

## Corrections to Taravati *et al.* (2009): Geometric Morphometric Study of Two Species of the Psammophilous Genus *Erodiontes* (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae) from the Lute Desert, Central Iran

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Taravati *et al.* (2009) published a report of a morphometric study of the species *Erodiontes pfaundleri* (Schuster, 1935) and *Erodiontes aelleni* (Kaszab, 1968) from Iran. During handling by the publisher, several errors were inadvertently introduced. They are corrected as follows:

In the title the "Lute [sic] Desert" was mentioned as the distribution area of the specimens used for the study. In fact no specimens from the Lut Desert were used for that study. Although *Erodiontes vermiculatus* Reitter 1914, the type species of *Erodiontes*, was originally described from west Kerman at Kabutarkhan (Kaszab, 1979), that species was not part of the study reported and Kabutarkhan is not part of the Lut Desert, but is located approximately 150 km west of the edge of that desert. Furthermore, the title may erroneously imply that the Lut Desert is located in central Iran. In fact, it is located in the south-eastern part of Iran.

The abstract does not accurately reflect the content of the paper. The difference in pronotum size between populations is erroneously attributed to temperature and nutrition. However, in the content of the paper there are no data regarding the temperature or nutrition, and differences are suggested to be the result of vicariance, resulting from sand discontinuity as indicated in the Discus-

sion. In the context of the paper however, there are no data regarding the temperature or nutrition.

-page 83: In the GMTP paragraph, the word "cumulative" should be deleted.

-page 89: On the line 4-5, the text following Fig. 1 to the close of the parenthesis should be deleted.

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