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Correction: The feasibility and acceptability of neuromuscular electrical stimulation to improve exercise performance in patients with advanced cancer: a pilot study

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In the course of type-setting this article [1] for final publication the presentation of the data in Tables 1 and 2

was altered. To avoid any confusion and to improve the clarity of our results the corrected Tables are included here.

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Table 1 Demographic and disease characteristics of patients who underwent full baseline assessment

		All subjects (N = 15)			P
			Completed (N = 10)	Withdrawn (N = 5)	
		Mean (SD)			
Age	(yrs)	67.9 (9.4)	67.6 (10.9)	68.4 (6.3)	0.88
Body mass index	(kg/m ²)	23.1 (4.6)	23.7(4.9)	22.1(4.2)	0.52
		N (%)			
Sex					
	M	9 (60)	4 (40)	5 (100)	
	F	6 (40)	6 (60)	0 (0)	0.04
PS					
	1	2 (13)	2 (20)	0 (0)	
	2	6 (40)	4 (40)	2 (40)	
	3	7 (47)	4 (40)	3 (60)	0.79
Diagnosis					
	Lung Cancer	4 (27)	3 (30)	1 (20)	
	GI cancer	6 (40)	2 (20)	4 (80)	
	Other	5 (33)	5 (50)	0 (0)	NA
Cancer stage					
	III	1 (7)	1 (10)	0 (0)	
	IV	11 (73)	6 (60)	5 (100)	
	NA	3 (20)	3 (30)	0 (0)	NA
Chemotherapy					
	Y	10 (67)	6 (60)	4 (80)	
	N	5 (33)	4 (40)	1 (20)	0.60
Recent steroid use					
	Y	6 (40)	4 (40)	2 (40)	
	N	9 (60)	6 (60)	3 (60)	1.00

Notes: P indicates result of significance testing (unpaired t-test for means or Fisher's exact test for count data) comparing patients who did, or did not complete the study.

Table 2 Physical performance evaluation results at baseline and after 6 weeks of NMES intervention

		Baseline			End of study		
		All subjects (N = 15)			Completed (N = 10)		
		Withdrawn (N = 5)	Completed (N = 10)	P ^a	Completed (N = 10)	Difference	P ^b
Number							
PS	1	0	2	0.79 [#]	4		0.15 [#]
	2	2	4		4		
	3	3	4		2		
Mean (SD)							
6MWT	m	257(160)	166 (138)	0.11	282 (171)	-21.1 (167.7)	0.70
	%	50.2 (32.2)	31.0(24.6)	0.08	56.0(34.5)	-3.8 (33.3)	0.73
STS	s	8.0(4.3)	7.6 (3.4)	0.80	7.0(3.3)	-1.2 (3.4)	0.30
	S-score	2.6(2.4)	2.2 (2.0)	0.69	2.0(1.8)	-0.7 (2.0)	0.30

Notes: Performance status (PS), six-minute walk distance (6MWT) in metres (m) and expressed as % predicted (from [21]), Sit-to-stand (STS) test expressed as seconds (s) and as a standard score (S-score) value calculated using age range-specific mean and standard deviations for healthy controls (from [22]); positive scores indicates STS S-scores above the mean. P^a: #Fisher's exact (for counts) or unpaired t-test (for means) comparing baseline results for patients withdrawn and patients who completed study. P^b: #Fisher's exact (for counts) or paired t-test (for means) comparing baseline and final test results for patients who completed the study.

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