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Corrigendum to "Can we not mitigate climate change using seaweed based biostimulant: A case study with sugarcane cultivation in India" [J. Clean. Prod. 204 (2018) 992–1003]



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The authors regret misreading of the unit during calculation wherein kg CO_2 equivalents ha⁻¹ 2y⁻¹ was by mistake construed as kg CO_2 equivalents (Mg cane production)⁻¹. This led to erroneous representation at some places in the text which are as follows:

In Abstract; text of section 3.5: Environmental benefits of seaweed extract (SWE) use; Conclusion section and in Highlights:

The savings in climate change (CC) impact category envisaged on account of use of seaweed extract at 5% KSWE was mentioned as 260 kg CO_2 equivalents (Mg cane production)⁻¹ in the text which should be actually read as 260 kg CO_2 equivalents ha⁻¹ 2y⁻¹. The actual savings in CC due to SWE application per ton of cane production would be 2.06 kg CO_2 equivalents (Mg cane production)⁻¹.

In the text of section 3.5: Environmental benefits of seaweed extract (SWE) use:

The savings envisaged for 50% RRF + SWE treatment in CC impact category was mentioned as 1234 kg CO₂ equivalents (Mg cane production)⁻¹ which should be actually read as 1234 kg CO₂ equivalents

 $ha^{-1} 2y^{-1}$. The actual savings in CC due to SWE application per ton of cane production would be 11.65 kg CO_2 equivalents (Mg cane production)⁻¹.

The gains in water depletion which was represented as 21 m^3 (Mg cane production)⁻¹ should be instead read as $21 \text{ m}^3 \text{ ha}^{-1} 2\text{y}^{-1}$. The actual water saving per ton of cane production would be 0.17 m³.

In the last paragraph of the Discussion section, error in estimation of impacts gains in CC and water depletion per Mg of cane production in the 5% KSWE treatment led to errors in extrapolation for 10% of total cane production.

Thus, translation of gains which was given as ca.9.3 million Mg of CO_2 equivalents would be 0.073 million Mg of CO_2 equivalents.

Similarly for water depletion, the overall savings would be 5.99 million m³ instead of 1.12 billion cubic meters.

We confirm that there is no discrepancy in the data of tables or figures owing the above mistake.

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