Letters to the Editor

The impact factor

Recently, we noted with great interest Dr Opthof's paper on the impact factor[1], in which he quoted a number of our data[2]. Triggered by his remarks on the number of papers never cited, we recalculated the data in our Figure 3[3]. Because several data on cited publications in this figure are wrong, we advise your readers to calculate the percentage of cited publications from our Table 2, used in Dr Opthof's Figure 7[1]. We apologize for the inconvenience caused.

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Erratum to Task Force Report

The burden of cardiovascular diseases mortality in Europe
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We have detected some errors in the printing of the Task Force Report on the burden of cardiovascular diseases mortality in Europe, Eur Heart J 1997; 18: 1231–1248:

1. The legend of Figures 1(a), 1(b), 4(a), 4(b), 7(a), 7(b), 10(a) and 10(b), concerning mortality in European regions in 1990–91, should read 'all ages' instead of 'age 0–64'.
2. In Figures 7(a) (men) and 7(b) (women) concerning age-standardized mortality from ischaemic heart disease ICD (410–414) in European regions in 1990–91, a mistake in the regional rates for Great Britain was detected. In order to make data from Great Britain comparable to the other European regions, rates for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland were recalculated and new maps produced. These corrections were sent to the Journal but, apparently, due to the pressure of time they were not included in the publication of the report.


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The corrected Figures 7(a) and 7(b) are shown opposite.

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