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### VISUAL FUNCTION AT BASELINE AND 1 MONTH IN ACUTE OPTIC NEURITIS: PREDICTORS OF VISUAL OUTCOME

**To the Editor:** In the article by Kupersmith et al., there was a sentence that is confusing and may be misleading: “At 6 months, visual acuity was 20/50 or worse in 79% of patients with 20/200 or worse acuity at baseline.”<sup>1</sup> Actually, this percentage (79%), according to their previous article, corresponds to the ratio of the number of patients with poor visual recovery at 6 months whose baseline visual acuity was 20/200 or worse (n = 22) to the total number of patients with poor visual recovery at 6 months (n = 29).<sup>2</sup>

The true percentage of patients with visual acuity 20/50 or worse at 6 months among patients with baseline visual acuity 20/200 or worse is 14% (22/156).

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**Reply from the Authors:** We thank Dr. Gout for his comments on our article. He is correct. The senior author misinterpreted the data in table 5<sup>2</sup> as row percentages but they were column percentages.

The correct statement would be as follows: “Among patients with 6-month visual acuity  $\leq 20/50$ , at baseline 79% had  $\leq 20/200$ , 17% had 20/50–20/190, and 7% had  $\geq 20/40$  visual acuity. Six-month acuity  $\leq 20/50$  occurred in 15% with  $\leq 20/200$ , 4% with 20/50–20/190, and 1% with  $\geq 20/40$  at baseline.”

Thus, as previously stated, recovery is not as good with poor baseline visual acuity but even with  $\leq 20/200$  at baseline, recovery to  $\geq 20/40$  occurs in 85%.

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**Editor’s Note:** To ensure that the literature record is corrected, an erratum appears below.

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### CORRECTION

#### Visual function at baseline and 1 month in acute optic neuritis: Predictors of visual outcome

In the article “Visual function at baseline and 1 month in acute optic neuritis: Predictors of visual outcome” by M.J. Kupersmith et al. and The Optic Neuritis Study Group (*Neurology*<sup>®</sup> 2007;69:508–514), the data in table 5 were misinterpreted as row percentages but they were actually column percentages. The correct statement in the article should read as follows: “Among patients with 6-month visual acuity  $\leq 20/50$ , at baseline 79% had  $\leq 20/200$ , 17% had 20/50–20/190, and 7% had  $\geq 20/40$  visual acuity. Six-month acuity  $\leq 20/50$  occurred in 15% with  $\leq 20/200$ , 4% with 20/50–20/190, and 1% with  $\geq 20/40$  at baseline.”

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