The authors Diaz et al. (2021) would like to correct the following error:

The equation for the dissimilarity score between two species abundance distributions (SADs) is written incorrectly. It is subtracted from 1, which produces a corresponding “similarity” score:

The correct equation for the dissimilarity score is:

where *n1i*is the abundance at rank *i* for one SAD and *n2i*is the abundance at rank *i* for the other SAD, and N is total abundance.

Diaz, R.M., Ye, H. & Ernest, S.K.M. (2021). Empirical abundance distributions are more uneven than expected given their statistical baseline. Ecology Letters, 24, 2025–2039.