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OPEN Author Correction: Novel Hybrid **Evolutionary Algorithms for Spatial Prediction of Floods**

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Correction to: Scientific Reports https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-018-33755-7, published online 18 October 2018

This Article contained errors.

In the Introduction, in the sentence:

"Each year flooding affects around 200 million people and causes economic losses of about \$95 billion around the world³."

Reference 3 was to Chapi et al. 2017. It should direct the reader to Cealo et al. 2014. This has now been corrected, and the references were re-ordered as a result. Cealo et al. is now the cited Reference 3 in this sentence, and Chapi et al.-Reference 24, cited elsewhere in the article.

In the section "Description of the Study Area"

"The average annual rainfall is around 770 mm."

now reads:

"The average annual rainfall of Mazandaran province is 770 mm, and for the Haraz watershed case study, it is 430 mm?

There was a typographical error in the last row of Table 1, where class "535-471" now reads "535-741". This table contains data published contemporaneously in another publication from the authors. This is now acknowledged in the table legend, which reads:

"Spatial relationship between flood and conditioning factors of SWARA model. Table republished from Reference 27."

In the Materials and Methods section, subheading 'Data collection and preparation'.

"Additionally, DEM and geological maps in the Haraz watershed were also used in data collection and preparation."

now reads:

"Additionally, DEM (derived from the Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER) Global DEM (https://gdex.cr.usgs.gov/gdex/) with a resolution of 30×30 m), and geological maps in the Haraz watershed were also used in data collection and preparation."

Figure 1 displayed incorrect scale (the scale bar itself was correct). The incorrect scale is now removed.

Figure 2 contained images obtained from press sources and re-used without appropriate permissions. Since the original source cannot be established and these were used for demonstrative purposes only (to visualise the severity of the floods for the readers), the figure was now removed. Additionally, original Fig. 3 was now moved towards the end of the Article. Figures 3–9 were renumbered accordingly.

These changes do not affect the conclusions of the Article.

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