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Corrigendum

Corrigendum to "Comparative Sensitivity Analysis of Muscle Activation Dynamics"

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We provide a comment to our paper "Comparative Sensitivity Analysis of Muscle Activation Dynamics," Computational and Mathematical Methods in Medicine (2015), 16 pages, Article ID 585409, DOI 10.1155/2015/585409 [1], where we stated an erroneous form of Hatze's activation dynamics that is not applicable to non-steady-state muscle processes. However, as we only considered steady-state situations, all results and consequences still hold true. The authors would like to apologize for any inconvenience caused.

In his consecutive work [2–4], Hatze introduced the dynamics of changes in activity q (activation dynamics) for skeletal muscle fibers in response to neural stimulation σ as a multilevel process, with γ being the relative free calcium ion concentration and $\ell_{\rm CE}$ the length of the contractile element (CE). In [4, Eqns. 3.27, 3.29, and 3.30], this process is summarized as follows:

$$\dot{\gamma} = m \cdot (\sigma - \gamma), \quad \gamma(0) = \gamma_0,$$

$$\rho(\ell_{CE}) = \rho_c \cdot \frac{\ell_\rho - 1}{\ell_\rho \cdot \ell_{CE,opt} / \ell_{CE} - 1},$$

$$q(\ell_{CE}, \gamma) = \frac{q_0 + (\rho(\ell_{CE}) \cdot \gamma)^{\nu}}{1 + (\rho(\ell_{CE}) \cdot \gamma)^{\nu}}.$$
(1)

In our main article [1, Eqn. (5)], we had reformulated the above equation system (1) as

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\nu \cdot m}{1 - q_0} \cdot \left[\sigma \cdot \rho \left(\ell_{\text{CE}} \right) \cdot \left(1 - q \right)^{1 + 1/\nu} \cdot \left(q - q_0 \right)^{1 - 1/\nu} - \left(1 - q \right) \cdot \left(q - q_0 \right) \right], \tag{2}$$

in an effort to eliminate the state variable γ in favor of q. However, the specific formulation in (2) holds only true in the steady-state case $\dot{\ell}_{\rm CE} = 0$. This is because the transformation [5, Eqns. 3.21–3.24] was erroneously done by

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial q}{\partial \gamma} \dot{\gamma} \tag{3}$$

rather than properly taking the total derivative

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial q}{\partial \gamma} \dot{\gamma} + \frac{\partial q}{\partial \ell_{\rm CE}} \dot{\ell}_{\rm CE} \tag{4}$$

for the total time derivative of *q*.

In our framework only steady-state muscle conditions were investigated; that is, $\dot{\ell}_{\rm CE}=0$, such that the second term of the right hand side in (4) vanishes. Hence, the situation from (2) holds throughout the article. In non-steady-state isometric contractions, this second term seems to be of reversed sign to the first, but with a considerably smaller absolute value; compare [6].

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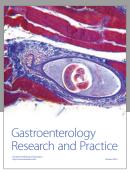
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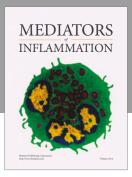
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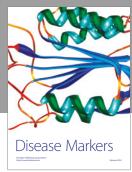
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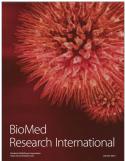


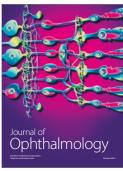


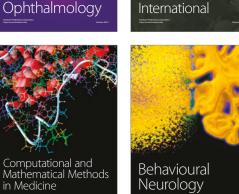


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