



“Rapid diagnosis of primary ciliary dyskinesia: cell culture and soft computing analysis.” Massimo Pifferi, Andrew Bush, Francesca Montemurro, Giovanni Pioggia, Martina Piras, Gennaro Tartarisco, Maria Di Cicco, Iolanda Chinellato, Angela M. Cangiotti and Attilio L. Boner. *Eur Respir J* 2013; 41: 960–965.

In table 2 of this manuscript, the data in the columns headed sensitivity and specificity were erroneously reversed, as were the data in the columns headed negative predictive value and positive predictive value, for the first four parameters (rotation of spheroids, migration of spheroids, ability of cilia to remove debris, and normal ciliary beat pattern). The corrected table is reprinted below.

TABLE 2 Sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive values (PPVs), and negative predictive values (NPVs) of the different parameters used for ciliary activity evaluation in suspension cell culture for the diagnosis of primary ciliary dyskinesia

Suspension cell cultures parameters	Sensitivity %	Specificity %	PPV %	NPV %
Rotation of the spheroids	97.2	79.0	67.3	98.5
Migration of the spheroids	100	17.3	34.9	100
Ability of cilia to remove debris	100	7.4	32.4	100
Normal ciliary beat pattern	100	64.2	55.4	100
Pathological ciliary beat pattern	33.3	100	100	77.1

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It was recently brought to my attention that one paragraph in my editorial, when read out of context, might be misconstrued as suggesting that Prof. Burney and Dr. Hooper have racist views. Such an interpretation is quite wrong, and any such implication firmly denied. I request that one sentence in my editorial be modified as follows:

For example, in a study of differences in mortality between African and European Americans, BURNEY and HOOPER [12] concluded that the higher mortality in African Americans could be explained by their lower forced VC alone.

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