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# Correction to: How parental migration affects early social–emotional development of left-behind children in rural China: a structural equation modeling analysis

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The authors would like to correct errors in the publication of the original article. The errors described below and correct details provided:

## Error:

1. Parental migration status in Table 2 repeatedly present, but it has been shown in Table 1. Hence, it is deleted in Table 2 and accordingly “Parent migration status and” in the heading of Table 2 deleted. Updated version of Table 2 provided here.
2. The last subtitle of Results section, “How the developmental difference was caused between children with

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**Table 2** Family function of left-behind children included in this study in rural China, 2018

	Total ( <i>n</i> = 845)	LBCF ( <i>n</i> = 316)	LBCP ( <i>n</i> = 529)
Family function			
<i>Caregiver arrangement</i>			
Primary caregivers, <i>n</i> (%)			
Mothers	–	316 (100.0)	–
Grandmothers	–	–	455 (86.0)
Grandfathers	–	–	74 (14.0)
Having assistant caregivers, <i>n</i> (%)	614 (72.7)	233 (73.7)	381 (72.0)
<i>Primary caregivers' characteristics</i>			
Age (years), median (25th, 75th)	50 (31, 55)	29 (25, 33)	53 (50, 58)
Education, <i>n</i> (%)			
Illiteracy	119 (14.1)	7 (2.2)	112 (26.1)
Primary school	212 (25.1)	51 (16.1)	161 (37.5)
Middle school	300 (35.5)	170 (53.8)	130 (30.3)
High school or above	114 (13.5)	88 (27.8)	26 (6.1)
ZSDS scores, mean (SD)	36.83 (8.10)	36.19 (8.13)	37.22 (8.07)
Depression (ZSDS scores > 50), <i>n</i> (%)	327 (38.7)	113 (35.8)	214 (40.5)
<i>Migrant–caregiver communication</i>			
Communication index <sup>a</sup> , median (25th, 75th)	9 (8, 10)	9.5 (8, 10)	9 (7, 10)
Contact method			
Migrant father-caregiver <sup>b</sup> , <i>n</i> (%)			
Never	21 (2.5)	6 (1.9)	15 (2.9)
Phone call	398 (47.7)	99 (31.5)	299 (57.5)
Video call	415 (49.8)	209 (66.6)	206 (39.6)
Migrant mother-caregiver <sup>c</sup> , <i>n</i> (%)			
Never			18 (3.5)
Phone call			262 (51.4)
Video call			230 (45.1)
Contact frequency			
Migrant father-caregiver <sup>d</sup> , <i>n</i> (%)			
< 1 time per week	148 (17.7)	25 (7.9)	123 (23.7)
Weekly	411 (49.2)	145 (46.0)	266 (51.2)
Daily	276 (33.1)	145 (46.0)	131 (25.2)
Migrant mother-caregiver <sup>e</sup> , <i>n</i> (%)			
< 1 time per week			113 (22.1)
Weekly			250 (48.9)
Daily			148 (29.0)
Average duration per communication			
Migrant father-caregiver <sup>f</sup> , <i>n</i> (%)			
1–9 min	176 (21.6)	44 (14.2)	132 (26.1)
10–19 min	293 (36.0)	95 (30.7)	198 (39.2)
≥ 20 min	345 (42.4)	170 (55.0)	175 (34.7)
Migrant mother-caregiver <sup>g</sup> , <i>n</i> (%)			
1–9 min			114 (23.1)
10–19 min			186 (37.7)
≥ 20 min			193 (39.1)
Communicating with the child during call			
Migrant father-caregiver <sup>f</sup> , <i>n</i> (%)			
Never	41 (5.0)	17 (5.5)	24 (4.8)

**Table 2** (continued)

	Total ( <i>n</i> = 845)	LBCF ( <i>n</i> = 316)	LBCP ( <i>n</i> = 529)
Sometime	106 (13.0)	44 (14.2)	62 (12.3)
Frequently	667 (81.9)	248 (80.3)	419 (83.0)
Migrant mother-caregiver <sup>g</sup> , <i>n</i> (%)			
Never			14 (2.8)
Sometime			62 (12.6)
Frequently			417 (84.6)

*LBCF* left-behind children of migrant fathers; *LBCP* left-behind children of both migrant parents; *ZSDS* Zung's self-rating depression scale

<sup>a</sup>The communication index was available for 314 LBCF and 510 LBCP

<sup>b</sup>Primary contact method of migrant fathers and caregivers was available for 314 LBCF and 520 LBCP

<sup>c</sup>Primary contact method of migrant mothers and caregivers was available for 510 LBCP; <sup>d</sup>Migrant father-caregiver contact frequency was available for 315 LBCF and 520 LBCP

<sup>e</sup>Migrant mother-caregiver contact frequency was available for 511 LBCP; <sup>f</sup>for migrant father-caregiver communication, average duration per communication and communicating with the child were available for 309 LBCF and 505 LBCP

<sup>g</sup>For migrant mother-caregiver communication, average duration per communication and communicating with the child was available for 493 LBCP

migrant parents those with migrant parents”, has been corrected as “How the developmental difference was caused between children with migrant fathers and those with migrant parents”.

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