

Corrigendum

The authors (Morin *et al.* 2007) of the study 'Comparative mitochondrial and nuclear quantitative PCR of historical marine mammal tissue, bone, baleen, and tooth samples' have alerted us to an error in their presentation.

Statistical comparison of the ratios of mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) to nuclear DNA incorrectly used the ratio of the Log(copy number) for mtDNA and nuclear DNA rather than the Log of the ratio(mtDNA copy number/nuclear copy number).

The corrected comparisons follow:

The ratios were significantly different only for the comparison of bowhead baleen ratios to all other sample types ($P < 0.001$). Mean Log ratios for preserved fresh tissue (2.3) did not differ significantly from bone (2.1) or tooth (2.3), but baleen ratios (3.6) were significantly higher, and indicated only a 40- to 60-fold higher ratio of mtDNA to nuclear DNA than in the other tissue types (not 8000-fold). The ratio of mtDNA to nuclear DNA in freshly preserved tissue was approximately 400:1, not 300:1 as stated in the discussion. We are grateful to Adrian W. Briggs for catching this error and bringing it to our attention.

Reference

Morin PA, Hedrick NM, Robertson KM, LeDuc CA (2007) Comparative mitochondrial and nuclear quantitative PCR of historical marine mammal tissue, bone, baleen, and tooth samples. *Molecular Ecology Notes*, 7, 404–411.