Reference guide for updates to published papers

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Examples of potential updates	Type of update
Author's information	
Typographical errors in the authors' names or name change	Direct update
Error in the correspondence details	Minor correction
Error in an existing affiliation	Minor correction
Add or update in ORCID	Minor correction
Addition or removal of an entire affiliation	Major correction
Addition or removal of an author from authorship list (Please refer to the authorship change section)	Major correction
General information of the manuscript/ title/ abstract/ keywords	
Article citation error	Minor correction
Typographical errors in abstract	Minor correction
Keywords	Minor correction
Title change	Major correction
Scientific content	
Typographical errors within the main text (meaning not changed)	Minor correction
Correcting scientific errors, missing sections, missing references (meaning changed)	Major Correction
Figures and Tables	
Improving figure quality (resolution), replacement with same image	Minor correction
Update format or readability of tables, figures, and appendices (meaning unchanged)	Minor correction

Figure source or permission information missing	Major correction
Add missing tables, figures, or appendices	Major correction
Backmatter	
Minor typographical errors, missing or inaccurate numbers in the backmatter:	Minor correction
Update existing funding information	Minor correction
Modification of an existing Institutional Review Board Number and/or issuing date	Minor correction
Add or remove an entire section or significant amount of text in back matter	Major correction
References	
Update an error in an existing reference	Minor correction
Add or remove an entire reference	Major correction
Supplementary Information	
Typographical errors within the text (meaning not changed)	Minor correction
Correcting scientifically relevant errors, e.g. missing sections, raw data errors, replacing images, table, and figure errors	Major Correction
Formatting of the manuscript	
Reformat blank pages or white spaces	Minor correction
Correcting scientifically relevant formatting changes	Major correction