Erratum to: Social support and suicidal ideation in Japan: are home visits by commissioned welfare volunteers associated with a lower risk of suicidal ideation among elderly people in the community?

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In the original publication of the article, the following errors have occurred. In Table 1, the labels “No” and “Yes” of the first six variables to assess social support (SS1 to SS6), and “Not living together” and “Living together” of the characteristic “Marital status” have been reversed inadvertently. In Table 2, the mean of “Social support (SS1-7)” among men should be 5.80 instead of 5.79. In the fourth line from the bottom on page 624, the sentence “Third, they numbered about 28,000” should read, “Third, they numbered about 23,000”. Also, in the third line from the bottom of page 624, “This is more than 30 times” should read, “This is more than 20 times”.

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Table 1 Characteristics of the study subjects, Okayama, Japan, 2010

Characteristics	Total (<i>N</i> = 11,218)	Men (<i>N</i> = 4,525)	Women (<i>N</i> = 6,693)
Mean age, year (SD)	76.7 (7.3)	76.0 (6.9)	77.1 (7.5)
Suicidal ideation, <i>n</i> (%)			
Yes	1,124 (10.0)	360 (8.0)	764 (11.4)
No	10,094 (90.0)	4,165 (92.0)	5,929 (88.6)
Social support (SS1-7)			
Shopping (SS1), <i>n</i> (%)			
No	1,320 (11.8)	538 (11.9)	782 (11.7)
Yes	9,898 (88.2)	3,987 (88.1)	5,911 (88.3)
Cleaning and cooking (SS2), <i>n</i> (%)			
No	2,011 (17.9)	603 (13.3)	1,408 (21.0)
Yes	9,207 (82.1)	3,922 (86.7)	5,285 (79.0)
Offer to run errands (SS3), <i>n</i> (%)			
No	1,697 (15.1)	636 (14.1)	1,061 (15.9)
Yes	9,521 (84.9)	3,889 (85.9)	5,632 (84.2)
Reassure (SS4), <i>n</i> (%)			
No	1,647 (14.7)	709 (15.7)	938 (14.0)
Yes	9,571 (85.3)	3,816 (84.3)	5,755 (86.0)
Be on the side of (SS5), <i>n</i> (%)			
No	1,986 (17.7)	672 (14.9)	1,314 (19.6)
Yes	9,232 (82.3)	3,853 (85.2)	5,379 (80.4)
Take care of (SS6), <i>n</i> (%)			
No	1,397 (12.5)	533 (11.8)	864 (12.9)
Yes	9,821 (87.6)	3,992 (88.2)	5,829 (87.1)
Home visits by commissioned welfare volunteers (SS7), <i>n</i> (%)			
No	4,061 (36.2)	1,757 (38.8)	2,304 (34.4)
Yes	7,157 (63.8)	2,768 (61.2)	4,389 (65.6)
Educational attainment, <i>n</i> (%)			
Junior high school or lower	4,992 (47.1)	2,108 (48.4)	2,884 (46.1)
High school	4,615 (43.5)	1,782 (40.1)	2,833 (45.3)
College or higher	996 (9.4)	463 (10.6)	533 (8.5)
Missing	615	172	443
Marital status, <i>n</i> (%)			
Not living together	4,324 (38.6)	888 (19.6)	3,436 (51.3)
Living together	6,894 (61.5)	3,637 (80.4)	3,257 (48.7)
Instrumental activities of daily living ^a , <i>n</i> (%)			
Mean scores (SD)		4.33 (1.26)	6.72 (2.19)
Missing		748	2,427

SD standard deviation

^a Assessed with the Instrumental Activities of Daily Living Scale by Lawton and Brody. Summary scores were obtained by adding IADLs 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8 for men, and IADLs 1–8 for women

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