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Erratum to: Highlighting consensus among medical scientists increases public support for vaccines: evidence from a randomized experiment

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Following the publication of this article [1], it was brought to our attention that Table 2 of the Appendix contains a typographical error. The right column of the table incorrectly reads ($N = 216$) instead of ($N = 206$).

In addition, Table 3 of the Appendix contains some non-consequential rounding errors for the Mean (S.D.). The corrected table is provided below:

The above errors do not influence the findings and conclusions presented in the article [1].

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Table 3 Survey questions and descriptive statistics

Sample	Mean (S.D.)
Survey questions	
<u>Perceived scientific agreement</u>	
To the best of your knowledge, what % of medical scientists agree that vaccines are safe? (0% - 100%).	88.57 (10.14)
<u>Autism-vaccine link</u>	
To what extent do you agree with the following statement; "there is scientific evidence for a causal link between vaccines and autism" (1 = Completely Disagree - 7 = Completely Agree).	2.34 (1.71)
<u>Risk perception/concern</u>	
How concerned are you about the potential risk of vaccines? (1 = I am not concerned at all, 7 = I am very concerned).	3.05 (1.88)
<u>Public support index</u> (strongly disagree =1, strongly agree =7).	
I believe that vaccines are a safe and reliable way to avoid the spread of otherwise preventable diseases ($M = 6.29, SD = 1.20$).	6.09 (1.32)
I have already vaccinated my children or would do so if I had children ($M = 6.29, SD = 1.52$).	
I would support policies that require people to vaccinate their children ($M = 5.73, SD = 1.78$).	
I believe that the health benefits of vaccines outweigh the risk of any potential negative side effects ($M = 6.16, SD = 1.38$).	
I believe that vaccines are important in maintaining and improving public health ($M = 6.31, SD = 1.25$).	
In the interest of public health, parents should simply be required to vaccinate their children ($M = 5.76, SD = 1.70$).	
More people ought to vaccinate themselves and their children ($M = 6.21, SD = 1.48$).	
I believe that vaccine refusal poses a risk to public health ($M = 6.0, SD = 1.62$).	