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# Combining theory and experiment to understand effects of inorganic nitrogen on litter decomposition

In the printed version of this paper [Oecologia (2001) 128: 94–98] there were a number of errors in the sentence following Eq. 2. The correct version should read as follows:

...where $q_0$ is the initial litter quality, $f_c$ is carbon concentration in the decomposer biomass (kg C kg$^{-1}$ biomass), $\beta$ is a shape factor used to describe the relation between $q$ and decomposer growth rate (dimensionless), $\eta_{11}$ is a factor that describes the average change in quality when one substrate is transformed into another (dimensionless), and $u_0$ is the decomposer growth rate per unit of substrate carbon (year$^{-1}$).

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