

## Erratum

*To the Editor:*

The article, “Delayed brainstem auditory evoked potential latencies in 14-year-old children exposed to methylmercury” by Murata et al,<sup>1</sup> which appeared in the February 2004 issue of *The Journal of Pediatrics* (volume 144, p. 177-183), contains a calculation error. The error occurred in the conversion of units for hair-mercury measurement at age 7 years.

On page 179, Table I, under “Hair ( $\mu\text{g}$  mercury/g)” and “child, 7 years,” the table reads:

<b>N</b>	<b>Geometric average</b>	<b>Interquartile range</b>	<b>Association with cord blood</b>
<b>800</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.34 – 1.24</b>	<b>0.33</b>

It should look like this:

<b>N</b>	<b>Geometric average</b>	<b>Interquartile range</b>	<b>Association with cord blood</b>
<b>800</b>	<b>2.99</b>	<b>1.69 – 6.20</b>	<b>0.33</b>

Because we used a log transformation in the statistical analysis, this error has no implication for the results reported. However, one sentence is incorrect. On page 179, in the right column, the 14th line down reads: “Hair mercury concentrations at age 14 years (Table I) indicated that the children’s current MeHg exposure had increased since the previous examination ( $P < .001$ ).” Instead of the word “increased,” it should read “decreased.”

We apologize for this error.

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