

CORRIGENDUM

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The giant bite of a new raptorial sperm whale from the Miocene epoch of Peru

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The genus name *Leviathan*, proposed in this Letter for a new fossil physeteroid from the Miocene of Peru, is preoccupied by *Leviathan* Koch, 1841 (ref. 1), a junior subjective synonym of *Mammut* Blumenbach, 1799 (ref. 2). We propose here a replacement name *Livyatan* gen. nov. The type species is placed in this genus to form the binomial *Livyatan melvillei*. The diagnosis and content of the new genus follow our Letter. ‘Livyatan’ is a Hebrew name applied to large marine monsters in popular and mythological stories. We thank M. P. Taylor and D. Yanega for bringing this to our attention.

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