



CORRECTION

Correction to: The impact of low education and poor health on unemployment varies by work life stage

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During the calculation of the physical component score and the mental component score, the score of the RAND 1 was erroneously coded in the opposite direction. After correcting this mistake, the interaction between low education and poor physical health on unemployment in early work life becomes statistically significant. In addition, other RERIs and odds ratios change somewhat in magnitude but remain fairly similar.

In the abstract, the result section should read as: Results: Interactions of low education and poor mental health were found in early [RERI: 2.13; 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.61, 3.64], mid (1.41; 0.61, 2.20) and late (0.58; 0.04, 1.11) work life. Interaction between low education and poor physical health was found in early (RERI: 1.66; 95% CI 0.26, 3.07) and mid-work life (1.25; 0.56, 1.93).

In the result section, the last sentence of the first paragraph should read as: The prevalence of people with poor physical health increased stepwise by work life stage from 20.0% in early to 29.5% in late work life. The opposite was observed for mental health (27.2–20.3%).

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In the result section, the second paragraph should read from the third sentence onwards as: For physical health, the highest odds of unemployment were observed for those with low education and poor health in early work (OR: 4.91; 95% CI 3.68, 6.56) and mid-work life (OR: 5.10; 95% CI 4.39, 5.93), respectively. However, the absolute risk of unemployment for those with low education and poor physical health was highest in late work life (20.5%), followed by early work life (15.5%) and mid-work life (14.7%). Interaction between low education and poor physical health was observed in early (RERI: 1.66; 95% CI 0.26, 3.07) and mid (RERI: 1.25; 95% CI 0.56, 1.93) work life and extended to medium education in early (RERI: 0.80; 95% CI 0.16, 1.44) and mid (RERI: 0.95; 95% CI 0.49, 1.42) work life.

In the result section, the third paragraph should read as: For mental health, the highest odds of unemployment were observed for those with low education and poor health in early (OR: 5.80; 95% CI 4.39, 7.66) and mid-work life (OR: 6.12; 95% CI 5.21, 7.19). However, as was found for physical health, the absolute risk of unemployment for those with low education and poor mental health was highest in late work life (19.5%), followed by early work life (16.8%) and mid-work life (16.3%). Interaction between low education and poor mental health was observed across all stages of the work life, with the interaction effect decreasing from a RERI of 2.13 (95% CI 0.61, 3.64) in early work life to 1.41 (95% CI 0.61, 2.20) and 0.58 (95% CI 0.04, 1.11) in mid- and late work life, respectively.

In the result section, the last sentence should read as: However, the general pattern of interaction effects was similar to the one observed in the main analysis.

In the discussion section, the first sentence of the second paragraph should read as: We found an interaction between low education and poor physical health on unemployment for participants in early and mid-work life.

In the discussion section, the third paragraph from the second to the second-last sentence should read as:

Normally, the pool of healthy workers is much larger in early and mid- than in late work life (Niccoli 2012). Selection into unemployment, based on health, may thus be more likely for those in their early and mid-work life, especially when they have a low education. Sensitivity analyses did show a stronger interaction between low education and poor physical health in early work life than in the regular analyses.

In the discussion section, the second sentence of the last paragraph should read as: More importantly, low education

and poor mental health may exacerbate each other's impact on unemployment across all work life stages, whereas low education and poor physical health may exacerbate each other's impact on unemployment in early and mid-work life.

Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 should read as (corrected values are bold):

The Electronic Supplementary material is also updated.

