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### Erratum

#### Botanical Studies (2007) 48: 1-11.

In the printed version of this paper, the following errors occurred:

Page 1, line 3, "Han-Ning CHUAN" should read: "Han-Ning CHUANG".