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Evaluation of the nutritional status of preterm newborns

Dear Editor,

While analyzing the article by Gianini et al.,¹ I noticed that the study contains an error in table 4. The results of the linear regression are erroneously described as *odds ratio*. Comparing this with table 3, the error is confirmed.

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Authors' reply

Dear Editor:

we are grateful for the opportunity offered by the reader José Luiz Muniz Bandeira Duarte to correct an error in table 4, of the article entitled *Evaluation of the nutritional status at 40 weeks corrected gestational age in a cohort of very low birth weight infants*, published in issue 1 of volume 80. The reader points out that there is information on an odds ratio in a table whose results had been analyzed by multivariate linear regression. The reader is correct in identifying the error, since, in fact, the column that says *odds ratio* should say β . We would, therefore, like to request that the table be published once more in this section in its corrected form:

Table 4 - Analysis of multivariate linear regression of continuous variables selected for the final model – stepwise method (dependent variable - weight at term)

Variables	β	IC 95%	p
(Constant)	7,443.8	6,758.5 to 8,129.0	0.000
Length of hospital stay (days)	-7.9	-11.4 to -4.5	0.000
Gestational age (weeks)	-170.9	-190.1 to -151.8	0.000
Birth weight (g)	0.7	0.4 to 0.9	0.000
Time needed to regain birth weight (days)	-13.5	-19.9 to -7.2	0.000
CRIB	-14.4	-28.6 to -0.2	0.046

CRIB = clinical risk index for babies.

We emphasize that this error in no way affects the analysis of the results presented.

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