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Correction to: Avoidable waste related to inadequate methods and incomplete reporting of interventions: a systematic review of randomized trials performed in Sub-Saharan Africa

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In the original publication [1] the last sentence in the last paragraph under 'Perspectives and implications' in the Discussions section needs to be removed. The correct version can be found in this Erratum.

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