



Answer to the Letter to the Editor of A. Yapar, et al. concerning “Evaluating ChatGPT-4.0’s accuracy and potential in idiopathic scoliosis conservative treatment: a preliminary study on clarity, validity, and expert perceptions” by Negrini F, et al. (Eur Spine J [2025]: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00586-025-09166-4>)

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you very much for your correction. We acknowledge that we used “4o” in our manuscript [1] and, due to the visual similarity, we inadvertently read it as “4.0.” As highlighted in your letter [2], this terminology could mislead readers. This confusion is a common typographic issue: the lowercase letter “o” can be mistaken for the digit “0”, a well-documented case of homoglyph misrecognition [3].

Moreover, the naming conventions themselves amplify the ambiguity. Even Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, publicly stated that the model names are so confusing that the company “deserves to be mocked,” adding that “a fix is coming” in the near future [4]. This highlights how understandable such a misreading can easily be.

We sincerely appreciate your attention to this important detail and will make sure this point is clarified in any future version or erratum.

Declarations

Competing interests SN and AN own stock of ISICO (Italian Scientific Spine Institute), Milan, Italy. FN related to SN and AN.

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