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## Erratum

T. S. Suryanarayanan (PG Department of Botany, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College, Madras 600 004) regarding G. Baskaran's article 'An encounter with genes' (*Curr. Sci.*, 1993, **64**, 216–218) writes: 'In the second paragraph, what should have been nucleic acid bases are termed nucleic acids; in the third paragraph, adenine is described as an amino acid. A more careful redaction could have averted such mistakes.'

### *G. Baskaran replies*

'The encounter with genes left me spellbound. In that blissful state one mixes up names. Surely, this is no excuse for

my writing "nucleic acids" instead of "nucleic acid bases" (2nd paragraph, 2nd line) or for that matter writing "amino acid adenine" instead of "nucleotide adenine" (3rd paragraph, 19th line) in my commentary. It is time I learn more about proof reading and error correction from genes (there seem to be fascinating phenomena in genes—error correction, proof reading, gene repair, error-prone gene repair, etc.!).'

*The editors themselves could have detected these errors. We thank T. S. Suryanarayanan for bringing these errors to our notice.*

—Ed.

## Correction

### Phenology of seasonally dry tropical forest

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In Table I, few mistakes in the names of the families have

occurred. The correct names of the families with species are given below.

Species	Family
<i>Anogeissus latifolia</i>	Combretaceae
<i>Bauhinia racemosa</i>	Caesalpiaceae
<i>Boswellia serrata</i>	Burseraceae
<i>Briedelia retusa</i>	Euphorbiaceae
<i>Buchanania lanzan</i>	Anacardiaceae