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# Erratum to: Stability of operational taxonomic units: an important but neglected property for analyzing microbial diversity

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## Correction

After publication of this work [1], we noted that one of the references in the introduction was not described properly. With respect to the original authors, we clarify that this sentence in introduction: “Due to the lack of a gold standard of ‘correct’ OTUs, several measurements have been used to evaluate the performance of clustering methods, for example, rationality of OTU structure [2, 3], computational efficiency (that is, runtime and memory requirements) [4], and the ability to cope with OTU inflation [5]” should be stated as “Due to the lack of a gold standard of ‘correct’ OTUs, several measurements have been used to evaluate the performance of clustering methods, for example, rationality of OTU structure [2], use of the Matthew’s Correlation Coefficient [3], computational efficiency (that is, runtime and memory requirements) [4], and the ability to cope with OTU inflation [5]”.

## Competing interests

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

## Authors’ contributions

YH, XTJ, SMH, RK, and HWZ conceived the method; JGC, JRR, RCE, and WAW implemented the software; YH, XTJ, JGC, HFS, SMH, and HWZ performed the experiments and analyzed the data; YH, SMH, JGC, JK, EK, RK, and HWZ wrote the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

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