We regret to report a mistake in an article with the above mentioned title which was recently published by us in *Human Reproduction*; see the issue of January 18, 2012.

In the third sentence of the Material & Methods section we stated: ‘This chance increases from 3% at age 25, 6% at 30, 17% at 35, 50% at 40 and 85% at age 45’. This should have been: ‘This chance increases from 1% at age 25, 2% at 30, 5% at 35, 17% at 40 and 55% at age 45’. The actual calculations from which the results are derived have been based on the correct series of percentages. Hence, this mistake has no effect on the results and conclusions of the article.