Table 1 Baseline characteristics of the study population by work life stage (The Netherlands, 2006–2013)

	Work life stage		
	Early (25–34) (<i>n</i> = 13,479)	Mid (35–49) (<i>n</i> = 39,879)	Late (50–64) (<i>n</i> = 15,760)
Age [mean (SD)]	29.9 (2.8)	42.8 (4.2)	54.6 (4.1)
Female gender (%)	57.1	56.4	53.2
Living in couple (%)	74.7	86.0	87.8
Educational level (%)			
High	44.5	30.5	28.3
Medium	42.5	43.6	33.7
Low	13.0	25.8	38.0
Unemployed (%)			
Dutch definition	5.9	7.1	11.6
International definition	3.4	2.5	3.6
PCS [mean (SD)]	53.3 (6.5)	52.3 (7.1)	51.3 (7.3)
Poor PCS (%)	20.0	24.7	29.5
MCS [mean (SD)]	51.7 (8.2)	52.5 (8.2)	53.6 (7.7)
Poor MCS (%)	27.2	24.4	20.3

SD standard deviation, *PCS* physical component score, *MCS* mental component score

Table 2 Associations and interactions of education, and physical and mental health on unemployment, stratified by work life stage: odds ratios for unemployment per category of health and work life stage and associated RERIs (The Netherlands, 2006–2013)

	Physical health			Mental health		
	<i>n</i> unemployed/ <i>n</i> total (%) unemployed)	OR (95% CI)	RERI (95% CI)	<i>n</i> unemployed/ <i>n</i> total (%) unemployed)	OR (95% CI)	RERI (95% CI)
Early work life						
Good health	556/10,781 (5.2)	1 (Ref)		458/9819 (4.7)	1 (Ref)	
High education	192/5059 (3.8)	1.55 (1.28, 1.89)		151/4493 (3.4)	1.58 (1.28, 1.96)	
Medium education	243/4458 (5.5)	3.14 (2.47, 4.00)		204/4133 (4.9)	3.18 (2.45, 4.14)	
Low education	121/1264 (9.6)	1.12 (0.80, 1.58)		103/1193 (8.6)	1.52 (1.16, 2.00)	
Poor health	235/2698 (8.7)	2.47 (1.94, 3.15)	0.80 (0.16, 1.44) ^a	333/3660 (9.1)	2.88 (2.28, 3.63)	0.78 (0.15, 1.40) ^c
High education	44/941 (4.7)	4.91 (3.68, 6.56)	1.66 (0.26, 3.07) ^b	85/1507 (5.6)	5.80 (4.39, 7.66)	2.13 (0.61, 3.64) ^d
Medium education	115/1268 (9.1)			154/1593 (9.7)		
Low education	76/489 (15.5)			94/560 (16.8)		
Mid-work life						
Good health	1776/30,043 (5.9)	1 (Ref)		1819/30,142 (6.0)	1 (Ref)	
High education	325/9907 (3.3)	1.72 (1.50, 1.97)		268/9300 (2.9)	2.12 (1.84, 2.44)	
Medium education	757/13,060 (5.8)	3.38 (2.95, 3.88)		826/13,264 (6.2)	3.77 (3.26, 4.36)	
Low education	694/7076 (9.8)	1.47 (1.19, 1.82)		725/7578 (9.6)	1.94 (1.60, 2.37)	
Poor health	1063/9880 (10.8)	3.13 (2.70, 3.63)	0.95 (0.49, 1.42) ^a	1020/9737 (10.5)	3.03 (2.58, 3.56)	- 0.02 (- 0.50, 0.46) ^c
High education	122/2274 (5.4)	5.10 (4.39, 5.93)	1.25 (0.56, 1.93) ^b	179/2881 (6.2)	6.12 (5.21, 7.19)	1.41 (0.61, 2.20) ^d
Medium education	466/4330 (10.8)			397/4126 (9.6)		
Low education	475/3276 (14.7)			444/2730 (16.3)		
Late work life						
Good health	1113/11,108 (10.0)	1 (Ref)		1393/12,564 (11.1)	1 (Ref)	
High education	197/3423 (5.8)	1.53 (1.26, 1.84)		235/3584 (6.6)	1.43 (1.21, 1.70)	
Medium education	313/3734 (8.4)	2.53 (2.13, 3.00)		380/4235 (9.0)	2.43 (2.07, 2.84)	
Low education	603/3951 (15.3)	1.60 (1.24, 2.07)		778/4745 (16.4)	1.09 (0.81, 1.47)	
Poor health	708/4652 (15.2)	2.09 (1.69, 2.59)	- 0.04 (- 0.56, 0.49) ^a	428/3196 (13.4)	1.82 (1.44, 2.30)	0.30 (- 0.21, 0.81) ^c
High education	101/1034 (9.8)	3.62 (3.01, 4.35)	0.49 (- 0.06, 1.05) ^b	63/873 (7.2)	3.10 (2.54, 3.78)	0.58 (0.04, 1.11) ^d
Medium education	190/1581 (12.0)			123/1080 (11.4)		
Low education	417/2037 (20.5)			242/1243 (19.5)		

