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HYDRODYNAMIC ASPECTS OF PARTICLE CAPTURE BY MYTILUS

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It has been pointed out by Dr H. U. Riisgård that a result from his research with Dr F. Møhlenberg was misreported in the above paper; this error is deeply regretted.

In their paper on filter-feeding in bivalves Møhlenberg & Riisgård (1979, *Marine Biology*, **54**, 146) published a table for values of regression constants a and b in the correlation $F = aW^b$, relating filtration rate (F) with dry flesh weight (W), and in the correlation $G = aW^b$, relating gill area (G) with dry flesh weight (W). We took the wrong value for a in *Mytilus* from this table and gave it in line 4 on page 868 as 24.6; this should be corrected to 7.45. Consequently our value of F, the pumping rate, calculated using the incorrect value of a was several times too high (line 24), where the pumping rate of 108 ml min⁻¹ should be corrected to 32.6 ml min⁻¹.

This amended value of the pumping (or filtration) rate agrees with other values quoted by these authors, but is about twice the rate published by other workers who have used direct methods of measurement. An unexplained discrepancy remains, as discussed in our paper.

The error makes no essential difference to the arguments presented nor to the conclusions of our paper.

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