Correction: *MicroRNA-17 and the prognosis of human carcinomas: a systematic review and meta-analysis*

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This article was previously published with some errors.

In the table 1, table 2 and figure 1, Robaina *et al.* conducted the study of miR-17 by the method of qRT-PCR instead of ISH as we described in the paper (citation number 38). Secondly, the term Caucasian is not applied in Brazilian for ethnicity classification. The authors would therefore like to use the term non-Asian for describing the studies conducted in the Spain and Brazil. The issue did not affect the main result and the conclusion of the study. Below is the updated table 2 and figure 1.

Table 1 A summary table of the meta-analysis

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Wang <i>et al</i>	2011	China	Gastric Cancer	65	I-IV	Serum	qRT-PCR	Median	Given	36	miR-17-5p
Zheng <i>et al</i>	2013	China	HCC	96	I-IV	Serum	qRT-PCR	Median	Given	NG	miR-17-5p

Revised Table 2 Subgroup analysis.

Subgroup	Number of studies	Heterogeneity		pooled HR (95% CI)	P values
		I ² (95%CI)	P values		
Total	12	38.2% (0% to 68.7%)	0.086	1.42(1.30 to 1.55)	<0.001
Ethnic subtotal					
Non-Asian	2	71.6% (0% to 93.6%)	0.06	1.48(1.21 to 1.81)	<0.001
Asian	10	36.1% (0% to 69.5%)	0.12	1.40(1.27 to 1.55)	<0.001
Disease subtotal					
Digestive system	7	34.8% (0% to 72.4%)	0.163	1.36(1.22 to 1.51)	<0.001
Respiratory system	1	NA	NA	1.28(1.02 to 1.61)	0.036
Blood system	2	0	0.713	2.38(1.56 to 3.63)	<0.001
Glioma	1	NA	NA	1.61(1.19 to 2.18)	0.002
Osteosarcoma	1	NA	NA	1.61(1.19 to 2.18)	<0.001
Detected Sample subtotal					
Tissue	10	46.2% (0% to 74.1%)	0.053	1.45(1.31 to 1.61)	<0.001
Serum	2	0	0.662	1.32(1.10 to 1.57)	0.002

Subgroup	Number of studies	Heterogeneity I^2 (95%CI)	P values	pooled HR (95% CI)	P values
Detection of miR-17 subtotal					
miR-17	8	60.1% (13.2% to 81.7%)	0.057	1.29(1.11 to 1.49)	<0.001
miR-17-5p	4	7.5% (0% to 43.4%)	0.372	1.50(1.34 to 1.67)	0.001

In addition, there were some errors in the ‘Abstract’ section, under the results subheading, the text should read as:

The results indicated that the increased expression of miR-17 played an unfavourable role in overall survival in various human carcinomas with the HR of 1.342 taking into account the publication bias. In subgroup analysis, HR of ethnicity (non-Asian HR=1.48 and Asian HR=1.40), disease (digestive system HR=1.36 and blood system cancer (HR=2.38) were significant with $P<0.05$.

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The errors in the Results section, should read as:

A total of 1096 patients with various types of cancers were from People’s Republic of China, Japan, Spain and Brazil. Quantitative real-time PCR (qRT-PCR) was used to assess the expression of miR-17 in all studies.

and was incorrectly published as:

A total of 1096 patients with various types of cancers were from People's Republic of China, Japan, Spain and Brazil. Quantitative real-time PCR (qRT-PCR) was used to assess the expression of miR-17 in 12 studies, and one study used the in situ hybridisation (ISH).

The errors in the Discussion section, should read as:

In the subgroup analysis, we found that the potential heterogeneity may have originated from the non-Asian group studies.

and was incorrectly published as:

In the subgroup analysis, we found that the potential heterogeneity may have originated from the Caucasian group in the study conducted by Robaina *et al.* Unlike the commonly used RT-PCR, ISH technique was used to detect miR-17

The errors in the Discussion section, should read as:

However, both studies from Spain and Brazil recruited population of non-Asians decreasing the heterogeneity.

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The errors in the Conclusion section, should read as:

However, further multicentre clinical trials with larger sample size and prospective studies including non-Asian and patients representing other ethnicities are needed to confirm the prognostic value of miR-17 and its subsequent application as a prognostic biomarker in the routine clinical guidance of cancers.

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