ORs and RERIs are adjusted for age, gender and marital status

OR odds ratio, RERI relative excess risk due to interaction

^aRERI of unemployment for medium education and poor physical health

^bRERI of unemployment for low education and poor physical health

^cRERI of unemployment for medium education and poor mental health

^dRERI of unemployment for low education and poor mental health

Table 3 Associations of education and unemployment within categories of physical and mental health, stratified by work life stage (The Netherlands, 2006–2013)

	Physical health OR (95% CI)	Mental health OR (95% CI)
Early work life		
Good health		
High education	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Medium education	1.56 (1.28, 1.89)	1.60 (1.29, 1.99)
Low education	3.17 (2.49, 4.04)	3.32 (2.54, 4.33)
Poor health		
High education	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Medium education	2.19 (1.53, 3.14)	1.86 (1.41, 2.45)
Low education	4.33 (2.91, 6.44)	3.64 (2.65, 4.99)
Mid-work life		
Good health		
High education	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Medium education	1.71 (1.49, 1.95)	2.10 (1.82, 2.42)
Low education	3.39 (2.95, 3.89)	3.81 (3.29, 4.40)
Poor health		
High education	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Medium education	2.13 (1.73, 2.63)	1.57 (1.30, 1.88)
Low education	3.41 (2.77, 4.22)	3.05 (2.54, 3.67)
Late work life		
Good health		
High education	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Medium education	1.53 (1.27, 1.85)	1.44 (1.21, 1.72)
Low education	2.50 (2.10, 2.97)	2.39 (2.04, 2.80)
Poor health		
High education	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Medium education	1.30 (1.00, 1.68)	1.63 (1.18, 2.25)
Low education	2.27 (1.79, 2.88)	2.93 (2.18, 3.93)

ORs are adjusted for age, gender and marital status

Some categories in this table are similar to those in Table 2, but ORs may slightly differ because these are within category analysis (i.e., different size of the sample being analyzed and therefore a slightly different correction for age, gender and marital status)

OR odds ratio

Table 4 Associations of physical, and mental, health and unemployment within categories of education, stratified by work life stage (The Netherlands, 2006–2013)

	Physical health OR (95% CI)	Mental health OR (95% CI)
Early work life		
High education		
Good health	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Poor health	1.20 (0.85, 1.68)	1.59 (1.20, 2.09)
Medium education		
Good health	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Poor health	1.57 (1.25, 2.00)	1.79 (1.44, 2.24)
Low education		
Good health	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Poor health	1.52 (1.11, 2.09)	1.79 (1.31, 2.43)
Mid-work life		
High education		
Good health	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Poor health	1.50 (1.21, 1.86)	2.02 (1.65, 2.45)
Medium education		
Good health	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Poor health	1.83 (1.62, 2.07)	1.43 (1.26, 1.63)
Low education		
Good health	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Poor health	1.50 (1.32, 1.70)	1.60 (1.40, 1.82)
Late work life		
High education		
Good health	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Poor health	1.66 (1.28, 2.15)	1.15 (0.85, 1.54)
Medium education		
Good health	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Poor health	1.39 (1.14, 1.69)	1.28 (1.02, 1.60)
Low education		
Good health	1 (Ref)	1 (Ref)
Poor health	1.43 (1.24, 1.66)	1.26 (1.06, 1.49)

ORs are adjusted for age, gender and marital status

Some categories in this table are similar to those in Table 2, but ORs may slightly differ because these are within category analysis (i.e., different size of the sample being analyzed and therefore a slightly different correction for age, gender and marital status)

OR odds ratio