Erratum

Egas Moniz (1874–1955) and the “invention” of modern psychosurgery: a historical and ethical reanalysis under special consideration of Portuguese original sources

To THE EDITOR: Thank you for publishing our paper, “Egas Moniz (1874–1955) and the “invention” of modern psychosurgery: a historical and ethical reanalysis under special consideration of Portuguese original sources” (Neurosurg Focus 30(2):E8, 2011).

After publication we found 2 near-identical errors in our paper. The second sentence of the Abstract originally stated: “He performed the first prefrontal leukotomy in 1935—about 75 years ago—with the help of neurosurgeon John F. Fulton (1899–1960),” and the sixth sentence of the Introduction originally stated: “He performed the first prefrontal leukotomy with the help of neurosurgeon John F. Fulton (1899–1960) in 1935.” These statements are incorrect. Egas Moniz was aided by Almeida Lima. The following corrections have been made:

In the Abstract:

He performed the first prefrontal leukotomy in 1935—about 75 years ago—with the help of neurosurgeon Almeida Lima (1903–1985).

In the Introduction:

He performed the first prefrontal leukotomy with the help of neurosurgeon Almeida Lima (1903–1985) in 1935.

We apologize for this inexplicable mistake, and we appreciate the opportunity to correct the errors. The corrections were made online as of April 1, 2011. (DOI: 10.3171/2011.3.FOCUS10214a)

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