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Author Correction: Germany's fourth COVID-19 wave was mainly driven by the unvaccinated

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In the Background section of the Abstract, we would like to clarify that the 41% of recorded new cases mentioned is a proportion of recorded new symptomatic infections, not total new infections. The text read '...with about 41% of recorded new cases aged twelve or above being symptomatic breakthrough infections...'. It now reads '...with about 41% of recorded new symptomatic cases aged twelve or above being symptomatic breakthrough infections...'.

In the Introduction, we omitted a reference to SuryStat at the end of the following sentence: 'In the four weeks between Oct 11, 2021, and Nov 7, 2021, Germany's central public health institute, the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) reported 250,552 new symptomatic infections in individuals with known vaccination status, 90,471 of which were attributed to vaccinated individuals, i.e. 36% were symptomatic breakthrough cases (41% in age groups eligible for vaccination)¹¹'. This reference (which was previously reference 26 but is now reference 12) has now been added to explain how the figure of 250,552 was derived.

These corrections have been made in the PDF and HTML versions of the article.

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