**Response to the comment by Sabine Goldberg on:
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Dear Editors-in-Chief

We are so sorry that we need to make corrections for an error in our article “Selenite adsorption and desorption in main Chinese soils with their characteristics and physicochemical properties,” which was published in the *Journal of Soils and Sediments* (2015; 15(5):1150–1158).

We did not realize this error until Sabine Goldberg submitted her letter to the *Journal of Soils and Sediments*. We checked the paper and found a mistake in the sentence “One-gram portions of each soil sample placed in 100-mL centrifuge tube were equilibrated with 10 mL of 0.01 M CaCl₂ containing graded levels of Se from 0.15 to 3.14 mg Se/L in the form of Na₂SeO₄” in “2.2 Adsorption experiment” section. Here, we had misspelled Na₂SeO₃ into Na₂SeO₄. This was the reason why Sabine Goldberg thought Se(VI) adsorption was studied in the article. In fact, the adsorption behavior of Se(IV) (selenite) was the one studied and analyzed which can be found in the title, the abstract, introduction, and the results part of the paper. As we mentioned in the article, the objectives of this study were to investigate selenite retention

of soils and related dominant physicochemical properties in the Se adsorption–desorption process and to provide base knowledge for further implementation of Se supplementation in China.

This was a mistake of ours and we regret that we did not find it prior to the publication of our paper. We sincerely apologize to all readers and express our gratitude to Sabine Goldberg. Correction of the mistake would be as follows: “One-gram portions of each soil sample placed in 100-mL centrifuge tube were equilibrated with 10 mL of 0.01 M CaCl₂ containing graded levels of Se from 0.15 to 3.14 mg Se/L in the form of Na₂SeO₄” should be replaced by “One-gram portions of each soil sample placed in 100 mL centrifuge tube were equilibrated with 10 mL of 0.01 M CaCl₂ containing graded levels of Se from 0.15 to 3.14 mg Se/L in the form of Na₂SeO₃.”

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