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The publisher doubts that Russel's Viper (*Daboia russelii*) to occur in Sarlahi, the central lowlands of Nepal because the last photo voucher in page 205 was not supportive to claim *D. russelii*. However, it is likely to distribute throughout the lowlands of Nepal (Shah and Tiwari, 2004, Sharma *et al.*, 2013). Figure 1. A-C displays specimen incorrectly claimed as *Daboia russelii*. The provided photo vouchers of the specimen had no three longitudinal series of large rounded or oval spots on the body as shown in Figure 1. D. The specimen (Figure 1. A,C) also did not have two large symmetrical V-shaped dark brown marks on the top of head as in the case of *D. russelii* (Figure 1. E). Therefore, the specimen claimed to be *Daboia russelii* by Chhettri and Chhetry (2013) was incorrect. Rather,

the specimen (A-C) is *Ovophis monticola* (Sharma *et al.*, 2013).

Herein, Figure 1. D. correctly shows the *Daboia russelii* which was captured from the roof of a house in Bahuar, Uttar Pradesh State of India (latitude 27.36631°, longitude 83.80373°, elevation 93 m).

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Figure.1. **A-C.**Inaccurately claimed *Daboia russelii* by Chhettri and Chhetry (2013) (photographed by authors and provided by K.P. Limbu, executive editor of Our Nature). **D.** Accurate *Daboia russelii*. **E.** Head of *D. Russelii* (focused) (photographed by C. M.Sharma)