Erratum

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In the Material and methods section, it is incorrectly stated that, concerning the 19 specimens of *Uropeltis dindigalensis* reported in M.V. Rajendran’s 1985 book (erroneously attributed in the References to M.S. Rajendran), “…Rajendran’s son Albert believes them to be lost (A. Rajendran, pers. comm.).” This incorrect statement arose from a misinterpretation by one of the authors (SRG) of their recollection of a verbal conversation with A. Rajendran in 2016. The lead and corresponding authors sincerely apologise for inadvertently publishing this false statement, and for any unintended distress it may have caused. These authors wish it to be known that they regret not providing more precise information about the nature, subject and timing of the communication in question, and not checking this with A. Rajendran prior to publication. They wish to make it clear that they intended no implication whatsoever that any specimens that may or may not have been mislaid were in the custody of M.V. or A. Rajendran.