



Corrigendum: A comparative study of exceptional experiences of clients seeking advice and of subjects in an ordinary population

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In the article published in *Frontiers in Psychology* 4, February 2013, article 65, a few entries in **Tables 2–4** have been misprinted. The corrected entries are highlighted bold in **Tables 2–4** below. The errors in **Tables 2, 3** were due to mistaken data import from SPSS into the submitted manuscript. The erroneous positions of entries in **Table 4** were due to misprints from the submitted manuscript during copy-editing, and we missed them in the proofs.

The corrected result under internal items in **Table 2** shows that “contact in dreams” actually loads under coincidence experiences. This entails a slightly weaker significance of the distinction into basic EE classes for subsample II than in the original publication. The corrected results under internal items in **Table 3** move the loadings for the lowest three items to dissociation and coincidence experiences, thus again reducing the significance of the distinctions between classes for subsample III as compared to the original publication. The conclusions of the article remain unchanged.

The construction of the four basic classes from the distinction between self model and world model implies that a perfect distinction between classes cannot be expected anyway. The reason is that the relational classes (coincidence, dissociation) are by definition not independent of the classes (internal, external) between which they are relations. Only in case of full independence could a standard PCA resolve classes perfectly.

Finally, the size of sample III (Swiss online) has been misprinted as $N = 1532$ on p. 4 (right column, third paragraph, line 6) and in Table 5 (caption). The correct sample size is $N = 1352$.

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The original article has been updated.

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TABLE 2 | Loading values ≥ 0.40 for the 32 variables in the 4 basic classes of EE for subsample II (IGPP follow-up, $N = 176$).

| External items | Internal items | Coincidence items | Dissociation items |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 0.76 Thermal phenomena | 0.70 Mental influence | 0.80 Precognition | 0.75 Manipulation in sleep |
| 0.67 Kinetic phenomena | 0.64 Somatic sensations | 0.77 Prophetic dreams | 0.69 Bodily paralysis |
| 0.64 Olfactory phenomena | 0.60 (0.41 c) Thought insertion | 0.73 Telepathy | 0.62 (0.41 e) Tactile sensations |
| 0.52 Acoustic phenomena | 0.57 Hearing voices | 0.65 Meaningful coincidences | 0.57 Bodily alterations |
| 0.51 (0.42 c) External coincidences | 0.55 Strange feelings | 0.64 Déjà vu | 0.47 (0.51 i) Sexual manipulation |
| 0.46 Optical phenomena | 0.53 Personality changes | 0.62 (0.40 e) Clairvoyance | 0.44 (0.49 c) Out-of-body experiences |
| 0.46 (0.40 i) Feeling of a presence | – (0.54 c) Contact in dreams | 0.51 Secret order | 0.44 (0.54 i) Automatisms |
| – (0.52 d) Awakening | – Visual images | – Oracle techniques | – (0.66 i) Mediumship |

Results were obtained from a PCA that explained 50% of the variance. Insignificant loadings < 0.40 were not plotted. Values in brackets show significant loadings for another item class (e, external; i, internal; c, coincidence; d, dissociation).

TABLE 3 | Loading values ≥ 0.40 for the 32 variables in the 4 basic EE classes for subsample III (Swiss online, $N = 1352$).

| External items | Internal items | Coincidence items | Dissociation items |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0.70 Acoustic phenomena | 0.70 Strange feelings | 0.76 Precognition | 0.83 Sexual manipulation |
| 0.64 Thermal phenomena | 0.63 Personality changes | 0.73 Telepathy | 0.82 Mediumship |
| 0.63 Optical phenomena | 0.61 Thought insertion | 0.68 Meaningful coincidences | 0.74 Manipulations in sleep |
| 0.60 Olfactory phenomena | 0.58 Somatic sensations | 0.68 Prophetic dreams | 0.69 Automatisms |
| 0.56 Awakening | 0.56 (0.40 c) Visual images | 0.68 Déjà vu | 0.62 Tactile sensations |
| 0.53 Kinetic phenomena | – (0.53 d) Hearing voices | 0.67 Clairvoyance | 0.60 Bodily paralysis |
| 0.52 External coincidences | – (0.51 c) Contact in dreams | 0.60 Secret order | 0.52 Bodily alterations |
| 0.47 (0.46 c) Feeling of a presence | – (0.47 d) Mental influence | 0.40 Oracle techniques | 0.46 Out-of-body experiences |

Results were obtained from a PCA that explained 56% of the variance. Insignificant loadings < 0.40 were not plotted. Values in brackets show significant loadings for another item class (c, coincidence; d, dissociation).

TABLE 4 | Loading values ≥ 0.40 obtained from a PCA for 12 context variables in PAGE-R.

| | Induced | Spontaneous | Conflictual | Extreme |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Mental techniques | 0.80 | 0.65 | | |
| Contact with healers | 0.76 | 0.59 | | |
| Own volition | 0.76 | | | 0.48 |
| Occult practices | 0.74 | 0.78 | | |
| Spontaneous | | 0.85 | 0.76 | |
| Waking states | | 0.83 | 0.80 | |
| Positive / enriching | 0.48 | 0.67 | | |
| Negative / burdened | | | –0.79 | |
| Against own volition | | 0.43 | 0.77 | |
| Drug-induced | | | 0.65 | |
| Unlikely to recur | | | 0.68 | 0.81 |
| Extreme situations | 0.40 | | 0.58 | |
| | | | 0.58 | |
| | | –0.45 | 0.53 | 0.71 |

Entries on the right within each column refer to subsample II (IGPP follow-up, $N = 176$), those in the left refer to subsample III (Swiss online, $N = 1352$).