Addendum

Notice of Correction

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In the methods section on page 175, first paragraph, the authors stated the wrong coding numbers for agree and disagree – agree was coded as 1 and disagree as 5. On the questionnaire, disagree was coded as 1 and agree as 5. The correct coding is disagree as 1 and agree as 5.

In the methods section, the authors did not report that items 3, 6, 7, 9, and 13 were reverse coded. The responses to these statements were reverse coded to maintain consistency of coding, with respect to the index, for each of the three categories. Based on our hypotheses, the scores were clustered to capture the three different approaches to chiropractic philosophy. Chiropractors that identified themselves as rationalists, scored lower on the philosophy index compared to empiricists, who scored higher on the scale. (Note: the direction of the overall coding and scoring process was arbitrary. The overall coding could just as easily have been reversed with rationalists scoring at the higher end and empiricists at the lower end.) The authors predicted that chiropractors, who identified themselves as rationalists, would likely disagree with statements 3,6,7,9, and 13, so the responses to these statements were reverse coded to maintain consistency of coding and scoring.

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