CORRIGENDUM

Assisted hatching of human embryos: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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The authors wish to highlight a misunderstanding that has been found in the above paper.

There is potential for confusion regarding the y-axis labels in the forest plots from our systematic review and meta-analysis evaluating the efficacy and safety of performing assisted hatching (AH) for assisted reproductive techniques (Martins et al., 2011).

We evaluated the effect of AH in two outcomes of effectiveness: live birth/ongoing pregnancy and clinical pregnancy; and in two outcomes of safety (or complications): multiple pregnancy and miscarriage. When evaluating the outcomes of effectiveness, having more events (a risk ratio >1.0) would be favorable to the intervention; therefore the label “Favours AH” was placed in the right side of the forest plot. However, when evaluating the complications (multiple pregnancy and miscarriage), having fewer events (a risk ratio <1.0) would be favorable to the intervention, therefore the label “Favours AH” was placed in the left side of the forest plot. We apologize for not making this clearer.

Reference