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R: The following text was added to the caption of Fig. 1: “**Figure 1.** The distribution of open ecosystems (steppes/grasslands and forest-steppes) in Eurasia. Mangalia Herghelie, Black Sea, SE Romania (1), and Tom and SH sites, Konoplyanka, Trans-Urals, Russia (2), are located in the steppe ecosystems. The source image is a product of NASA's Blue Marble Project public domain’. L. 639.

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