# Correction to: The cross-sectional average length of healthy life (HCAL): a measure that summarizes the history of cohort health and mortality 

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Following publication of the original article [1], it was several errors were reported in the main text of the article, and also in Table 1.

The heading of Table 1 was missing the symbol ' $\pi$ ', and similarly it was missing in the body of the Table for the rows indicating the total prevalence of being unhealthy for the nine European countries. The corrected Table 1 is given below.

In the Results section the following sentences have been corrected, with the text highlighted in bold added.

- For example, Italian males spend $81.06 \%$ of their total life years in good health on the basis of HCAL, whereas the proportion of healthy life years is only 78.44\% on the basis of HE.
- As mentioned above, differences between HE and HCAL in relative terms result from the relative difference between the $p(x, t)$ function and the $p_{c}(x$, $t-x$ ) function, leading to an (un)favorable agespecific weighting scheme for women.

In the Discussion section the following sentence has been corrected, with the corrected text highlighted in bold originally erroneously reversed.

- The ratio of $\mathbf{H E} / \mathbf{L E}$ respective $\mathbf{H C A L} / \mathrm{CAL}$ is particularly relevant in this context because it shows the relative share of healthy life years on total life years.

The original text also contained some minor typographical errors which have been amended. The original article has been updated.

[^0][^1]Table 1 Total sample size N (unweighted) and total prevalence of being unhealthy $\pi$ (weighted) for nine European countries from 2008 to 2014

|  |  |  | EU-SILC Survey Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| Denmark | Females | $N$ | 3019 | 3101 | 3072 | 2655 | 2737 | 2784 | 2959 |
|  | Males |  | 2758 | 2765 | 2794 | 2477 | 2552 | 2635 | 2798 |
|  | Females | $\pi$ | 30.71 | 30.66 | 29.59 | 31.58 | 30.68 | 31.70 | 31.37 |
|  | Males |  | 23.65 | 24.42 | 23.46 | 21.93 | 27.24 | 26.72 | 28.57 |
| Finland | Females | $N$ | 5175 | 5050 | 5423 | 4512 | 4854 | 5383 | 5418 |
|  | Males |  | 5128 | 4912 | 5267 | 4586 | 4885 | 5371 | 5405 |
|  | Females | $\pi$ | 34.99 | 36.17 | 37.11 | 37.56 | 40.82 | 47.84 | 39.28 |
|  | Males |  | 29.18 | 29.51 | 29.18 | 30.82 | 32.67 | 40.61 | 30.97 |
| France | Females | $N$ | 10,473 | 10,568 | 10,944 | 11,132 | 11,771 | 10,803 | 11,113 |
|  | Males |  | 9535 | 9545 | 9944 | 10,164 | 10,742 | 9782 | 9985 |
|  | Females | $\pi$ | 25.08 | 26.61 | 27.23 | 27.10 | 26.86 | 26.99 | 27.01 |
|  | Males |  | 21.07 | 21.36 | 23.05 | 22.47 | 22.84 | 22.67 | 22.41 |
| Italy | Females | $N$ | 22,635 | 22,072 | NA | 20,392 | 20,325 | 19,039 | 20,409 |
|  | Males |  | 20,741 | 20,087 | NA | 18,564 | 18,475 | 17,324 | 18,435 |
|  | Females | $\pi$ | 31.19 | 30.35 | NA | 31.59 | 32.49 | 32.95 | 31.75 |
|  | Males |  | 23.62 | 22.97 | NA | 24.07 | 26.21 | 26.69 | 25.93 |
| Germany | Females | $N$ | 12,579 | 12,323 | 12,191 | 12,497 | 12,181 | 11,671 | 11,715 |
|  | Males |  | 11,547 | 11,363 | 11,211 | 11,548 | 11,272 | 10,709 | 10,780 |
|  | Females | $\pi$ | 36.44 | 35.56 | 35.50 | 36.14 | 38.03 | 38.80 | 40.17 |
|  | Males |  | 33.68 | 32.82 | 32.42 | 33.52 | 34.87 | 34.83 | 36.78 |
| Netherlands | Females | $N$ | 5667 | 5274 | 5494 | 5679 | 5479 | 5384 | 5464 |
|  | Males |  | 4648 | 4443 | 4628 | 4794 | 4667 | 4706 | 4680 |
|  | Females | $\pi$ | 34.14 | 33.94 | 33.50 | 34.79 | 35.91 | 39.69 | 36.74 |
|  | Males |  | 24.68 | 25.81 | 26.35 | 23.60 | 24.73 | 27.44 | 24.95 |
| Norway | Females | $N$ | 2632 | 2587 | 2457 | 2054 | 2820 | 2838 | 3490 |
|  | Males |  | 2853 | 2762 | 2704 | 2343 | 3158 | 3107 | 3782 |
|  | Females | $\pi$ | 21.79 | 21.39 | 20.03 | 26.45 | 17.52 | 22.07 | 21.69 |
|  | Males |  | 13.40 | 14.87 | 14.87 | 18.54 | 11.99 | 14.16 | 12.49 |
| Sweden | Females | $N$ | 3834 | 3891 | 3713 | 3512 | 3482 | 3165 | 2933 |
|  | Males |  | 3612 | 3649 | 3451 | 3193 | 3136 | 3025 | 2834 |
|  | Females | $\pi$ | 29.29 | 26.91 | 26.66 | 27.88 | 27.28 | 27.22 | 16.95 |
|  | Males |  | 21.44 | 19.45 | 20.01 | 21.27 | 20.82 | 20.10 | 10.55 |
| UK | Females | $N$ | 8725 | 8081 | 7827 | 7728 | 9688 | 9716 | 9466 |
|  | Males |  | 7816 | 7278 | 6970 | 6949 | 8648 | 8692 | 8437 |
|  | Females | $\pi$ | 20.74 | 21.68 | 22.23 | 23.55 | 23.63 | 23.16 | 24.52 |
|  | Males |  | 18.22 | 18.91 | 19.18 | 19.42 | 19.70 | 19.85 | 21.43 |

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