Commentary: Incorporating concepts and methods from causal inference into life course epidemiology

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This commentary was originally published with errors in an equation on p.1007 in section ‘Total and joint effects’. The equation initially was shown as

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\begin{align*}
\text{TCE}_1(x_1) &= E(Yx_1) - E(Yx_1^*) \\
\text{TCE}_1 &= E(Y1) - E(Y0) \\
\text{CDE}_1(x_2) &= E(Yx_1, x_2) - E(Yx_1^*, x_2) \\
Y(x_1, X_2(x_1^*)) \\
X_2(x_1^*) \\
\text{NDE}_1 &= E(Yx_1, X_2(x_1^*)) - E(Yx_1^*, X_2(x_1^*))
\end{align*}
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When it should have been

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\begin{align*}
\text{TCE}_1(x_1) &= E\{Y(x_1)\} - E\{Y(x_1^*)\} \\
\text{TCE}_1 &= E\{Y(1)\} - E\{Y(0)\} \\
\text{CDE}_1(x_2) &= E\{Y(x_1, x_2)\} - E\{Y(x_1^*, x_2)\} \\
Y(x_1, X_2(x_1^*)) \\
X_2(x_1^*) \\
\text{NDE}_1 &= E\{Y(x_1, X_2(x_1^*))\} - E\{Y(x_1^*, X_2(x_1^*))\}
\end{align*}
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This has now been corrected. The publishers apologise for the error.