

RETRACTION

## Retraction: Robust policy evaluation from large-scale observational studies

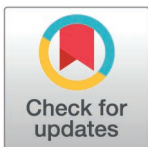
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After publication of this article [1], the corresponding author notified *PLOS One* of an error in the p-value calculation caused by a coding error, affecting Fig 4 and related text in the Experiment and result subsection of [1].

Following input from a member of the Editorial Board, the *PLOS One* Editors concluded that the conclusion drawn from applying the mathematical model to the large-scale validation dataset, is incorrect. Specifically, after correcting the error, the revised analysis shows no causal relation between the Medicare Hospital Readmission Reduction Program (HRRP) and non-index readmissions. However, the evaluation of the model's scalability remains sound, and the study's methodological contribution is unaffected.

As the manuscript discusses the causal relationship extensively, and this forms a central aim of the study, the *PLOS One* Editors consider that a key conclusion is no longer upheld. To address this concern, the *PLOS One* Editors retract this article and have published an updated version of the article containing the corrected p-value calculation, an updated Fig 4, and revised conclusions [2].

All authors agreed with the retraction.



### References

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