Corrigendum

Gebeshuber *et al.* (2003) presents the first AFM study on living diatoms in ambient conditions. The AFM experiments for this study were performed in 1999 in Santa Barbara, and were presented at several international conferences. However, there is later work on AFM on living diatoms, which was published earlier than our paper (Crawford *et al.*, 2001; Higgins *et al.*, 2002; 2003a,b).

The authors are sorry that they were not aware of this work and therefore did not cite it, and emphatically apologize to the authors for this omission.

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