Erratum to: Increased In-hospital Complications After Primary Posterior versus Primary Anterior Cervical Fusion

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The aforementioned article contains incorrect information in three of the cells in Tables 1 and 2. The errors occurred as a consequence of an oversight in reporting frequencies with a count of equal or less than 10 in any individual table

cell, which is against rules put forth by the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project. Cells containing such errors were those presenting unweighted frequencies of “Discharge Status: Alive, destination unknown” for anterior and posterior surgeries in Table 1, and the unweighted frequency of “Shock” for posterior surgery in Table 2. The corrected tables appear below.

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Table 1. Demographics of anterior and posterior cervical spine fusion surgery discharges

Patient demographics	Anterior			Posterior			p Value
	F	WF	Percent	F	WF	Percent	
Frequency/weighted frequency/percent	209,136	1,014,778	91.68	18,977	93,227	8.32	
Age groups (years)							< 0.0001
0–44	74,244	361,346	35.71	5195	25,618	28.00	
45–64	109,137	528,541	52.24	7896	38,685	42.29	
65–74	18,588	89,982	8.89	3334	16,342	17.86	
75+	6563	31,949	3.16	2199	10,833	11.84	
Gender							< 0.0001
Male	103,051	500,973	49.40	11,161	54,820	58.73	
Female	105,969	513,231	50.60	7840	38,522	41.27	
Race							< 0.0001
White	124,969	604,899	84.03	11,224	55,154	78.06	
Black	12,617	60,789	8.44	1697	8287	11.73	
Hispanic	6369	30,305	4.21	880	4251	6.02	
Other	4951	23,890	3.32	602	2967	4.20	
Insurance							< 0.0001
Medicare	34,702	168,000	16.60	6416	31,479	33.78	
Medicaid	10,316	50,495	4.99	1501	7395	7.93	
Private/HMO	131,200	636,735	62.92	8779	43,249	46.40	
Other	32,341	156,731	15.49	2276	11,077	11.89	
Discharge status							< 0.0001
Routine	192,569	933,813	92.02	11,632	56,992	61.13	
Short-term hospital	502	2444	0.24	251	1248	1.34	
Other transfers	8958	44,121	4.35	5072	25,078	26.90	
Home health care	6451	31,170	3.07	1731	8467	9.08	
Against medical advice	113	549	0.05	14	69	0.07	
Died in hospital	533	2632	0.26	272	1347	1.45	
Alive, destination unknown	≤10	50	0.00	≤10	25	0.03	
Hospital size							< 0.0001
Small	20,472	93,708	9.23	1479	6860	7.34	
Medium	52,135	248,759	24.51	3777	18,295	19.58	
Large	136,529	672,333	66.25	13,766	68,289	73.08	
Hospital location							< 0.0001
Rural	10,242	50,632	4.99	610	3047	3.26	
Urban	198,894	964,169	95.01	18,412	90,398	96.74	
Teaching status							< 0.0001
Nonteaching	98,550	467,095	46.03	5623	26,834	28.72	
Teaching	110,586	547,706	53.97	13,399	66,611	71.28	
Admission type							< 0.0001
Emergency	11,799	58,188	6.32	3875	19,208	22.83	
Urgent	14,770	71,013	7.71	1749	8590	10.21	
Elective	162,539	789,486	85.75	11,346	55,633	66.14	

F = frequency; WF = weighted frequency.

Table 2. Procedure-related complications after spine fusion

Complications	Anterior			Posterior			p Value
	F	WF	Percent	F	WF	Percent	
Device-related complications	2410	11671	1.15	2410	11671	6.92	< 0.0001
Organ-specific complications							
Central nervous system	494	2415	0.24	151	754	0.81	< 0.0001
Cardiac	629	3080	0.3	193	962	1.03	< 0.0001
Peripheral vascular	46	233	0.02	19	96	0.1	< 0.0001
Respiratory	1079	5271	0.52	290	1455	1.56	< 0.0001
Gastrointestinal	708	3455	0.34	118	578	0.62	< 0.0001
Genitourinary	855	4214	0.42	214	1065	1.14	< 0.0001
Other complications of procedure							
Shock	16	77	0.01	≤ 10	34	0.04	< 0.0001
Hematoma/seroma	1087	5262	0.52	251	1225	1.31	< 0.0001
Puncture vessel/nerve	674	3274	0.32	155	759	0.81	< 0.0001
Wound dehiscence	44	214	0.02	71	350	0.37	< 0.0001
Infection	209	1026	0.1	166	814	0.87	< 0.0001
Other	802	3913	0.39	295	1434	1.53	< 0.0001
Medical complication	77	367	0.04	41	204	0.22	< 0.0001

F = frequency; WF = weighted frequency.