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Erratum to "Contrasting effects of elevated CO₂ on old and new soil carbon pools" [Soil Biology & Biochemistry 33(6) 365-373][‡]

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It has been brought to the publisher's attention that a few errors occurred in this paper.

On page 367, Section 2.3, the units of measurement for the nylon filters and sieves used during fractionation should be μ m not mm.

Section 2.3 is now reproduced correctly, below.

2.3. Soil fractionation

Soils were harvested in three layers (0–15 cm, 15–45 cm and 45–~90 cm) from microcosms after 2 years exposure to CO_2 and nutrient treatments, and samples from each layer were fractionated. Thirty grams of air-dried 2 mm-sieved soil was dispersed in 100 ml of 5 gl⁻¹ sodium hexamethaphosphate and agitated for 18 h. (Fine roots were separated using a 500 μ m sieve.) Dispersed soil samples were passed sequentially through a 53 and a 20- μ m sieve and rinsed with water. Material remaining on the 53 μ m sieve was back-

washed onto a nylon filter, and excess water was removed by vacuum. Material was then rinsed into a beaker and the solution brought to a final volume of 50 ml using sodium polytunsgate adjusted to a density of 1.85 g cm⁻³. Samples were separated overnight, after which floating organic material was aspirated from the surface, rinsed with water on a 20 μ m nylon filter, dried at 50°C, and ground for 4 min using a Spex ball mill. This aspirated organic material was the POM fraction (Gale and Cambardella, 2000).

The material remaining on the 20 μ m sieve was backwashed into a pan and dried at 50°C. This was the coarse silt size fraction. The slurry that passed through the 20 μ m sieve contained the three smallest size fractions, which were isolated by sequential centrifugation (Ladd et al., 1977; Cambardella and Elliot, 1994). We grouped coarse, fine silt, coarse clay, and fine clay into a "mineral-bound" soil carbon pool for brevity.

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