1</sup> (**Figure 5**).

In sixteenth line of the first paragraph:

Heterotrophs contributed up to 52% to the total N<sub>2</sub> fixation (estimated from light and dark incubations, assuming light incubations correspond to phototrophic and dark to heterotrophic).

## CONCLUSION

In the eighth line:

Based on the higher N<sub>2</sub> fixation values at the surface for dark incubation, we hypothesize that heterotrophic fixers dominantly (about 52% of total N<sub>2</sub> fixation is by heterotrophs) play an important role in fixing N<sub>2</sub>.

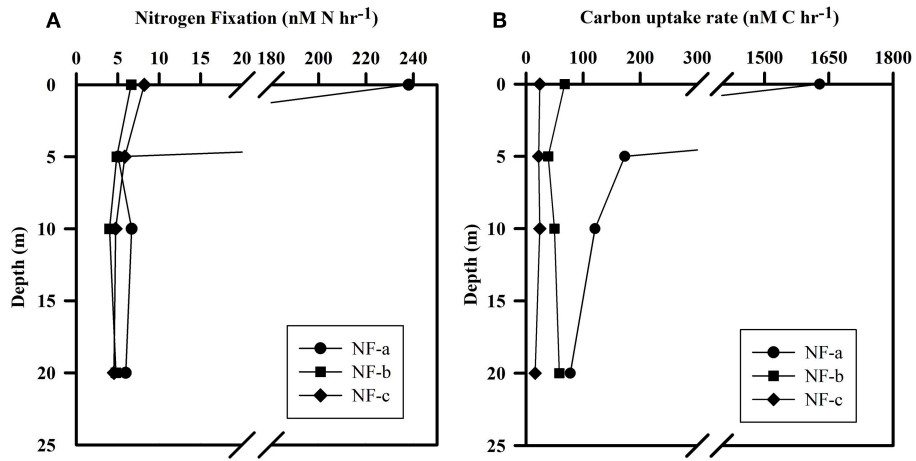
In the original article, there were mistakes in **Figure 5**, **Figure 6**, **Table 1** and **Table 2** as published. The figures and tables are now redrawn and reported with the revised N<sub>2</sub> fixation and carbon uptake rates. In **Table 2**, we reported areal rates wrongly in the last row. The corrected **Figure 5**, **Figure 6**, **Table 1** and **Table 2** are presented below.

The authors apologize for this error and state that this does not change the scientific conclusions of the article in any way. The original article has been updated.

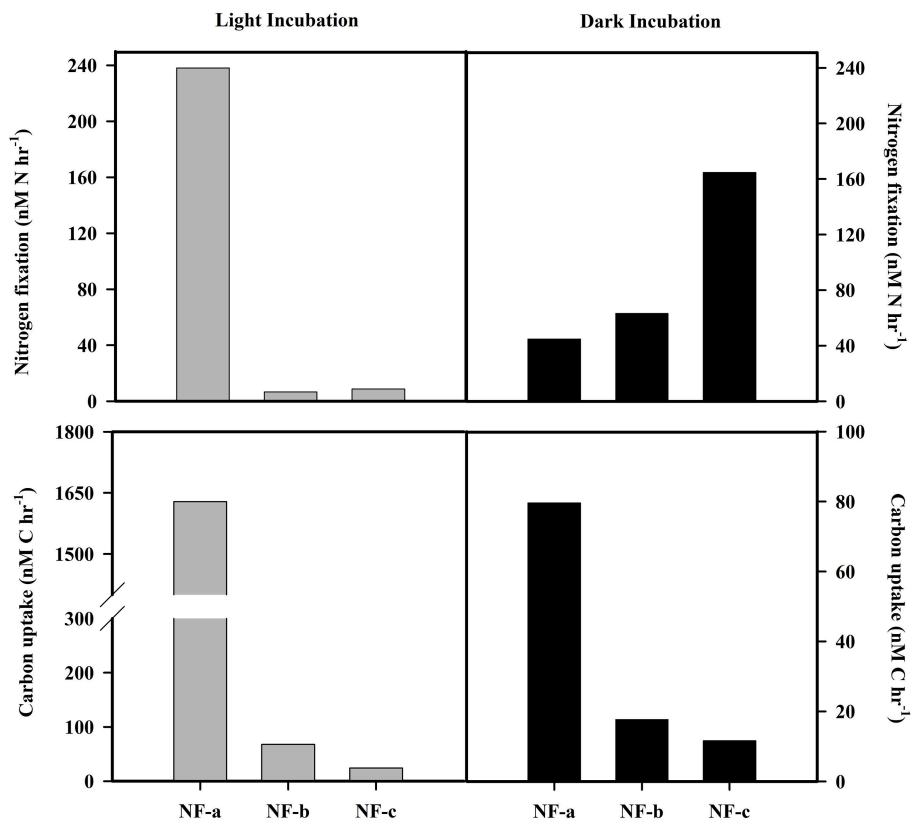
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**FIGURE 5 | (A)** N<sub>2</sub> fixation rate and **(B)** Carbon uptake rate at the sampling location (NF-a, NF-b, and NF-c) for light (at ambient conditions) incubation for samples at different depths.



**FIGURE 6 |** N<sub>2</sub> fixation and carbon uptake rate at surface for light (gray bars) and dark (black bars) incubation.

**TABLE 1** | Sampling Date, Latitude (°N), Longitude (°E), water depth (m), Nutrients concentrations (μM), N:P, P\* (μM), particulate organic carbon (POC, μM) and nitrogen (PON, μM), N<sub>2</sub> fixation (nM N h<sup>-1</sup>) and carbon (C) uptake (nM C h<sup>-1</sup>) at the three locations sampled in the eastern Arabian Sea.

Date and Station	Lat	Long	Depth	NO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>3</sub>	PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	SiO <sub>4</sub>	N:P	P*	POC	PON	N <sub>2</sub> fixation	C uptake
10-May-10; NF-a	13.87	74.36	0	0.04	0.37	0.22	0.00	1.66	0.20	73	51	238.07	1628
			5	0.04	0.66	0.13	0.00	4.94	0.10	26	5	5.05	173
			10	0.06	0.76	0.18	0.00	4.25	0.13	21	7	6.68	121
			20	0.02	0.45	0.13	0.19	3.34	0.10	23	5	5.98	78
12-May-10; NF-b	17.12	73.11	0	0.06	0.76	0.53	1.69	1.42	0.49	24	6	6.63	68
			5	0.02	0.97	0.31	1.44	3.11	0.25	23	5	4.88	39
			10	0.00	0.67	0.27	0.63	2.51	0.22	21	4	4.01	50
			20	0.00	0.81	0.22	0.94	3.66	0.17	18	4	4.78	58
14-May-10; NF-c	14.96	73.84	0	0.14	2.42	0.71	0.00	3.40	0.56	44	25	8.70	24
			5	0.12	0.90	0.22	0.00	4.05	0.17	20	4	6.19	22
			10	0.12	0.58	0.09	0.00	6.53	0.05	16	4	5.38	24
			20	0.02	0.91	0.00	0.00	NA	-0.06	15	3	6.15	16

**TABLE 2** | Summary of Photic N<sub>2</sub> fixation rates in the world oceans (Table updated after Singh et al., 2013; Benavides and Voss, 2015). (Only last row in the original Table 2 should be replaced by the following row).

Methodology	Areal Rates (μmol N m <sup>-2</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )	Region	References
<sup>15</sup> N <sub>2</sub> tracer-bubble method*	1,140–8,405	Eastern Arabian Sea	This study