

Correction to Risk-Based Threshold of Gull-Associated Fecal Marker Concentrations for Recreational Water

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Supporting Information

We discovered a unit conversion error in the Matlab code for determining the probability of illness ($P_{\text{ill,sum}}$) resulting from exposure to different concentrations of gull marker (CAT). We re-ran the model after correcting the error. Figure 1, below, is a corrected version. A linear regression of

Corrected versions of Figures S3 and S4 (PDF)

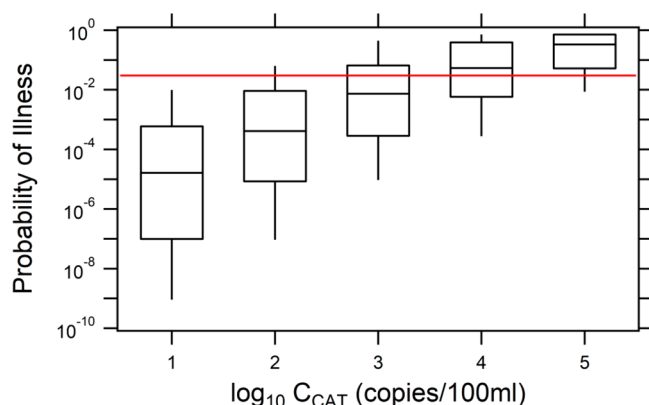


Figure 1. Probability of illness, $P_{\text{ill,sum}}$, for swimmers predicted when different concentrations of the gull marker, C_{CAT} , are present in ambient water. The midline of each box represents the median; the bottom and top of each box represent the first and third quartiles, respectively, and the bottom and top whiskers represent the 10th and 90th percentiles, respectively. The red line indicates the threshold of 3 cases of illness/100 swimmers.

\log_{10} -transformed median $P_{\text{ill,sum}}$ versus \log_{10} -transformed CAT concentration (units copies per 100 mL) was performed; the equation of the regression line is $\log_{10}(\text{median } P_{\text{ill,sum}}) = -5.6 + 1.1 \times \log_{10} C_{\text{CAT}}$ ($R^2 = 0.98$). On the basis of this regression, when the level of CAT exceeds 7×10^3 copies/100 mL, the median predicted illness exceeds the threshold of 3 illnesses/100 swimmers (the approximate level of risk that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency protects against with its ambient water quality criteria). The corrected threshold concentration of 7×10^3 copies of CAT/100 mL replaces the incorrect value of 4×10^6 copies/100 mL reported in the original work. Figures S3 and S4 are corrected in the accompanying corrected Supporting Information.

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ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

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