RETRACTION - Changes in soft drinks purchased by British households associated with the UK soft drinks industry levy: controlled interrupted time series analysis and editorial: UK's sugar tax hits the sweet spot

The BMJ is retracting the above research paper and a linked editorial.

Both were published in The BMJ in March 2021.

After publication, the authors of the research paper identified an error in the way they had prepared the data for analysis which, when corrected, altered the findings of the study and its interpretation.

The original version of the paper suggested meaningful reductions in household sugar purchases following the introduction of sugar taxes. The revised version of the analysis did not show a meaningful benefit for public health.

A new version of the original paper with corrected results is published in <u>BMJ Open</u>.