## LETTER TO THE EDITORS





## Correction: Leveraging Google Trends to investigate the global public interest in rheumatoid arthritis

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Dear Editor,

We are sorry for copying several sentences in our Methods section [1]. Since it is our first study on Google Trends, we are not skilled in describing the method of Google Trends analysis. This is why, we refer to previously published methods and copy-related text verbatim [2, 3]. Due to the same study period, design, and statistical analyses, there might be an overlap between Methods section of our and previously published articles. Having mentioned that, we confirm that the idea, results, and conclusion of our own study are authentic and not copied from elsewhere.

We accept that copying sentences and paragraphs from published articles is inappropriate, and is mainly due to inadequate English writing skills. Our article was written without any external language editing support.

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