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# Correction: Assessing the significance of first place and online third places in supporting Malaysian seniors' well-being during the pandemic

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A correction has been made in this article's abstract to amend a word 'parties' to 'places'. This error that could have resulted in confusion on the part of the reader.

The original abstract text read:

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