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CORRECTION

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Following publication of the original article [1], the authors reported that the number “37.01” in Table 2 was moved up so it is now in the wrong line. The correct Table 2 is shown below. The original article [1] has been updated.

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Table 2 Sample characteristics

		Acute ill sample (n = 2740)	Utilization formal care sample (n = 1884)	Positive out-of-pocket expenditures on medical treatment sample (n = 494)			
Sample scale		N	N	N			
	Number of villages	101	98	75			
	Number of households	1037	718	186			
Individual level		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Distance to the closest health facility (km)	continuous	2.22	1.25	2.19	1.24	2.14	1.28
Age (years)	continuous	21.43	18.2	19.56	17.57	19.62	17.12
Illness duration (days)	continuous	7.91	8.27	8.67	8.85	9.58	10.21
Accompanying persons	continuous			1.19	0.61	1.22	0.60
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Age	0 = 0–4 years;	513	18.72	419	22.24	117	23.68
	1 = 5–14 years;	793	28.94	562	29.83	133	26.92
	2 = 15–39 years;	971	35.44	637	33.81	171	34.62
	3 = 39+ years	463	16.90	266	14.12	73	14.78
Sex	0 = male;	1283	46.82	844	44.80	230	46.56
	1 = female	1457	53.18	1040	55.20	264	53.44
Education (education of household head if child < 14 years)	0 = no formal education	1726	62.99	1164	61.78	295	59.72
	1 = any formal education	1014	37.01	720	38.22	199	40.28
Household head	0 = others;	2157	78.72	1523	80.84	391	79.15
	1 = being household head	583	21.28	361	19.16	103	20.85
Reported chronic illness	0 = no chronic illness reported;	2356	85.99	1678	89.07	436	88.26
	1 = chronic illness reported	384	14.01	206	10.93	58	11.74
Limitation imposed on routine activities	0 = no perceived limitation on routine activities	1047	38.21	587	31.16	125	25.30
	1 = perceived limitation on routine activities	1693	61.79	1297	68.84	369	74.70
Hospitalization	0 = no hospitalization;	2636	96.20	1780	94.48	463	93.72
	1 = hospitalization	104	3.80	104	5.52	31	6.28
Socio economic status (wealth quartiles)	1 = poorest (1st wealth quartile)	686	25.04	484	25.69	108	21.86
	2 = poor (2nd wealth quartile)	685	25.00	486	25.80	109	22.06
	3 = less poor (3rd wealth quartile)	685	25.00	478	25.37	126	25.51
	4 = least poor (4th wealth quartile)	684	24.96	436	25.14	151	30.57
Household size	0 = 0–5 members;	1483	54.12	1036	54.99	297	60.12
	1 = 5+ members	1257	45.88	848	45.02	197	39.88
Location of household	0 = rural	2598	94.82	1791	95.06	470	95.14
	1 = urban	142	5.18	93	4.94	24	4.86

SD Standard Deviation