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CORRECTION

Error in Reported Data for Dense Breast Notifications: In the Research Letter entitled “Content, Readability, and Understandability of Dense Breast Notifications by State” published in the April 26, 2016, issue of JAMA,1 there was an error in the reported data in the Table, which also affected the Figure and the text. In the Table, under the Mandate Language column, check marks needed to be added for Nevada and Oregon (Oregon only mandates language for women with extremely dense breasts); under the Increased Risk of Cancer column, check marks were added for New Jersey and Louisiana; under Supplemental Screening column, footnote “m” was removed from Oregon, the check mark and footnote “k” was removed from New Jersey, and check marks were added for California, Tennessee, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota. In the Results section of the text, second sentence, first paragraph, “19, 83%” was changed to “21, 91%;” in the fourth sentence, “15 (65%)” was changed to “20 (87%);” and in the fifth sentence, “15” was changed to “20.” This article was corrected online.


Incorrect Wording in Results Section and Data in Tables 3 and 4: In the Original Investigation entitled “Clinical Risk Score for Persistent Postconcussion Symptoms Among Children With Acute Concussion in the ED” published in the March 8, 2016, issue of JAMA,1 there was incorrect wording in the Results section of the text and data transcription errors in Tables 3 and 4 that occurred when these Tables were split. In the Results section of the text, “Validation Cohort” subsection, the second sentence should be “For patients not at low risk (≤3 points), the sensitivity was 93.5% (95% CI, 90.0%-95.8%), specificity was 18.1% (95% CI, 15.2%-21.4%), and the negative likelihood ratio was 0.36 (95% CI, 0.23-0.58); the negative predictive value was 84.9% (95% CI, 77.6%-90.1%) and the positive predictive value was 35.9% (95% CI, 32.6%-39.5%).” In Table 3, in the third to last row entitled “Appears dazed and confused, Yes,” the data in column 4 should be “1.4 (1.1-1.7);” in the next row entitled “Appears confused about events, Yes,” the data in column 4 should be “1.3 (1.0-1.6);” and in the last row entitled “Answering questions slowly, Yes;” the data in column 4 should be “1.7 (1.4-2.1).” In Table 4, in the first row entitled “Repeats questions, Yes,” the data in column 4 should be “1.4 (1.1-1.9).” This article was corrected online.


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