Proportion of Japanese outpatients filling prescriptions for long-term medication regimens [Corrigendum]


On page 667, “Results” in the Abstract section should read from “Results: A total of 34,549 outpatients received long-term medications under the above conditions (4.4% of all patients in the database) . . .” to “Results: A total of 34,549 outpatients received long-term medications under the above conditions (13.8% of all patients in the database) . . .”

On page 668, the first sentence in the “Results” section should read from “Medication records for the 1-year survey included 787,451 outpatients. Among these patients, 158,938 (20.2%) had medications prescribed more than twice and with each medication prescribed for ≥14 days. Of these patients, 34,549 (4.4% of all patients in the database) received medications for ≥330 total days between initial and final dispensation date and ≥180 total days of medication supplies.” to “Medication records for the 1-year survey included 249,697 outpatients. Among these patients, 158,938 (63.7%) had medications prescribed more than twice and with each medication prescribed for ≥14 days. Of these patients, 34,549 (13.8% of all patients in the database) received medications for ≥330 total days between initial and final dispensation date and ≥180 total days of medication supplies.”

On page 670, the first sentence in “Discussion” section should read from “Our study found that around 4% of Japanese outpatients generally received 3 medications with a 33-day filling period over 10 pharmacy visits during 1-year survey.” to “Our study found that around 14% of Japanese outpatients generally received 3 medications with a 33-day filling period over 10 pharmacy visits during 1-year survey.”

On page 672, the first sentence in “Conclusion” section should read from “Our study found that Japanese outpatients who repeatedly received the same medications as prescribed initially and who had a medication supply ≥180 days over 1 year were around 4% of all and showed high medication fill adherence over 90%.” to “Our study found that Japanese outpatients who repeatedly received the same medications as prescribed initially and who had a medication supply ≥180 days over 1 year were around 14% of all and showed high medication fill adherence over 90%.”

Following a review of our data post-publication, we found the incorrect number of outpatients included in 1-year survey. The correct number of outpatients included in 1-year survey should be 249,697 instead of 787,451. The authors apologize for this error.